

YLMP2012 Congress: Sessions by Dr Kevin Harvey**Workshop****Introducing Health Communication: Discourse-based approaches**

This workshop aims to introduce students to the exciting and ever-developing field of health communication. The workshop will cover a range of health communication settings, including doctor-patient interaction, psychiatric discourse and patient case records. In addition, we will consider a range of themes including: power relations between practitioners and patients, patient-centred medicine and lay perspectives of health and illness. In the course of our investigation, we will consider both spoken and written texts so as to give as wide a representation of the health communication domain as possible. Students will have opportunities to conduct their own analyses of naturally-occurring medical texts and take part in discussions designed to consolidate and expand upon the various themes and issues introduced throughout the session.

KEYWORDS: health communication, doctor-patient interaction, patient records, spoken and written discourse, power