

THE ETHICAL CHALLENGES FOR
THE ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCHER



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TODAY'S DISCUSSION

TOPIC OUTLINE

01. Background

02. Ethnography

03. Ethical challenges - Ethics committee

04. Ethical challenge- Observation of poor practice

05. Lessons Learnt

06. Questions





STUDY AIM:

Undertake an ethnographic analysis of the culture of rural nursing in relation to resuscitative experiences and practices at two rural hospitals in NSW.





ETHNOGRAPHY

'DESCRIPTIVE AND INTERPRETATIVE STUDY OF CULTURE WITHIN A PARTICULAR SOCIAL SYSTEM'

Social system= Rural nurses providing resuscitative care Fieldwork= Rural emergency department

ETHICS APPLICATION

MACRO CONTEXT

- National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research
- Committee structure

PREREQUISETES

- Clarity of beliefs/values
- Knowing self
- Professionally competent
- Interpersonal skills

THE PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT (ETHICS COMMITTEE)

- Power sharing
- Appropriate skill mix
- Shared decision making

PERSON-CENTRED PROCESS

- Shared decision makang
- Engaging authentically
- Working with persons beliefs/values



OBSERVATION OF POOR PRACTICE

MACRO CONTEXT

- Code of Ethics/conduct
- Standards of Practice
- HREC-approved research proposal

PREREQUISETES

- Clarity of beliefs and values
- Knowng self
- Professionally competent

THE PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT (EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT)

- Power sharing
- Supportive organisational Systems
- Effective staff relationships

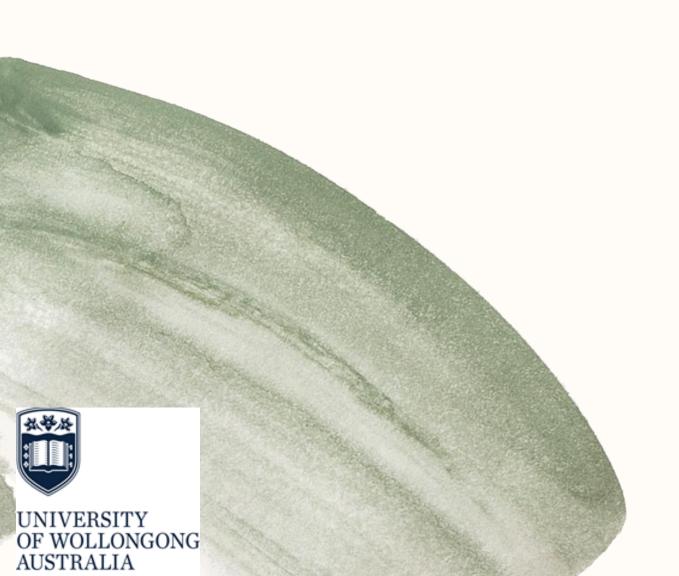
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LESSONS LEARNT

AN ONGOING JOURNEY





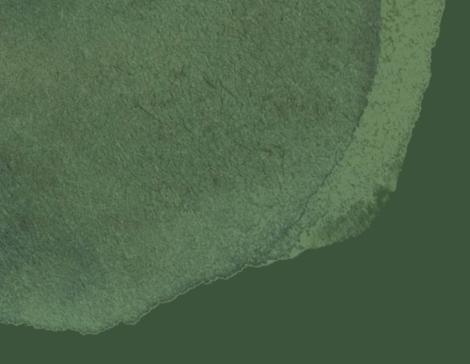
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