

Thinking ethically about method: A PhD research project exploring motherhood and reproductive choices of HIV-positive women in Australia

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Abstract

In this presentation I will report on the method used for my qualitative PhD research project exploring the reproductive decision-making of 34 women diagnosed with HIV during their child-bearing years. Determined to avoid pitfalls experienced in previous work with HIV-positive people, I devised a method that enabled women to remain engaged with the research process if they so wished.

I will also consider research dissemination as a way of 'giving back' to community and I will talk about the resource I developed and wrote from my research for other HIV-positive women considering their reproductive choices or who were already mothers.