



Laura Holdsworth

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Bio

BIO

I have been a qualitative health services researcher since 2006 and am experienced in mixed methods research and evaluation. I use a range of methods in my work including interviews, focus groups, ethnography, participant observation, document review, survey and literature reviews. My content areas of focus have been in implementation science within the clinical areas of palliative care and oncology. Through this work, I have become familiar with the challenges and ethical issues of conducting research with vulnerable groups and appropriate methods for eliciting information in sensitive subject areas, such as in exploring what bereaved family caregivers think makes for a good death. My specific research interest is in understanding the patient experience of health services in order to improve the implementation and delivery of services. I also enjoy engaging with patients as partners in the research process, from research question formulation through to dissemination. I have also worked with professional groups and stakeholders, both as participants and as collaborators in research and evaluation.

Prior to this appointment at Stanford, I was a Research Fellow in the Centre for Health Services Studies at the University of Kent, UK.

CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

Director of the Evaluation Sciences Unit and Senior Research Scholar

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- PhD, University of Kent , Social Policy (2016)
- MSc, Canterbury Christ Church University , Health Promotion and Public Health (2006)
- BA, University of California, San Diego , Psychology (2005)

Professional

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Research Fellow - Centre for Health Services Studies, University of Kent (1/2014 - 9/2015)
- Research Design Service - South East Adviser - Centre for Health Services Studies, University of Kent (4/2015 - 9/2015)
- Research Associate - Centre for Health Services Studies, University of Kent (12/2006 - 12/2013)
- Research Assistant - Canterbury Christ Church University (9/2005 - 8/2006)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Evaluation of four learning collaboratives for improving diagnostic excellence in radiology** *LEARNING HEALTH SYSTEMS*
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- **"Diving in the deep-end and swimming": a mixed methods study using normalization process theory to evaluate a learning collaborative approach for the implementation of palliative care practices in hemodialysis centers.** *BMC health services research*
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2023; 23 (1): 1384
- **Caregiver Experiences Participating in a Home-Based Primary Care Program: A Pragmatic Evaluation Including Qualitative Interviews and Quantitative Surveys.** *Journal of applied gerontology : the official journal of the Southern Gerontological Society*
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- **Effect of Perioperative Palliative Care on Health-Related Quality of Life Among Patients Undergoing Surgery for Cancer: A Randomized Clinical Trial.** *JAMA network open*
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- **Analysis of FRAME data (A-FRAME): An analytic approach to assess the impact of adaptations on health services interventions and evaluations** *LEARNING HEALTH SYSTEMS*
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