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Video vignettes of real patients and caregivers (Health Mentors) talking about their health care experiences are available on Canvas for educational use. Their stories illustrate important topics in health professional education including health care ethics, professionalism, communication, patient-centered care and more. Potential uses include: required reading, case-based learning, student projects, etc.

View the videos using your CWL: <https://canvas.ubc.ca/enroll/XPDHFA>

Darren: The Journey to Disclosure (1:39)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2012

Darren shares the flood of emotions and feelings one has after a positive HIV diagnosis.

Topics: Criminalization, empathy, breaking bad news, communication, ethics

Daryl: An Experience with Assumptions (1:00)

UBC Health Patient & Community Advisory Committee Member Since 2017

Daryl recounts a negative moment in his health care journey due to stereotypes.

Topics: Stigma, communication, professionalism

Maxine: A Journey with Hearing Loss (2:16)

Western Institute for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Audiometric Technician

Maxine discusses her journey with hearing loss and life after a cochlear implant.

Topics: Communication, health and technology

Al: A Journey of Living Positive (3:14)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2014

Al discusses living with HIV, his experiences with drug trials, medication side effects, and managing depression.

Topics: medication side effects, mental health, advocacy, stigma

Al: Being HIV+ what needs to be said? (1:38)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2014

Al details an experience in Mexico to show why professionals should follow proper procedures.

Topics: ethics, communication, stigma, patient safety

Mandy & Sophie: A Caregiver's Journey Part 1 (1:05)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2012

Mandy recounts receiving her daughter's Prader-Willi Syndrome diagnosis on the phone.

Topics: ethics, professionalism, communication, caregiving, rare diseases, breaking bad news

Mandy & Sophie: A Caregiver's Journey Part 2 (2:53)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2012

Mandy describes changes to her home and lifestyle and how she built her health care team.

Topics: chronic disease self-management, team-based care, patient-centred care.

Rob: A Journey of Aphasia & Hope (1:55)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2012

Rob discusses how his stroke led to aphasia, how he learned to talk again, and how hope got him through it.

Topics: communication, patient-centred care, breaking bad news

Jory & Robin: A Journey with Alzheimer's Disease (3:57)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2012

Jory shares how his wife's Alzheimer's diagnosis taught him about selflessness, commitment, and heartbreak, as well as the progression of the disease and how he coped as her caregiver.

Topics: caregiving, advocacy, resiliency, family-centred care, palliative and end-of-life care



Mario & Lynn: Different Journeys with Dementia (2:35)

UBC Health Mentors Since 2016

Mario and Lynn discuss the stages from denial to acceptance in dementia diagnoses, stress the importance of positive language, individualized treatment and the role of peer support.

Topics: communication, advocacy, brain health, community resources and peer support

Chris: Mobility Matters (2:47)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2011

Chris describes what transportation and mobility is like for him and shows how his wheelchair can empower.

Topics: disability, transportation, mobility, independence, wheelchair demonstration

Jon: Arthritis and Painful Feet (5:23)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2017

Jon shares his experience with arthritis and makes his case for the patient-centred approach and for better collaboration within healthcare.

Topics: physical therapy, kinesiologists and biomechanics, collaborative patient-centered care and shared decision making

Thom: History Matters (3:47)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2018

Every patient has a history beyond the chart, and history matters. Thom discusses some of the intricacies in the relationship between patient and practitioner.

Topics: mental health, relationship, more than medical history, building trust, vulnerability

Marge & Eric: Collaborative Healthcare with Families (5:11)

UBC Health Mentors Since 2012

Marge recounts her experience bringing healthcare professionals together, discusses the current state of the system and offers her hopes as a mother of a child with cognitive disabilities.

Topics: communication, collaborative care, family-centred care, advocacy, neurological disability, neurodiversity

Donna: Caring to the End (3:11)

End-of-Life Care Panelist 2019

Donna talks about becoming Neil's caregiver as his ALS deteriorates and leads to his death.

Topics: caregiving, end of life, palliative care, quality of life, death, faith, motor neuron disease, ALS, PLS

Kristie: What and Why (3:27)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2014

Questions are important tools for practitioners. Kristie describes the difference between “what” and “why” and how these respective questions achieve different but related goals in the patient-practitioner relationship.

Topics: communication, relationship, patient-centered care

Eve: Dying with Dignity (2:00)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2014

Eve speaks about the loss of her husband and shares her perspective on dying.

Topics: end of life, assisted death, advanced directives

Her and Her Healthcare: A Look into the Relationship Between Healthcare and Teen Girls (4:20)

Justice For Girls (2019 Recipient of the R. Paul Kerston Community Educator Award)

Three friends discuss intersectional experiences of black and indigenous girls with healthcare.

Topics: intersectional, relationship, teen girls

Kristie: Maybe I'm More Healthy than I Realized (8:53)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2014

Kristie shares her experiences coping with chronic illness, and how her grief lent her strength.

Topics: resilience, grief, loss

Deb: I'm Just Trying To Keep My Kid Alive Here (11:46)

Moms Stop the Harm

Deb tells the story of her child's struggles with addiction and navigating health services.

Topics: substance use, addiction, mental health, patient-centered care, family-centred care



Darren: And Then You Get a Diagnosis that Changes Your World (5:28)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2012

Darren shares why he left the corporate world following his diagnosis and how running has positively contributed to his career and personal wellbeing.

Topics: Communication, resiliency, HIV, patient-centered care

Karen: The Journey to Acceptance (5:48)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2018

Karen narrates her experiences in coming to terms with having cerebral palsy and provides examples of the everyday stigma that comes with the condition.

Topics: Cerebral palsy, stigma, communication, vulnerability

Vikram: Being Honest (5:20)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2020

Vikram recounts a non-satisfactory experience with healthcare professionals and stresses the importance of compassion, communication, and collaboration.

Topics: Stroke, cancer, communication

Paul: Advice for Healthcare Providers (7:44)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2011

Paul gives four key pieces of advice on how healthcare providers can best support individuals with HIV.

Topics: HIV, communication, patient-centered care, building trust.

Michael: Anything is Possible (4:24)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2018

Michael elaborates on how his life has changed as a traumatic brain injury survivor and emphasizes the importance of physical and mental resilience during recovery.

Topics: Traumatic brain injury, patient-centered care, resiliency

Alexandra: Life is like a Speeding Train (4:58)

UBC Health Mentor Since 2018

Alexandra shares her amputation story and emphasizes the importance of internal motivation in amputee patients.

Topics: Amputation, resiliency, internal motivation

Health Mentors are available to speak in classrooms and meet with students

If you would like to use the videos or connect with mentors in the library

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