

Additional file 3

Template stories (in preparation of analysis)

(How are we going to set up the stories (elements and lay-out)?)

Title story

Name narrator (fictitious), function/role (patient or function), age:

"italic the story (date + initials researcher)

Put optional themes under the story. By doing so you answer the next question: 'what does this story teach me about the research question?'

Lay-out stories- uniformity:

- Colloquial language can be removed when essence of the story stays the same
- Facts can be added
- Write in I-form (instead of 'you fall' etc.)
- The story must be understandable for an outsider

What is a story?

- Representation of events that are put into order to each other. Narrative of a story:
 - Stands on itself
 - Has a beginning, middle and end
 - Contains narrative elements
 - Evokes emotions or is narrated with emotions
 - Is personal, authentic and true
- Narrative elements:
 - Main character – Who is it about?
 - Supporters- Who/what helped?
 - Opponents- Who/what obstructed?
 - Struggle - What did you struggle with?
 - Plot change – What happened?
 - Time, location, person