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##### Written exam October 11th 2013, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

HMET5120 – Qualitative methods

**No special exam resources are allowed**

Results will be made available **Friday November 1st**, see the board at the Department of Health Management and Health Economics, Forskningsveien 3A. The results will also be posted on Studentweb.

The receiving day of the results is the day the results are posted on the board at the Department. Appeals must be submitted within three weeks of this date.

The Written Exam consists of **2 pages** including this one **and** the *BMJ* article “Transitions to palliative care in acute hospitals in England: qualitative study” of **7 pages**.

Remember to write down your candidate number so this is easily accessible when the results become available.

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Please read the questions below, and the attached article by Gott et al. 2011, “Transitions to palliative care in acute hospitals in England: qualitative study.”

Questions 1 and 2 are of a general character, and not related to the attached article. Questions 3-6 ask you to use examples from the attached article, to elaborate on general methodological concepts.

1. What is meant by an interview being “semi-structured”?
2. What are the main differences between *participant observation* and *interview* in qualitative research?
3. What is the research question in the attached study? How does this question justify a qualitative approach?
4. Several different sampling strategies are used in the attached study. Identify at least two, and discuss pros and cons of these particular approaches.
5. Why and when was data collection stopped in the attached study? Discuss the concept of *saturation*.
6. What is meant by transparency in qualitative research? Can you identify examples of the authors attempting to be transparent in their method’s section in the attached paper?