

An archive of illness narratives

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The [BMJ's Medical Humanities blog](#) recently reviewed Dipex.org – a site which archives illness narratives of people with a variety of different conditions, ranging from various cancers to depression to neurological disorders. The site was developed by an Oxford-based team, which includes two medical sociologists, and is primarily meant to give patients suffering from various illnesses a place to find concrete stories of people who have had similar experiences. There's quite a bit of material available online, as the researchers have interviewed between 30 and 50 people for each condition, and they've posted bits of each interview in text, audio and video formats (although my Mac had trouble with the audio and video).

I wonder whether this might also be a useful teaching resource for medical anthropology or medicine and society courses.

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