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**LIVING WITH MULTIPLE MYELOMA:
THE CULTURAL AND GENETIC 'SELF'**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DISSERTATION RESEARCH

Living with cancer can be life changing, but with a lot of research into the biological and physical challenges, the personal struggles which are experienced everyday are often overlooked. This study aims to integrate the biological and social challenges of living with multiple myeloma with the success of cultivating positivity through conversations with individuals who live with it to raise awareness of the rare bone marrow cancer. By looking at it from an anthropological perspective, exploring ideas relating to the cultivation of a positive mindset, and combining this with the biological perspective, this new way of exploring the cancer hopes to raise awareness of its challenges. I will explore the different sources of support and happiness that were useful after a diagnosed with myeloma. For example: teachings and practices; art, film, books, and music; and friends, family, and the local community.

I am looking for adult volunteers (18+ years) who have been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Volunteers would be invited to take part in a semi-structured online interview lasting about 1 hour which will be directed by themes that the interviewee is comfortable talking about, and it can be stopped at any time. This research will go towards my undergraduate dissertation and all data will be anonymised.

If you are interested and would like more information, including details of the types of questions that may appear in the interview, please contact Zoe Rhoades at the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, Oxford on zoe.rhoades@sjc.ox.ac.uk. There is no obligation to take part, or to complete the whole interview.

Thank you,

Zoe