



OHTN RESEARCH LOUNGE EVALUATION SUMMARY

May 24, 2017 @ Fabarnak

SHORT SUMMARY: Ms. Kate Murzin facilitated the discussion around HIV long-term survivorship and quality of life. Based on the article, “Beyond Viral Suppression of HIV—the new quality of life frontier”, attendees discussed ways to improve the quality of life among long-term survivors of HIV. Attendees shared personal experiences working with the Canadian healthcare system and service providers, and they discussed how structural and environmental factors significantly contribute to the quality of life. Discussions evolved into thinking about what quality of life means to long-term survivors, and financial stability, good mobility, and active social/community engagement are identified as facets of quality of life.

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 9

ATTENDEES WHO COMPLETED AN EVALUATION: 7 (78%)

DEMOGRAPHICS: Completed 7/7

- ▶ Community member: 3 (43%)
- ▶ Student: 1 (14%)
- ▶ Researcher/academic: 2 (29%)
- ▶ Community agency staff person: 1 (14%)

OVERALL SATISFACTION: Completed 6/7

- ▶ Good/Fabulous: 6 (100%)
- ▶ Average/Okay: 0
- ▶ Poor: 0

TOP COMMENTS

- ✓ **I loved...**
 - ▶ Hearing the personal stories and experiences of researchers and community members
 - ▶ Hearing about people’s perspectives of quality of life
 - ▶ The number of people around the table, and the comments from all
- ✓ **Wow, I didn’t know this!**
 - ▶ Health issues of ageing and long-term survivors of HIV
 - ▶ I didn’t realize how tough it is to be a long-term survivor
- ✓ **One thing I learned that I will use in my work/volunteering/life is...**
 - ▶ Keeping in mind all the compounding factors that affect quality of life and daily living in general, for those ageing with HIV
 - ▶ Get involved in a national network
 - ▶ About the landscape of organizations in Toronto