



## Breathtaking research wins award

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10/05/2007, A nursing researcher at Salford University has won a major national award for her work helping people who suffer from major breathing problems.

Janelle Yorke, of the University's School of Nursing, was honoured at the Royal College of Nursing's International Conference last week after collecting the experiences of 370 patients with respiratory and cardiac disease about their experiences of breathlessness.

She is compiling a questionnaire to give to patients which allows them to record how they react to different treatments. Armed with the information from Janelle's questionnaire, clinicians can measure the progression of different treatments and how they apply to different conditions.

She can also use the questionnaire to draw on the patients' experiences to measure how their symptoms progress during an attack of breathlessness.

Janelle, who is a Lecturer in Adult Nursing said: "It's very pleasing to win this award; I hope that it will now give my research the impetus to be trialled in the field. Once we have a finalised questionnaire we can start making a real difference to people's treatment."

The next stage in Janelle's research is to test a provisional questionnaire in real-life situations. If she attracts funding for this, the final version will be ready for hospital use at the end of the year.

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