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Biomedical Model versus Open Dialogue - Mother's and Carer's Dilemma

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Learning Goal:

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Abstract Text:

Listeners will learn through my experience:

How biomedical model instead of curing mental illness may lead to the development of a chronic treatment resistant mental illness; The role of medication in the development of my daughter's mental illness since childhood to mature age; My credentials in relation to biomedical model and Open Dialogue approach; How my view of biomedical model has changed to favour the Open Dialogue approach.

How my daughter's condition turned around when her psychiatrist realised that the medications on their own will never lead to recovery; How her life changed after OD principles and psychosocial treatments were added to her treatment.

How working out the meaning of psychosis improves recovery; A group of listeners have an opportunity to participate in a role play of the first Open Dialogue network treatment meeting to give a demonstration of how OD works in practise and how people can use OD in their everyday life.

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