

# Visiting *Scholar*



## **Dr. Ali Walzak**

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### PURPOSE OF VISIT

During her visit to CHES, Dr. Walzak will meet with colleagues within the CHES community to develop a deeper understanding of methods in qualitative data analysis and how to prepare qualitative data for publication. She is interested in learning more about the concept of reflexivity and how that applies to her role in data collection and analysis.

### BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Ali Walzak currently practices as General Internist in Victoria, where she attends on the Clinical Teaching Unit and participates in outpatient care. Dr. Walzak is Clinical Instructor at UBC and Clinical Education Leader of Curriculum at the Island Medical Program, and is involved in both undergraduate and post-graduate education.

Dr. Walzak is currently completing a Master of Science in Health Professions Education through the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. Her research interests lie in simulation and its use in enhancing the transition from medical school to residency. Currently Dr. Walzak is designing a simulated “night on call” to allow medical students to prepare for the added responsibility and anxiety associated with being on call as a first year resident. It is a mixed methods study with the qualitative portion being completed through one on one interviews, and the quantitative portion through anxiety scales conducted during the simulation and once the students start residency.



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