Doctor–patient Alignment in the First Consultation in Prenatal Diagnostic & Counseling Department: An Initial Observation

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Abstract

The presentation is based on the data of the on-going research project "Medical Discourse in Hong Kong: the investigation of doctor-patient interaction in prenatal consultations", which is conducted in collaboration between the Department of Linguistics, HKU and Department of Obstetric and Gynaecology, HKU, Tsan Yuk and Queen Mary Hospitals. The subjects enrolled for the project are women thirty eight years old or above, who are at the increased risk of having a baby with Down syndrome. These women are referred to the Prenatal Diagnostic and Counseling Clinic for prenatal consultations because of their advanced maternal age. The focus of this presentation is on communication between the medical staff and the patients. After introducing the objectives and the stages of the first consultations, we will present a preliminary analysis of the alignment between the medical staff and the patient, and discuss whether the medical concerns and the patient's concerns have been addressed.

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