

Pensive echoes in the stillness of being

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Image location: This image was created in Adobe Firefly by providing specific prompts.



Image Description

This image captures a moment during a qualitative interview of a young man, a user of advanced lower-limb prosthesis, as he shares his narrative sitting in an empty sports arena. He is pensive, perhaps reflecting on the life he lived before or a life he has chosen now. As he narrates, a researcher takes notes. The microphone and notebook serve as symbols of the qualitative interview, while the researcher's handwritten notes convey their active engagement in the lived experience being shared.

Studying lived experiences holds profound value in understanding the complexities of human existence as it offers invaluable insights into human emotion, resilience, and adaptation. My doctoral research explores changes in health-related quality of life of persons with lower-limb amputation who use sophisticated prosthetic devices. By delving into personal narratives, I've gained a deeper appreciation for the nuanced realities these persons navigate daily. By listening to patient narratives, healthcare practitioners can tailor their approaches to better meet their diverse needs, fostering effective communication, trust, and collaboration for improved health outcomes and patient satisfaction.

Image Creation

This image was made using generative AI.

Using Adobe Firefly, I started with the following prompt: "Young man with one above-knee amputation and a bone-anchored prosthesis, the left side of face visible, looking to the right, hyper realistic, art, cinematic." Firefly generated four images based on the prompt, and I chose the image of this young man as his expression matched most closely with what I was hoping to convey. I clicked on this image and selected 'Edit' > 'Generative fill (preview)'. Using generative fill, I expanded the image horizontally using the 'Expand' option and moved the image of the young man slightly to the left. In the extended portion of the image on the right, I inserted a microphone using the 'Insert' option and selecting 'Add', in front of the man's left shoe by providing the prompt "microphone, hyper realistic." I chose one of three options that I deemed to look most appropriate. Next, I used the 'Insert' option again and selected 'Add' to add a notepad, pen, and hand to the right of the microphone using the following prompt: "notepad and a hand writing the word 'change' in the notepad, hyper realistic, art, cinematic" and I chose one of three options that I deemed most consistent with the image.