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The Writing Diabetes Study was developed by a diverse group of researchers to investigate a shared question: How can crafting stories about their experience help patients with chronic illness? In spring 2016, we conducted an 8-week writing workshop for individuals with diabetes at the Seymour Center in Chapel Hill. In this presentation, we will outline some of our preliminary findings and demonstrate the potential for a multi-disciplinary analysis. In particular, we will discuss the rich narrative, rhetorical, and linguistic aspects of participants’ writings as well as connections between qualitative and quantitative data. This project was funded by a UNC Fire Grant.