

A Qualitative Approach to Understanding Quality of Life in Pediatric Palliative Care

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Abstract

Helping pediatric patients achieve an optimal quality of life despite their serious illness is a hallmark for providing excellent pediatric palliative care. There is controversy regarding how to define pediatric Quality of Life (QoL) and how to assess this construct in children. Currently, there is no pediatric QoL instrumentation that has been standardized on population children with advanced disease. This qualitative study sought to determine what is quality of life from the perspective of pediatric patients with advanced disease. Twenty-nine pediatric patients (child mean age 14.7 years,

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