OC11 – Social support and intervention focus to minimize the effects of oncological disease in healthy siblings

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Introduction: The entire process underlying cancer disease not only affects the sick child, but also the healthy siblings, which should be the centre of attention from parents and nurses.

Objectives: To identify the impact of the disease in healthy siblings and know the importance of social support to minimise its impact in healthy siblings.

Methodology: Descriptive, correlational study, a sample of 128 families of children with oncological diseases, between August 2011 and January 2013. In order to do our research we used the following tools: Assessment questionnaire of the children's oncological diseases impact on the family and Satisfaction Scale Social Support.

Results: Families with a higher impact on family structure and more accrued expenses showed greater impact of the disease in healthy siblings, the most satisfied with their social support showed less improvement.

Conclusions: Nurses should seek interventions that increase the perception of the need for social support of families.

OC12 – A journey suspended in time: parents' experiences of caring for their child who is 'technology dependent' with complex ongoing healthcare needs at home

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Introduction: Increasing numbers of children with complex healthcare needs who are also dependent on medical technology are surviving and being cared for at home by their parents.