

Introduction

The child with neurological illness is unique and unrepeatable, as a human, and he has an intrinsic dignity. The aim of palliative care is the good care and to promote the quality of life until the death in the physic part and in the others dimension of the person: emotional, relational, social, moral and spiritual.

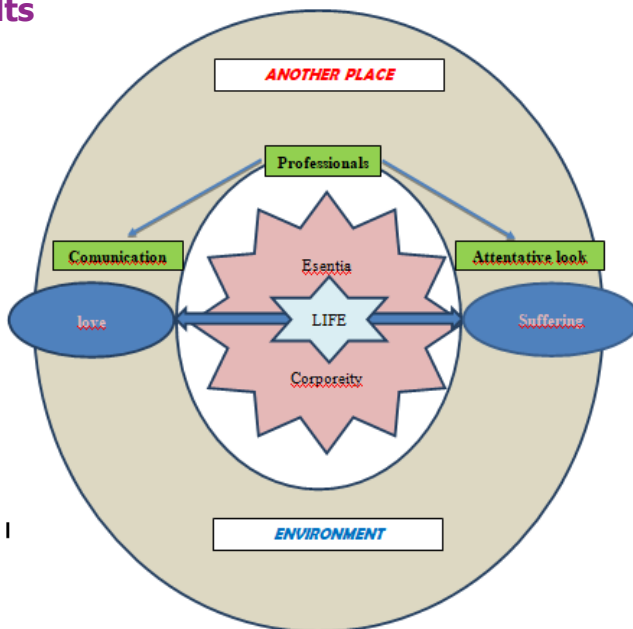
Goals

This job wants to be an approximation to the spirituality of the children with serious neurological illness. The goals of this work are to think about the medic daily practice and the relationship with children with serious neurological diseases, to describe which elements are important in the spiritual dimension of this children and understand how the answer to spiritual needs are managed.

Methods

We've done this approximation with a qualitative study from the Symbolic Interaction (Blumer, 1969). The collection of data is made through a narrative of the professional, with a later analysis with two investigators and categorization in ten groups.

Results



Here is the representation of the ten groups: The centre of the graphic is the patient, with his **life**, **esentia** and **corporeity**. This kind of patient has the capacity to create **love** around him and due to this illness, he lives with a lot of **suffering**.

Although this patient belongs to his **environment**, sometimes it seems to be immerse in "another place".

The **professionals** stay next to the patient and we can connect with the patient through **communication** and **attentive look**.

Conclusion

The conclusion is the difficult to reach the spiritual dimension of this kind of children and we need more studies to delve into this issue.

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