Abstract

This study presents an integrative literature review about the crisis experienced by relatives of bone marrow transplant (BMT) patients. The sample consisted of 25 publications, one of which came from Lilacs and 24 from Medline. The results evidenced that there were no experimental studies and that interventions are aimed at psychological and social aspects. In terms of aspects of family crisis indicated in the articles, all publications discussed the characteristic of the event (diagnosis of the disease and BMT) and the perceived threat; 52% of the articles mention the resources offered as being relevant and 20% mention that past crisis experiences influence the current crisis. Understanding the elements of family crisis and identifying appropriate interventions help nurses in care delivery to BMT patients.

Keywords

Family, bone marrow transplantation, nursing care.