Abstract

In the present article the authors review some theoretical questions and empirical studies about health related quality of life in childhood, especially in children with chronic disease in need of organ transplantation. Few studies have been realized about this topic so far. The results have indicated that organ transplantation improves physical well-being but there are no definitive conclusions about psychological well-being. The need to evaluate the pediatric organ transplantation effects in each developmental phase, in different organs and diverse cultures is discussed.

Keywords

Quality of life, childhood, physical chronic disease, organ transplantation