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‘Child and parental adaptation to serious pediatric illness’

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1. The Dutch version of the Pediatric Inventory for Parents is a reliable and valid instrument to measure parental disease-related stress during and shortly after treatment and can be used to target those parents most in need for psychological intervention. (*this thesis*)
2. The lower HRQoL reported by children post SCT, specifically pertaining to their functioning at home, indicates that more attention should be paid to family functioning in this phase. (*this thesis*)
3. Psychological assessment of cancer-related parental stress should only be carried out at fixed points in time, in order to be of any use for patient care or research. (*this thesis*)
4. Parental perceptions of child vulnerability can be adaptive during active SCT treatment, but seem to be less adequate in the longer term because they are associated with high levels of disease-related stress in parents. (*this thesis*)
5. The majority of families with a child with cancer are competent and adaptively organized, without any elevations in their a priori risk for psychopathology. (*A.E. Kazak, 2008*)
6. Parental psychological functioning pre-SCT is a significant predictor of child-reported distress post SCT. (*L. Jobe-Schiels et al, 2009*)
7. The current goal in pediatric psycho-oncology research is to define ‘who might benefit from which intervention when’. (*B. Zebrack and L. Zeltzer, 2003*)
8. Parents of children needing SCT may be especially stressed by the opposing desires of wanting to offer their child every possibility for cure while also wanting to protect the child to the furthest degree possible (*A.F. Patenaude and M.J. Kupst, 2003*)
9. The status of pediatric psychologists in some hospitals equals the number of DBC’s available for psychological care.
10. While some people think that limiting immigration will solve problems in society, I would argue that getting parents to set limits to their children might be more beneficial.
11. Having a mild form of ADHD has its advantages.
12. It takes more than two to tango!