

COLLECTIVE DISCOURSE OF RELATIVES OF CHILDREN HOSPITALIZED WITH CANCER

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Introduction: The hospitalization can cause a change in the development of children with cancer according to the disruption of daily, the hospital's routine (Pedrosa et al., 2007), added to the pain of disease and invasive procedures (Pfeifer and Mitre, 2008).

Objectives: Analyze the opinion of relatives of children with cancer regarding the use of "Boxes of Stories" as a therapeutic resource non-medicated used during hospitalization.

Methods: Participated of the study 10 relatives of children hospitalized with cancer. After the children's stories have been told to children, using the boxes as resources, families members were asked individually to make a statement about this practice realized, which was recorded digitally. Data were analyzed by the technique of subject's collective discourse (Lefèvre and Lefèvre, 2006) trying to identify the views of relatives about this therapeutic resource in the process of infant hospitalization.

Results: Were identified 6 categories of answer about the boxes of stories. Brings joy to children through speeches "(...) she stays very happy (...)"; "It's a great initiative to children because they animate quite"; "It's fun to children". It is a means of distraction for the child: "(...) having activities to do, she is distracted and not see the time pass"; "It is nice to have this support to passing time". Provides the learning of children: "(...) these are these stories that she is learning, right?"; "In this story you can learn many things"; "(...) when she comes home she plays and teaches the sisters what happened here". May help in memory of the child: "(...) maybe now she begins to remember more". Ease the pain of the child: "She is doing chemotherapy and not feel more". Allows greater communication of the child: "With you he is talking a lot".

Conclusion: According to the relatives the "boxes of stories" are important therapeutic resources of coping of childhood cancer, being effective in their treatment non-medicated and helping to combat the effects of hospitalization.

Contribution to the practice: The use of non-medicated therapeutic resources in children with cancer in situation of hospitalization.