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Proceso de Adaptación Ocupacional de Personas con Diagnóstico de Cáncer Hematológico, pertenecientes a una unidad de Hemato Oncología

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Introduction

This study inquired over experiences of people with hematological cancer during their treatment. The interest of authors arises with the aim of knowing about experiences of this illness, besides the scarce evidence about the occupational adaptation process in this group and the need of approach in the clinical practice.

Objective

To know changes experienced by people with hemato oncological illness in their occupational performance.

This qualitative study was carried out through semi structured interviews with seven patients both gender among 25 and 65 years who were in the second period of the chemotherapy treatment. The data obtained by the interviews were analyzed through the comparative constant method

Results

From the data analysis three themes emerged: a. significant people's revaluation. b. experiences around illness c. lifestyles changes

Findings identified that participants faced this illness developing adaptations in the revaluation of significant people, for women, they changed their personal valuation although family continues being first priority, on the other hand, males give great value to family although his work continues being fundamental in his personal satisfaction.

By the illness experience the interaction with most significant people for them is affected, their way to feel and living, leads to people to implement adaptations in different areas.

Conclusion

Participants developed occupational adaptations beyond the environment of the daily activities to face a threatening illness. Those arise from the motivation for achieve their occupations and for the environment demands which have focused in the emotional relationship and in lifestyles.

Contribution to the práctica/base evidencial of the occupational therapy.

The obtained results give account of variety possibilities of approaching to complex topic with the purpose of sustaining the practice in this field, developing intervention models, and with the purpose of increasing the evidence through the research