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Unique dynamics of divorce for children with Type-1 Diabetes

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In the United States, approximately 1.5 million children are affected by divorce annually. Maintaining separate households and inter-parental conflicts related to divorce likely result in different experiences for divorced families. Divorced family dynamics have not been well studied in relation to chronic illness and nursing care. This presentation will describe the difficulties related to divorced co-parenting dynamics identified by divorced mothers in managing Type-1 Diabetes (T1D) for their children. Open-ended interviews were conducted with mothers who had children diagnosed with diabetes. Co-parenting divorce dynamics were identified for divorced mothers who manage T1D for their children. Interventions for family-centered nursing care will be discussed.

Biography

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