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The experiences of family caregivers of children with tumor receiving PICC insertion: A qualitative research

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Objective: To explore (investigate) the experiences of family caregivers of children with tumor receiving PICC -line insertion.

Methods: A semi-structured interview was conducted with 16 family caregivers of children with tumor receiving PICC insertion. Data were analyzed based on Colaizzi's phenomenological research method.

Results: Five themes were extracted, including lack of knowledge and skills of family care, heavy psychological burden, weakness of social support system, to face calmly and respond actively, a sense of achievement from nursing experience accumulation.

Conclusions: Understanding the experiences and problems of family caregivers can help nurses provide professional family care education and psychological counseling to alleviate their psychological burden and meet their needs.

Biography

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