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Quality of life of families with premature infants on home oxygen

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A qualitative survey was done in October 2014-February 2015 on 18 parents who all had an infant discharged from the neonatal unit on home oxygen. The survey was given and completed by the parents as they attended follow up clinic, for their infant. A total of 19 parents were asked to give feedback, however, one parent declined. Results indicated that at least 7/18 of parents stated that their quality of life was not impacted by the infant's needs on home oxygen therapy. However, at least 5/18 parents felt that by caring their baby on home oxygen it very much impacted on their family holidays. This only highlights a snap shot of the quality of life which the families seem to have once they have an infant on home oxygen. In conclusion, the role of the community neonatal nurse seems to have a positive impact to the families as most of them seem to state that they felt supported.

Biography

Tendai Nzirawa has completed her undergraduate Diploma in Nursing studies in 2005 (City University, London). She has completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Studies (Neonatal Care) in 2012 (City University, London). Currently, she is pursuing her Master of Science in Nursing Studies (Neonatal Care) London Southbank University, London. Since 2010, she has been involved in setting up and running a Neonatal Parent Support Group with other health professionals. Also, in June 2015 she has set up a Down Syndrome Parent Support Group. In 2012, she has participated at the European Academy of Pediatric Societies.

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