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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Development of a quality assessment scale for pediatric palliative care and analysis of its psychometric properties

Desarrollo de una escala de evaluación de la calidad de los cuidados paliativos pediátricos y análisis de sus propiedades psicométricas

Appendix 1. Pediatric Palliative Care Quality Assessment Scale (PPCQAS)

Instruction: This scale contains questions about pediatric palliative care. As nurses, after reading it carefully, please indicate by marking (X) in one of the 5 options. Thank you for your contribution and support in the realization of the research.

Items	Completely disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Undecided (3)	Agree (4)	Completely agree (5)
1- Palliative care is only suitable for pediatric cancer patients in the terminal phase.					
2- The physical conditions of the pediatric palliative care unit are ideal for providing the care I will provide for the children.					
3- Nurses also participate in the care of children in the terminal phase.					
4- All nurses working in the pediatric palliative care unit can express their feelings, thoughts and beliefs about providing care.					
5- Nurses allow the child to express their feelings and thoughts while providing palliative care.					
6- Nurses use therapeutic play methods when providing palliative care.					
7- If the child is at a perceptive age, the nurse provides information on medication.					
8- Parents of children who are included in palliative care are informed about the care to be applied in palliative care.					
9- All members of the health care team participate in and support the care when palliative care is applied to children.					
10- Nurses spend time with the child frequently during the palliative care period.					
11- In the palliative care unit where I work, I can spend enough time with the family of the child who is in the last stage of life.					
12- If necessary, nurses provide counseling to parents regarding their child's palliative care.					
13- When providing palliative care to a child, some policies/rules are currently in place to help both the child and the family.					
14- Parents of children participate in and implement decisions regarding palliative care.					
15- Palliative care nurses listen to the child's fears and concerns regarding the disease.					
16- Nurses respect the child's privacy in situations related to the child's privacy.					
17- Nurses provide palliative care to children using technological life support to comfort them.					

Thank you.