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Qualitative analysis of emotional thoughts through the experience in the perspective of nurses who have working experience in pediatric hematology-oncology service

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Aim: In this study, it was aimed to qualitatively analyze the feelings, thoughts and meanings of the nurses who had experience in child hematology in the past.

Method: In this qualitative study, in-depth interviews were conducted with 15 nurses between 29 and 53 years of age who had previously worked in child hematology. Interviews were conducted with a semi-structured interview form. Each interview lasted 20-30 minute. Some of the questions are: What kind of experiences do you experience when you think about the periods you were working in hematology-oncology service? Would you explain the reason for living these feelings? The data were analyzed with QSR NVivo 7 software.

Results: From the perspective of the nurses, who had experience of working in the pediatric hematology-oncology service in the past, four main themes and sub-themes related to emotions and thoughts towards this experiment were identified in the study: (1) Positive and negative emotions include fear and anxiety, desperation, pity, guilt, burnout and longing; (2) Being coping; (3) Professional implications; (4) Meaning of life and (5) Unmet needs and suggestions.

Conclusions: Working in hematology should be viewed as a multidimensional situation that affects the way nurses view their profession and life, leading to a wide range of emotional lives. Data obtained from this study can be used to strengthen hematologic nurses.

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