Pediatric Palliative Care and End of Life
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Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to present findings from a qualitative study of family caregivers of pediatric patients in the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU). The study was designed to explore the decision-making process of families and the impact of palliative care on family caregivers. The study was conducted at a tertiary care children’s hospital in the United States.

Methodology

A qualitative study was conducted using in-depth interviews with family caregivers of pediatric patients in the PICU. A total of 20 families were interviewed, and the data were analyzed using thematic analysis. The interviews were transcribed and coded using NVivo software.

Results

The study found that families were concerned about their child’s pain management, communication with healthcare providers, and the impact of the PICU environment on their child. Families also reported feeling unsupported and isolated during their child’s hospitalization.

Discussion

The findings highlight the importance of addressing family caregiver needs in the PICU. Caregivers need to be provided with adequate pain management, communication, and support to ensure optimal patient outcomes.

Conclusion

Addressing the needs of family caregivers in the PICU is crucial to improving patient outcomes and family satisfaction. Future research should focus on developing interventions to support family caregivers in the PICU.

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