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DOUBLE BEREAVEMENT

definition

The double loss & bereavement experienced as a consequence of parental divorce in combination with the subsequent parental death or critical illness with imminent death

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BACKGROUND

Divorced families with children experiencing parental critical cancer and death

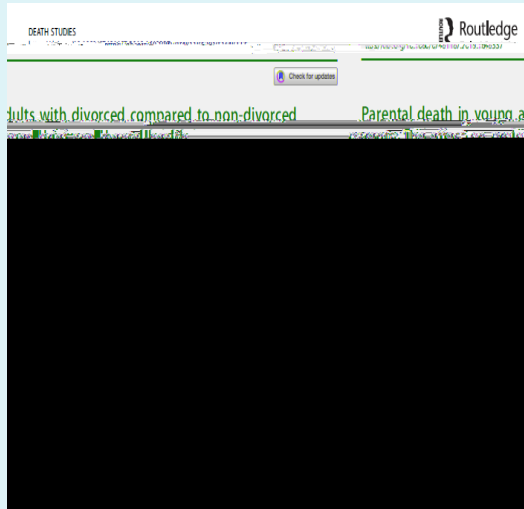
An unseen challenge in health care

Children at risk

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RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY RISK OF OVERLOAD AND MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS



Parental death in young adults with divorced compared to non-divorced parents: The effect on prolonged grief and mental health (Death Studies, 2019) J. Marcussen, L. Hounsgaard, S. Möller, M. O'Connor, R. Wilson, F. Thuen)

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NURSING SUPPORT AND INTERVENTIONS ARE CRUCIAL

Family support program
Therapeutic relationship
Multidisciplinary support
Individual and in groups
Parental support

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PURPOSE OF STUDY



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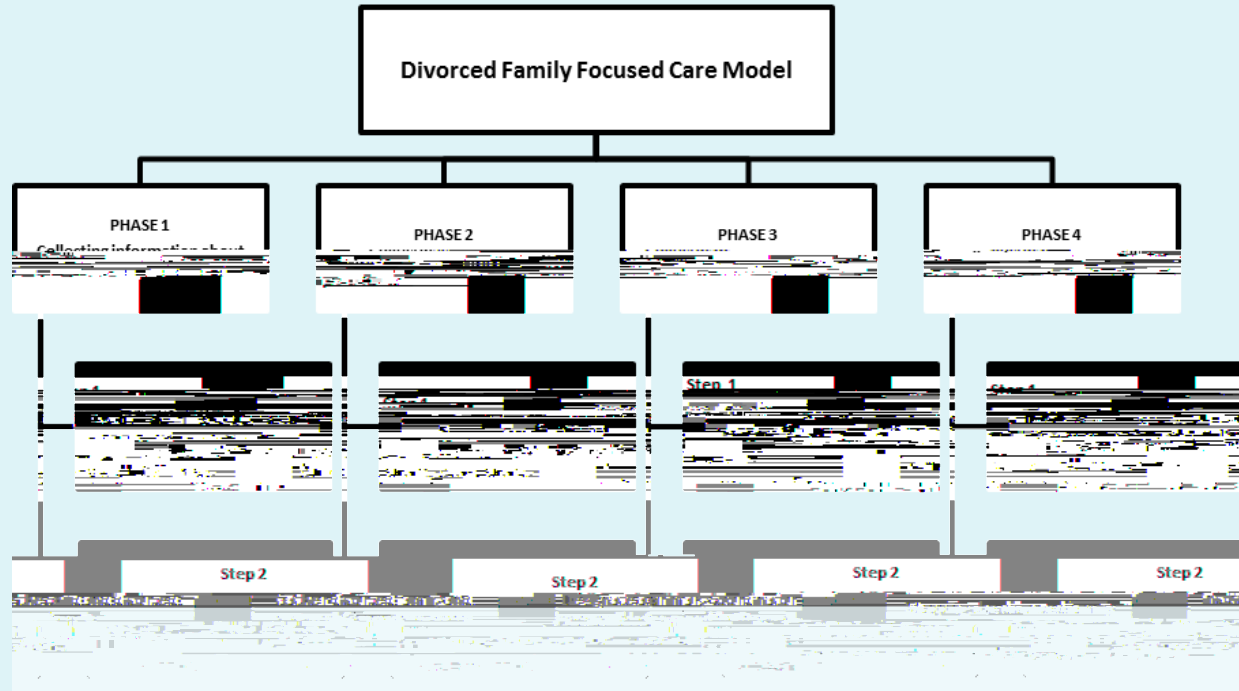
CLINICAL REASONING FOR NURSING INTERVENTIONS TARGETING THE DOUBLE BEREAVED CHILD



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DIVORCED FAMILY FOCUSSED MODEL



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PHASE 3 - INITIATION OF WELL-BEING SUPPORT

Knowledge

age, reactions, support possibilities, problem signs

Actions

Gather the families

Cooperation of the child's future

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PHASE 4 - COORDINATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Knowledge

- Ongoing role of providing knowledge throughout progress and transitions

Actions

- Ongoing role of providing support
- Strategic role of coordination of divorced family focused care
- Include interdisciplinary professionals

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IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE

Collect information about the family structure

Early prevention

Designate a coordinator

Policy and evidence-based guidelines

Policy supporting the model

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