

DESCRIPTION OF RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN WITH SUFFERING LEUKEMIA CANCER

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Abstract

Children suffering from leukemia often have to face quite difficult developmental tasks, as well as having to overcome the impact of the disease they suffer from, therefore it is important to look at the child's resilience during the treatment period. This research aims to find out how the process of building resilience in children suffering from leukemia cancer, as well as the strengthening and encouragement that the subject receives during the treatment period, thus forming a resilient individual. The method used in this research is a qualitative research method with an intrinsic case study approach. Data was collected through interviews with three respondents who were children suffering from leukemia and four other significant others. The results of the research show that children who experience leukemia must have three components of resilience to achieve resilience. The first component is I have, where the respondent realizes that he or she has received support from other individuals around him, after that, I am, which is the belief and strength within the individual, and I can, which is the effort made by the individual in the process of solving the problems faced.

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INTRODUCTION

From GLOBOCAN data released by WHO, it is also stated that cancer is the second leading cause of death globally, accounting for around 9.6 million deaths in 2018. Then, in 2020 the estimated number of deaths caused by cancer will reach 9.9 million cases, which means the number death cases rose 0.3%.

Cancer can attack adults and is very vulnerable in children. Cancer in children is estimated to reach 1% of the total number of cancers. Official statistical data from the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) states that 1 in 600 children will suffer from cancer before the age of 16 years. According to GLOBOCAN data released by WHO in 2020, it is stated that the cancer that most often attacks children is leukemia.

Nasution (2021) stated that leukemia is a malignant disease of blood cells originating from the bone marrow. Symptoms of leukemia include paleness, weakness, a