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Social Deprivation in Family Members of Patients with Schizophrenia

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Introduction: Schizophrenia is a psychiatric disorder is defined as the inability to understand reality. This disorder previously named as Praecox that these definitions show a lack of understanding of the schizophrenia in community. So by a qualitative study, social deprivation resulted from the labeling of the illness in the families of patients with schizophrenia were examined.

Materials and Methods: This study is a qualitative content analysis, using in-depth unstructured interviews to collect data from 20 family members of patients with schizophrenia. Gathered data were analyzed using conventional content analysis, the main themes of the interviews were classified as Level 3 codes.

Results: In this study, the researcher coded transcript interviews was merged into 7 main categories of discrimination and ridicule, shame, need support, isolationism, lack of knowledge, stress and low quality of life.

Conclusions: Based on the results, family members of patients with schizophrenia suffer of discrimination and ridicule, need support, shame, and need support, isolationism, and lack of knowledge, stress and low quality of life.

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