Getting used to live with Hope and Burden:

The Experiences of Patient's Family in the General Ward after Discharge from ICU in Korea

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Introduction

ICU  Transition  Ward

The Experiences of Patient / Family members in Korea
Introduction

Pai Un-soung, Korea, A Big Family, 1930-35, Oil on canvas, 140 x 200cm, Collection of Jeon Chang Gon, Korea
Introduction

The Experiences of Family members in ICU Ward Transition and The Familism in Korea
Purpose

- To explore the process of the patient’s family members’ experiences from ICU to the general ward.

- Q: “What did you feel about patient’s transfer from ICU to the general ward?”
Method

- Qualitative research
- The Grounded Theory Methodology
  (Stern & Pyles, 1985)
Method

- **Participants** → 8 participants
  - Ethical consideration
  - Theoretical sampling
  - Theoretical Saturation

- **Procedure**
  - In-depth interview (audio-taped interviews)
Method

- Data analysis
  - Using the constant comparative method
    1) Open Coding
    2) Axial Coding
    3) Selective Coding
Result

Causal conditions → Main Phenomena → Interaction Strategy → Consequences
Result

1. The Causal Conditions

- Leaving the ICU
Result

Causal conditions → Main Phenomena → Interaction Strategy → Consequences
2. Main Phenomena

- Achieving to hope
- Bearing the burden of caring
Result

Causal condition → Main Phenomena → Action/Interaction Strategy → Consequences
Result

3. Action/Interaction Strategy

- Becoming close to healthcare provider
- Building a relationship with healthcare provider
- Feeling like a sinner
Result

Causal condition → Main Phenomena → Action/Interaction Strategy → Consequences
4. Consequences

- Getting used to live
Figure 1. Paradigm model of experiences of patient's family in the General Ward after Discharge from ICU in Korea
Result

Causal condition
- Leaving the ICU

Main phenomena
- Achieving hope
- Becoming close to healthcare providers
- Building a relationship with healthcare providers
- Feeling like a sinner

Action/Interaction
- Bearing the burden of caring
- Getting used to live

Consequences
- Getting used to live with Hope and Burden

Core category
Getting used to live with Hope and Burden
Discussion

- Our study findings illustrate the interpersonal changes the patient’s family members experience in the general ward after discharge from ICU.

- Our results also illustrate the personal growth and transformation of individuals as they adjust to the transition.
Conclusion

- The core category generated, which was a central phenomena of the experiences of transfer from ICU:
  "Getting used to live with Hope and Burden"

- The care of the patient’s family members in the general ward after discharge from ICU should include interventions focusing on stress reduction.
Future Directions

- The analysis of mediating factors affected to the interaction strategy
- The experiences of patient’s family members in another transition
Thank you for attention!