

PEOPLE WITH CIDP AND QUALITY OF LIFE. A SURVEY ON THE PATIENTS' NEEDS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

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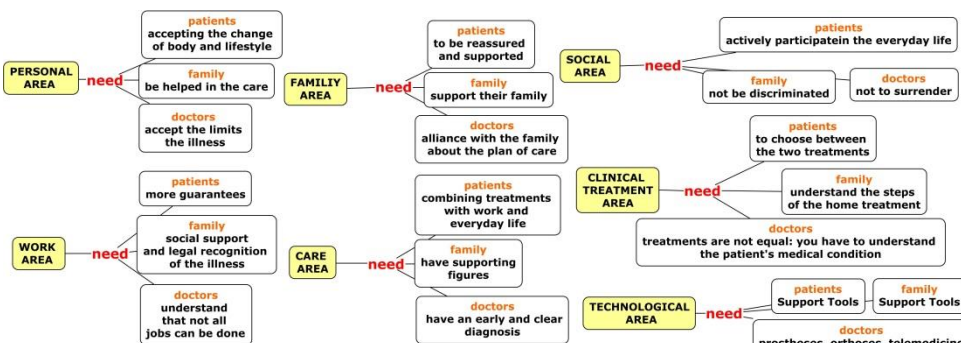
OBJECTIVE: The CIDP- QOL project involves people with CIDP, their caregivers and medical doctors and, according to ICF and QoL approach (WHO, 2001), it aimed to understand the needs of the patients and their caregivers.

SAMPLE: It is composed by 30 patients (age A: 57,6; SD: 9,9), 29 caregivers and 9 medical doctors (neurologists).

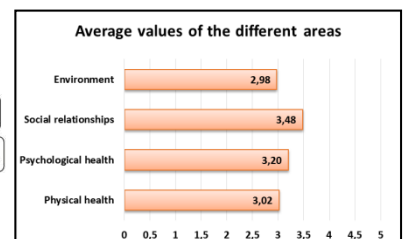
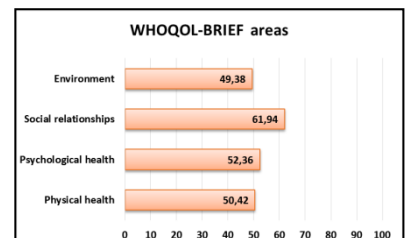
METHOD: An qualitative and quantitative analysis was carried out through using questionnaires, focus groups and structured interviews. The questionnaires used were the World Health Organization Quality of Life Bref (WHOQOL-BRIEF). Seven significant areas have been examined: the personal, family, social, occupational, care, treatment and technology one.

RESULTS:

Qualitative analysis of the investigated areas



Quantitative analysis



DISCUSSION: The most affected area is the treatment one. In every area the patients have a personal way of reacting to the because they have different needs and experience of life, specific family and work needs. The WHOQOL-BRIEF data show the predominant role of the relational and psychological dimension, while is most critical the environmental dimension one.