The Importance of Cyberspace for Adolescents in Palliative Care

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The purpose of this study was to know the importance of cyberspace for adolescents in palliative care. Based on their:

- RELATIONS,
- MEANINGS,
- ACTIONS,
- PRACTICES.
Theoretical Framework

- Symbolic Interactionism

Methodological Framework

- Multimethods approach

Methods

Ethnography + Netnography
Multimethods approach

Interaction and cultural dada online

Interaction and cultural dada both face to face and online

Interaction and dada collection both face to face

Online studies of communities or cultures (online and face-to-face elements)

Online studies of communities or cultures

Community or cultural studies

“PURE” ETHNOGRAPHY

ETNOGRAPHY + NETNOGRAPHY

“PURE” NETNOGRAPHY
Ethics Committee

- Brazil resolution 466/2012 - Guideline and regulatory standards for research involving human beings.
10 adolescents in palliative care participated, aged 13 – 19 years old.

- Interviewed
- Their Facebook profile were observed

4 hours of interviews

8861 posts were made by all participants
Results

The cyberspace for me....

- An entertainment and pain relief space
- An interaction space
- A research space
- A support space
Results

off-line environment

ADOLESCENT
IN PALLIATIVE CARE

- Limitations
- Prejudice
- Isolation
- Dependency

Meaning

CYBERSPACE

- Entertainment
- Pain relieve
- Interaction
- Research
- Support

• Pain
• Disease
• Fear
Results

My life in the cyberspace...

- Posting what I want
- Receiving likes and comments
- Exchanging information with my peers
- Thinking about my future
- Living my peers death
Results

Online ENVIROMENT

CYBERSPACE
• Entertainment
• Pain relieve
• Interaction
• Research
• Support

Online ENVIROMENT

ADOLESCENT
• Autonomy
• Choice
• Friends
• Acknowledgment
• Future
• Expressions
Results

Off-line Environment

- Limitations
- Prejudice
- Isolation
- Dependency

CYBERSPACE

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- Pain relief
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Online Environment

- Autonomy
- Choice
- Friends
- Acknowledgment
- Future
- Express

Adolescent in Palliative Care

Adolescent
Conclusion

ADOLESCENT IN PALLIATIVE CARE ↔ CYBERSPACE

OTHERS

ENVIRONMENTS
  Online
  Off-line

THEMSELVES
Adolescents in palliative care
- Daily use cyberspace

The cyberspace for me...
- An entertainment and pain relief space;
- An interaction space;
- A research space;
- A support space.

My life in the cyberspace
- Posting what they want
- Receiving likes and comments
- Exchanging information with my peers
- Thinking about their future
- Living their peers death

Interactions
- With themselves
- With the environments
- With others

(Borghi, 2018)
Thank you!!!

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