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Poster Presentations II – Friday, April 25, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Poster 11

Grief and Loss Issues in the *Hunger Games* Novels

Category: Loss, Grief, and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Introductory

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The *Hunger Games* novels are among the most popular adolescent novels of all time. They deal with a variety of controversial issues, including killing, violent reality television, child abuse, and grief. The themes of death, grief, and loss pervade the novels. This presentation will describe themes and activities, based on the novels, that can be used to help grieving children and adolescents. Although these novels may not be helpful for all children to read, the popularity of the books and of the first movie indicate that the material is already familiar to many children and adolescents.

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The Grief Experience of Men After Miscarriage

Category: Loss, Grief, and Mourning
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Intermediate

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Miscarriage is a relatively common event that can significantly affect people. Minimal research exists focused on men's responses. The present poster examines the body of research on men's experience of miscarriage and offers the following themes: (1) men often bond with the unborn fetus and are affected by pregnancy loss, (2) men tend to grieve differently than women, (3) men may view miscarriage as a loss and may experience psychological distress, and (4) men may lack adequate social support following a miscarriage. In addition, clinical implications based on the synthesized findings and directions for future research will be provided.

Poster 13

Study About the Internet as a Resource in the Death of a Pet

Category: Loss, Grief, and Mourning
Indicator: Contemporary Perspectives
Presentation Level: Introductory

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Pets have been closer to people lately. A bond is formed; then when the pets die, their owners become bereaved. However, this grief isn't recognized by society. The Internet is a great

way for people to communicate their feelings. This exploratory study was realized from 34 testimonials of bereaved in graves on Brazilian virtual cemetery, to investigate: a) what attributes were given to pets; b) feelings about the pet's loss and c) wishes of the bereaved. In conclusion, it would be very important that these people were interviewed to assess how this resource worked out to relieve their distress.

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Family Systems and Companion-Animal Loss

Category: Loss, Grief, and Mourning
Indicator: Family and Individual
Presentation Level: Introductory

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One commonly overlooked component of family systems is the relationships individuals have with their companion animals. This area is important as companion animals may add significantly to life satisfaction as well as present unique challenges during loss and death. This research describes common relationship qualities, experiences of loss, and ways of coping among grieving companion-animal owners.

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Brazilian Nurses Providing Spiritual Care to Dying Patients

Category: Assessment and Intervention
Indicator: Religious/Spiritual
Presentation Level: Introductory

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Spirituality makes the individual attribute meanings to adverse events, including them as part of a broader purpose. We aim to present an integrative review of Brazilian nursing studies about how nurses provide spiritual care to dying patients. This is a literature integrative review which sought to investigate the attitude towards death among Brazilian nurses, published between 2003 and 2013, in the databases Lilacs, SciELO, PubMed and MEDLINE. Although it is difficult to measure the real impact of spirituality on health, we can see that the spiritual dimension of care is comprehended by nurses as part integrant of nursing care.