

DOUBTS OF CAREGIVERS OF POSTOPERATIVE CARE AFTER COCHLEAR IMPLANT

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Objective: To identify as main doubts of informal caregivers of hearing impaired children about the postoperative care of cochlear implants. **Methods:** This is an exploratory, descriptive and quantitative study, developed on Hospital of Rehabilitation of Craniofacial Anomalies of the University of São Paulo. Were included the informal caregivers that go along children undergoing cochlear implant and joined the search. The data collection happened during a pre-operative nursing consultation, where there are approaches related to the preparing for the surgical procedure, expectations and as main issues related to the postoperative period. The Research began after approval of the Research Ethics Committee involving humans from the Hospital. For the tabulation and categorization of the main doubts was used the Microsoft Excel 2010 software. The data were submitted to descriptive statistical analysis, and arranged by means of figures and tables. **Results:** Participated of the present study 18 caregivers of children with hearing impairment, mean age of 32 years (± 6.5), being 89% female. 44% of them finished the High School and there was predominance of low socioeconomic class (56%). Regarding the degree of kinship of caregivers, 78% were mothers. The doubts of the caregivers about the postoperative of the cochlear implant surgery were categorized according to their similarity. However, predominated the doubts related to rest (78%), curative (56%) and feeding (38%). **Conclusion:** To identify as main doubts of informal caregivers became possible to plan and implement a nursing care focused on the needs of clients, besides preparation for health care after hospital discharge.