ABSTRACT

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis is one of the most common rheumatic diseases that affects children less than 16 years of age. The illness is considered irrecoverable because of its unclear aetiology. My work is focused on nursing care of a child with juvenile idiopathic arthritis due to the very low awareness of this disease.

The main objective was to describe the nursing care of a child with a given disease and to increase awareness of juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Another objective was to create information material for the public about the illness.

I choose a case study method to meet these goals. I described the nursing process of the patient with the disease in the practical part of the bachelor thesis, supplemented by Mary Henderson model. Information was drew mainly from medical records, interviews with parents, medical staff, and by providing nursing care to the chosen patient.

The specifics of nursing care of a child with juvenile idiopathic arthritis were described on the basis of the information and knowledge gained during the hospitalization of the patient. These informations were used also for creation the information material for the general public.

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