

The topic of mother's perception of her prematurely born baby is very interesting to me. I am working in an Intensive Care Unit for newborns where I regularly meet mothers of prematurely born infants. Their feelings are different from the ones experienced by mothers of physiological infants. In this study I wanted to point out how seemingly irrational feelings, as well as reactions which can seem inadequate, are actually natural feelings and reactions to such situations. It has been pleasant to talk with the mothers about their feelings even though their experiences with prematurely born babies were traumatizing. Several of the moms have gone through this experience a few years ago; however, even they say that it is impossible to forget about that time nor about the feelings they were experiencing throughout the time.