Abstract

My thesis project will be an attempt to understand current structures of care for children with life-limiting illness, through the experiences of clinicians and family members including doctors, nurses, social workers, parents, siblings, and more. I hope to better understand the perspectives of these clinicians and families to distinguish the strengths and challenges of caring for children in these situations. I will be using the qualitative research design method of face-to-face interviews to gather my data. Interviews will be conducted with both family members and medical professionals in order to obtain my research goal. Interviews will be transcribed, coded and used to determine themes relevant to the care of children with life-limiting illnesses. Through the stories and experiences of the participants in this study, I hope to uncover common themes of resiliency and hardship. My research will add to the small but growing field of research about children with life-limiting illnesses and their families. The implications of this research will hopefully impact future researchers and medical professionals as they seek to improve the quality of care offered to this population.