

INTRODUCTION and AIM OF THE WORK

Chronic renal failure is a functional diagnosis that is present when sufficient nephrons have been destroyed and the glomerular filtration rate is depressed with subsequent progression to end stage renal disease (**Vogt and Avner 2004**).

Medical care advancement for children with end stage renal disease (ESRD) resulted in improved long term survival compared with adults with ESRD. Consequently, more children with ESRD are living with burden of long term chronic illness and reaching into adult age thus optimal care for children with ESRD now requires assessment of health related quality of life (**Goldstein et al. 2008**)

Information about the quality of life of patients having various types of renal replacement therapy will assist physicians, nurses, patients and their families to make decisions on treatment selection. There is a need to establish support groups for patients having renal replacement therapy in order to enhance their quality of life, especially in the psychological domain (**Niu and Li 2005**).

Aim of the work

The aim of this work is to assess health related quality of life in children with end stage renal disease.

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