Chronic Illness Trajectory in Latino Patients and Their Families

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ABSTRACT

Description of problem and rationale for the research project: Chronic illness is complex and costly for the health care system as well as the individuals and families involved. Latinos are currently the largest growing ethnic group in the United States and is a population afflicted with chronic illness. Healthcare can be facilitated by having a better understanding of the complexity of chronic illness in this population. Corbin and Strauss developed a model on the chronic illness trajectory. The model was derived after research on several chronic illnesses. This study will analyze how the trajectory model applies to the Latino population. Statement of the research question: What is the chronic illness trajectory of the Latino patient and their family?

Overview of the research project: A qualitative descriptive approach will be used to acquire data from participants about the chronic illness trajectory from both the patient and the family perspective. Approximately 30 participants will be obtained or until data saturation is achieved. Interviews will take place in the community setting. Qualitative content data analysis will be used. Once qualitative analysis is complete then the most appropriate quantitative approach will be determined. Brief description of plans for patient/stakeholder engagement: Latino patients 65 years and older with chronic illness along with their main family caregivers will be the population of interest for data collection. They will also be used for consensual validation of the data.

Brief description of proposed mixed methods design including quantitative and qualitative data collection, analysis and integration: This will be an exploratory mixed methods study. It will start with qualitative interviews first. Both Patients and direct family caregivers will be interviewed. Findings from interviews will then be used to inform how the quantitative method will be approached. Specific issues or questions about your project on which you would like input: How can the trajectory model be tested quantitatively?

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