PII-29: Concept Analysis: Urgency

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Abstract:
Introduction: Parents seeking emergency care for non urgent problems are a common problem that leads to myriad staffing and cost related problems. Research studying the significant overuse of the emergency room by parents for non-urgent illnesses in their children is readily available. Many studies look at the reasons parents use the emergency room for the children’s non-urgent illnesses; most are based upon an emergency room triage system determining non-urgent to emergent diagnosis. The triage system bases ratings on a medical decision process. Parents are unlikely to base their decision to use or not use the emergency room on this medical model. The overuse of the emergency room for non-urgent visits is associated with misallocation of resources, increased healthcare costs, and increased risk to children from exposures to illness in the waiting area of emergency departments.

Method(s): To more completely understand this problem of parental concept of urgency, a literature search in multiple databases, ERIC, CINAHL, Medline Plus with full text, PsychINFO and Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition was performed. No analyses of the concept of urgency were found. Without a deeper understanding of the meaning of urgency it will be difficult to explore the foundational reason of why parents are using the emergency room for their children in non-urgent illnesses.

Results: This poster will present defining attributes, antecedents, consequences and uses of urgency discovered in the process of analyzing the literature on urgency.

Discussion & Conclusions: In preparation for the analysis an extensive literature review of peer-reviewed journal articles using the word urgency was conducted. Articles from many
different disciplines, including law, psychology, medicine, marketing, education, science, transportation, and animal nature were used. These articles provided an understanding of the many common uses and meanings of the term urgency within the different disciplines. The presentation of model, borderline, contrary, and invented cases will provide a clearer understanding of the concept of urgency; which can facilitate the ability to study the sense of urgency felt by parents with sick children leading to the possible misuse of the emergency room for non-urgent illnesses.

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