



# Pediatric Stem cell transplants without barriers: a qualitative study.

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## Background

Literature shows the importance of a Family-Centred approach for foreign patients in order to give a culturally competent care. The Italian context shows a lack of studies concerning the Nurses' perception regarding factors which can influence foreign patients' daily care. Although there is an increasing number of paediatric patients who comes Italian Hospital to be cured.

## Methods

Qualitative approach. Semi-structured interviews were recorded, transcribed verbatim, and analysed using qualitative techniques for recurrent themes We stopped recruitment when saturation was achieved.

## Results

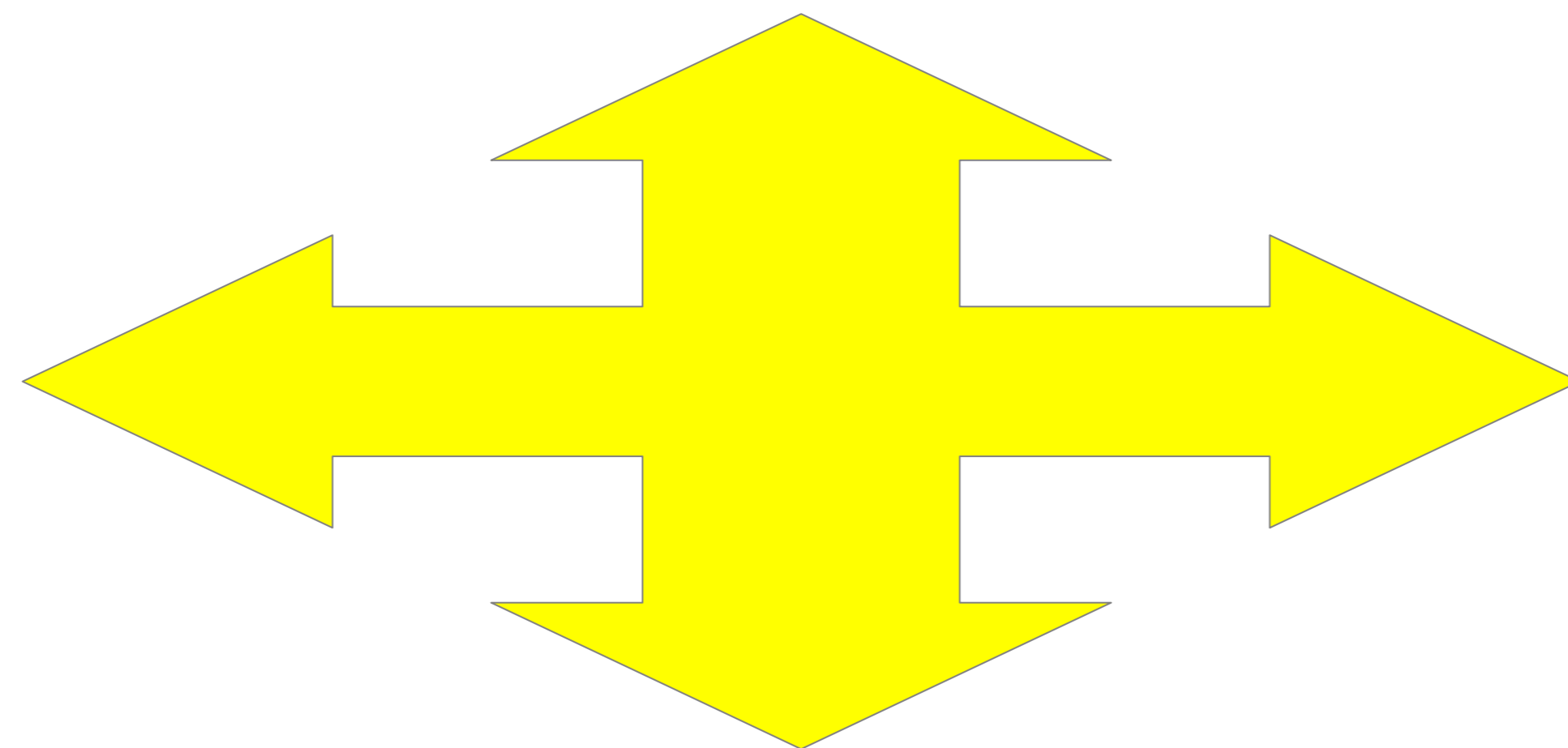
In total, 27 paediatric nurses working in the SCT Unit, Outpatient Clinic and Home care, voluntarily participated in the study.

### Respect of cultural traditions

"I do not remember any lessons regarding foreign patient, but my colleague is six years younger than me and she does not remember to have studied a similar topic".

### Different Roles

"They do not know that nurses and physicians are a team and work together"



### Identical treatment and different opportunities

"There is no time to educate the patient. Sometimes it is hard even if the family is Italian! Impossible with foreign patients!"

### Communication

"It is always difficult to understand pain in children. But with foreign patients I do not know if they say that they stay well because it is true or if they say so because they fear drugs administration: I understand their nonverbal communication"

### Validity and Reliability

To obtain trustworthiness of qualitative data of the conclusions, the Lincoln and Guba's Four criteria were adopted.

### Limits:

**unicentric study.**

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## Conclusions

Communication is seen as a barrier in caring for foreign patients. Nurses perceive a lack in their training and knowledge in caring for foreign patients. Organization would support nurses.

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