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# DOUBLE BEREAVEMENT

## definition

The double loss & bereavement experienced as a consequence of parental divorce in combination with the subsequent parental death or critical illness with imminent death

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# BACKGROUND

Divorced families with children experiencing parental critical cancer and death

An unseen challenge in health care

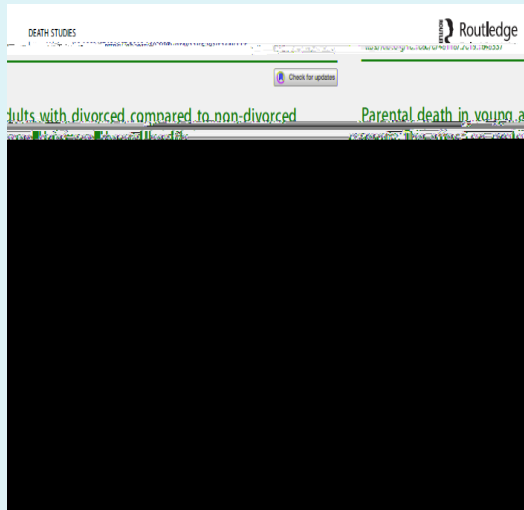
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## RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY RISK OF OVERLOAD AND MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS



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# NURSING SUPPORT AND INTERVENTIONS ARE CRUCIAL

Family support program  
Therapeutic relationship  
Multidisciplinary support  
Individual and in groups  
Parental support

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# PURPOSE OF STUDY



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# CLINICAL REASONING FOR NURSING INTERVENTIONS TARGETING THE DOUBLE BEREAVED CHILD

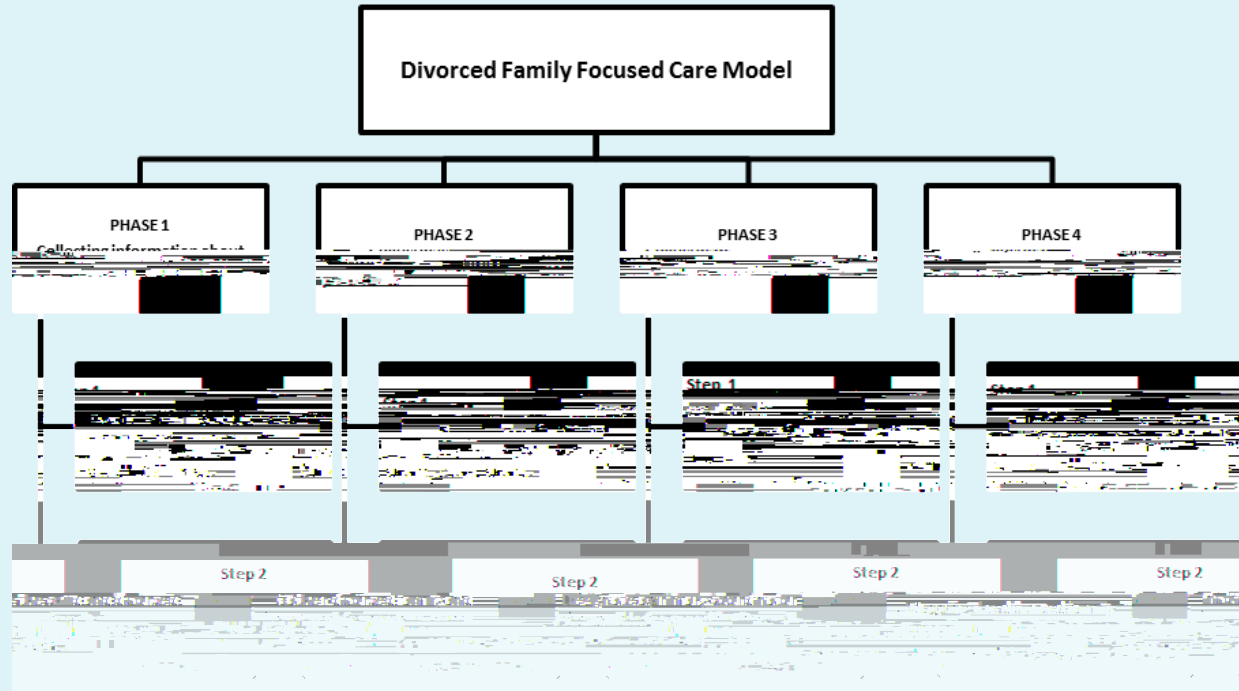




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# DIVORCED FAMILY FOCUSSED MODEL



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# PHASE 3 - INITIATION OF WELL-BEING SUPPORT

Knowledge

- age, reactions, support possibilities, problem signs

Actions

- Gather the families

- Cooperation of the child's future

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# PHASE 4 - COORDINATION AND FOLLOW-UP

## Knowledge

- Ongoing role of providing knowledge throughout progress and transitions

## Actions

- Ongoing role of providing support
- Strategic role of coordination of divorced family focused care
- Include interdisciplinary professionals

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# IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE

Collect information about the family structure

Early prevention

Designate a coordinator

Policy and evidence-based guidelines

Policy supporting the model

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