

ABSTRACT

Schizophrenia is a severe and chronic mental disorder that affect 20 million people worldwide (WHO, 2019). People with schizophrenia who attempt suicide reach up to 5% with an increased risk of early symptoms, such as experiencing frequent relapses. This is where the role of the family is needed, especially parents with children with schizophrenia. Because, parents can be a support system that can help them in situations like that, families can also provide support, encouragement, a sense of security and comfort, and trust for family members who suffer from schizophrenia. This study aims to determine how interpersonal communication between parents and schizophrenic children is. This study qualitative research method with a phenomenological approach. Then this study uses interviews in data collection, and the researchers get results where interpersonal communication such as openness, empathy, feeling, positivity, support, and equality can ultimately influence children in making decisions to take drugs.

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