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### **Establishment of a health care network: A model of case management for children with chronic illness in school**

Children with chronic illness may induce academic difficulties. It is necessary to know the current school system and the needs of students with chronic illness. Therefore, it is very important to understand the impact of chronic illness in school. The study aims to investigate the care needs of children with chronic illness in school, as well as the school nurses perception about the role of case manager. A qualitative approach was used in this study. Data was collected from April to May 2018. Five focus group interviews were employed in different areas of Taiwan and the participants were selected using purposive sampling. Each focus group comprised 9 to 18 participants. In depth interviews (1.5-2.5 hrs) were conducted. A content analysis method was adopted for data analysis. A total of 64 participated in this study. A case model management for children with chronic illness in school was developed. The core theme is "Establishment of a Health Care Network". The three main themes were identified which consists of family system, health promotional school system and the national system. It is a client-family center care which focuses on self management for students with chronic illness. The results revealed the importance of establishment of a health care network for children with chronic illness. Now that we know more and we will bridge the gap to collaborate specially with education and professional service in order to provide the students a better academic preparations, as well as to promote their successful self management and study.

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