

QUALITY OF LIFE OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA

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In recent years, we can observe the increase the occurrence of asthma in children. The course of asthma depends not only on treatment but also on the actions of the parents of a sick child. The care for patients with asthma requires a lot more work than a healthy child care. The study was conducted using the Pediatric Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire PACQLQ and Satisfaction with Life Scale SWLS in a group of 60 parents of children with asthma. The authors compare two groups of parents: the first group consists of parents of children who have just been diagnosed with asthma, the second group consists of parents of children who are ill at least one year. It was observed that in the age group 20-30 years the level of life satisfaction is significantly higher in case of parents of children ill with asthma at least a one year than in group of parents of children diagnosed with asthma recently. There are no statistically significant differences in the other age groups. Taking into account the place of residence, in case of cities from 50 to 100 thousand population the level of satisfaction with life is significantly higher among parents of children who have been diagnosed with asthma recently than parents of children ill at least one year. There is a positive correlation between the level of satisfaction with life and emotional functioning in the group of parents of children diagnosed recently. There is no correlation in the second group of parents.