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Title of abstract : Parents' narrative about the ADHD diagnosis and its psychostimulant medication.:
Socio-cultural issues and Ontario's minority Francophonie.

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is one of the most common psychiatric disorders among school-aged children. It is estimated to affect 3-7% of school-aged children worldwide. Its incidence has increased significantly over the past fifty years. Considered primarily as a biomedical or educational issue, there are few studies exploring the social-ecological dimensions in Francophone minority communities. This nursing study addresses this issue using a methodological approach based on life stories, from the point of view and expertise of those directly involved. A decolonial and anti-oppressive ethical posture based on ideological principles of social justice was adopted to create a space for expression to discuss sensitive and taboo subjects. Narrative interviews were conducted with parents (n=5) and practitioners (n=3) in the Eastern Ontario region. These in-depth interviews with parents and community stakeholders highlight the importance of addressing the topic beyond the traditional biomedical lens. The results suggest that there are multiple determinants (social, cultural, economic, racial, and political) that influence the interpretation of behaviours not only of the child, but also of parents and even minority communities. The study breaks new ground by using a nursing perspective grounded in the clinical mental health/psychiatric and community expertise of a minority nurse researcher.