

P 35. PSYCHOAFFECTIVE EXPERIENCE OF PREMATURITY AND KANGAROO MOTHER CARE: A CONTEXTUAL STUDY IN THE LAQUINTINIE HOSPITAL OF DOUALA (CAMEROON).

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Background: The up take of the premature baby in the setting of the Kangaroo Mother Care program requires the family's real implication, in general and of the parental couple in particular. The beliefs, Practices and cultural knowledge seem to influence the behaviours and the implication of parents.

Aim: The experience of the pilot centre of the Laquintinie hospital of Douala drove us to the development of a prospective questionnaire on customs and the way prematurity is being psycho-anthropologically understood, in order to implement a culturally realistic management of this type of medical care in our settings. **Material and methods:** Several key questions relevant with prematurity, anthropogenic factors and kangaroo mother care method are examined. This questionnaire has been managed for about 18 months, to 60 voluntary and eligible families to the Kangaroo Mother Care method.

Main Findings: The unexpected teachings, contextually bound, permit to adjust the accompaniment of parents as well as the up take of the pathological cases.

Conclusions: These results underline the necessity of taking into account the psycho anthropological and sociocultural variables in the implementation and the generalization of the Kangaroo Mother Care Method in Cameroon.

Key words: prematurity; kangaroo; social representation; traditional knowledge; economic gates; parentality.