

On Cancer Experience and Culture: Voices of Latina Survivors and/or Family Caregivers

Abstract:

This pilot study will focus on Latinas in North East Los Angeles and their experiences with cancer. Purposive and snowball sampling techniques will be used to conduct interviews with a community sample of Latina cancer survivors and/or Latinas who are/have been caregivers for cancer patients. Culture affects many dimensions of the cancer experience and we have yet to understand how Latinas cope with and perceive this illness and how these perceptions impact survival and quality of life. This study will generate knowledge from Latinas regarding perceptions on the impact of cancer in their lives, the ways that cancer affects their quality of life and their general knowledge about cancer.

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