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## Abstract

Aim: this study describes the lived experience of patients with end stage renal disease on hemodialysis treatment. Method: A qualitative, descriptive phenomenological design and purposive sampling method was used; the sample included ten adults. Data collection was performed by using two in-depth unstructured interviews. Data analyzed according to Colaizzi's phenomenological method. End stage renal disease and hemodialysis stressors, hemodialysis between goodness and badness, still alive, and quality of care emerged as themes. Findings: early identification of the individual needs and effective coping skills and strategies should be included in the care of all hemodialysis patients. Conclusion: The findings may help administrators in teaching development to staff and may introduce to nursing curriculum. Further qualitative researches should be emphasized.

Keywords- Colaizzi's phenomenological method, End stage renal disease, hemodialysis, lived experience, qualitative study, quality of life.

