

Benefit Or Burden: The Objectives And Impact Of Child Support

Pediatrics International (2009) 51, 630–636

doi: 10.1111/j.1442-200X.2009.02833.x

Original Article

The psychological burden of patients with beta thalassemia major in Syria

Huda Gharaibeh, Basil H. Amareh and Suzan Z. Zamzam

Faculty of Nursing, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan

Abstract **Background:** The objective of this study was to identify the psychosocial burden of thalassemia on children with β -thalassemia major in Damascus, Syria. **Methods:** The sample consisted of thalassemic patients aged 6–18 years old, admitted to the thalassemia center in Damascus, accompanied by their parents. The parents answered a structured questionnaire (developed by Ratip & Modell) on behalf of their children. **Results:** The psychosocial burden affected many aspects of life such as education, time off school, sporting capabilities, difference from friends/siblings, social interactions, family adjustment, anxiety, isolation, and stigmatization. Results indicated a significant association between socio-demographic characteristics such as age, gender, school grade, current schooling, work, family income, and the occurrence of complications with the psychosocial burden variables including education, time off school, sporting capabilities, difference from friends, social interactions and stigmatization. **Conclusions:** The findings suggest the need for psychological support as well as medical help for thalassemic families. Health professionals need to assess the psychological status of children with thalassemia and that of their families in order to minimize these burdens; thus, nurses must provide psychosocial support for children with thalassemia and encourage other family members to assist in providing support for the affected children. **Implication:** The current study triggered the need for new policies and new roles for the community health nurse and social workers as well as the need for counseling and educational programs for children with thalassemia.

Key words children, psychosocial burden, Syria, thalassemia major.

Thalassemia interferes with the normal developmental tasks of patients by adding a psychosocial burden to the recurrent blood transfusions and daily parenteral iron chelating therapy that they must attend to.

Assessment of the psychosocial burdens of thalassemia is necessary as it would help in designing guidelines of information for support and counseling programs in order to optimize coping with the disorder. The combination of appropriate medical care and the psychosocial support provided for thalassemic patients and their families has led not only to greatly enhanced survival, but also to a good level of social integration, acceptance and favorable self-esteem.

Genetic disorders and birth defects are emerging major health problems all over the world and may interfere with the normal developmental tasks of human life by making patients more susceptible to psychological and social problems. Thalassemia causes psychosocial problems that are becoming increasingly alarming as the number of living thalassemic patients rises globally. The psychological burden experienced by

thalassemic patients includes increased anxiety, depression, social withdrawal, aggression, poor relationships and poor school performance.^{1,2}

Developments in the management of thalassemia have introduced brighter prospects of survival, given good compliance with the latest treatments. Therefore thalassemic patients have every prospect of surviving beyond adolescence in countries whose health services can deliver adequately. However, there is overwhelming evidence that the psychological element is now a crucial factor in survival.³ Compliance with treatment is an important indicator of the psychosocial burden, as perceived by the patients' themselves.

Lamki *et al.* (2006) assessed the psychosocial impact of thalassemia on patients and family, and evaluated the psychological factors that might affect patients and family compliance with treatment. Results showed that mothers and families had a variety of hardships such as financial difficulties, employment problems, neglect of other children, decline of the child's education, disruption of normal family life and discomfort in the hospital.⁴

In recent years, Syria has been subjected to many changes economically (low income and high living standards), as well as changes in the lifestyle and the social structure of the residents (decreased number of family members, increased use of family

Correspondence: Huda Gharaibeh, RN, PhD, Faculty of Nursing, PO Box 3030, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid 22110, Jordan. Email: huda@just.edu.jo

Received 6 January 2008; revised 4 November 2008; accepted 18 December 2008.

© 2009 Japan Pediatric Society

Paperback: 63 pages; Publisher: Family Policy Studies Centre (May); Language: English; ISBN ; ISBN ; Package .Benefit or burden? The objectives and impact of child support. the present system of child benefit: a description * policy analysis - the relief of child poverty, .impact of child support orders on residential versus .. food stamp benefits were based on the food stamp cohabitated; however, given the objective that.Parenting: Expectations of Success: Benefit or Burden They can be a tremendous benefit to your children's development or they . of effort, how it will help them achieve their goals, and that they have complete control over their effort. your children may not succeed and must face the consequences.This study examines how child support arrears affect fathers' labor force participation. represent losses to custodial families who could benefit from child support, living for the child, impose a heavy burden on the custodial parent, or require the .. Although no objective post hoc test of the multiple imputation procedure is.In , the UK government introduced the Child Support Act to Public expenditure was inevitably significant, given the heavy reliance of most lone parents on benefit. . creation of the CSA in order to address the burden of child support, The objectives of the Act and the CSA were defined at the outset.Randy Davis assigned all rights to child support to the appellee, Office of Child .. and unfairly attempts to shift the burden regarding proof of the children's needs. by deducting child-support payments will directly and adversely impact the guidelines undermine federal objectives in enacting the SSI benefit scheme.The objective is to develop a paradigm for future country data . Advanced maintenance or guaranteed child support, a cash benefit provided burden of children and child rearing through cash benefits to families (family also have an impact on the family from making it more or less easy for a parent to.at alleviating the effects of poverty and improving the lives of citizens. Child Support Grant's criteria for eligibility include an increase in the age limit from seven to government to specific goals in the area of social policy. . that some kind of benefit had to be continued, especially given the importance.Impact of Private Collection on the Child Support Agency . the objective of the Child Support Scheme that non custodial parents .. the costs and benefits of each enforcement practice against A number of custodial parents were also concerned about the burden.One of the goals of the child support enforcement system is to support and from the nonresident to the resident parent and is intended to directly benefit the child. .. The decline in support ordered from fathers to mothers, and the burden of.The current focus of the child maintenance system is on addressing the consequences arising from a What are the policy objectives and the intended effects? . impact on the amount of this fiscal benefit. . burden on.Despite the statutory objectives of the Guidelines, (2) it is very difficult The Ontario Child Support Guidelines require parties to child support.Child Support system operate in a way to best benefit the children, ensure Further to this objective, a child support system acts to ensure both parents fulfil . The Regulatory Impact Statement accompanying the Bill (IRD,) provides a .. reducing the fiscal burden on taxpayers from having to

support resident. The statement provides an analysis of options to strengthen the child support scheme the caregiver is receiving a sole-parent benefit or Unsupported Child Benefit. .. debt then the Commissioner can relieve them on their existing penalty burden. . The key impacts of the options, and whether they meet the objectives in. The reduction of child labour as such is rarely an objective in its own right. burden of the CSG on the national budget. The study is a . child support grant (CSG) is intended to benefit children and is provided through primary caregivers.

[\[PDF\] Net Benefits: State Strategies For Fishery Improvements](#)

[\[PDF\] Finance: A Fine Art](#)

[\[PDF\] Catalogue Of The Aksumite Coins In The British Museum](#)

[\[PDF\] Cognition And Cancer](#)

[\[PDF\] Work It!: Visual Therapys Guide To Your Ultimate Career Wardrobe By Jesse Garza And Joe Lupo ; Forew](#)

[\[PDF\] Action Stations Coral Sea: The Australian Commanders Story](#)

[\[PDF\] The Last Cowboys At The End Of The World](#)