Study of parents'rejection of their son with a harelip and/or palatine fissure Graciela Sortino (UCES)

- 1. <u>Goal:</u> to research the motives of the parent's rejection to their children with harelip and/or palatine fissure in the moment of birth.
- 2. <u>Sample:</u> three couples showing their rejection to a child with harelip and/or palatine fissure.
- 3. <u>Procedure:</u> 1) to recollect information, 2) to analyze the information of each couple, 3) to compare the corresponding outcomes.
- 4. <u>Method:</u> for the recollection of the information: a) interviews, b) self-administrated questionaires, c) for the summary and the analysis of the information, a grid is designed.

Grid for the summary and analysis of the information

References:

- 1. To a great extent
- 2. Somewhat
- 3. Very little
- 4. Not at all

Subvariable	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6
A.1. Reactions						
of the parents						
to the birth of						
the child with						
harelip and/or						
palatine						
fissure.						
A.1.1. Primary						
reactions of						
the parents						

Affective						
Anger	YES/NO					
Denial	YES/NO					
Guilt	YES/NO					
Pain	YES/NO					
Fear	YES/NO					
Shame	YES/NO					
Confusion	YES/NO					
Cognitive						
Questions to the doctor	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4
Comprehension	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4
Behavioral						
Follows the doctor's recomendations	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4
A.1.2. Reactions to						
the child						
Lifting the child	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4
Physical contact	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4
Smiling	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4
Talking	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4
A.1.3. Attitudes to						
the other						
parent						
Contention and	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4
affection						
Blaming	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4
Anger	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4	1/2/3/4

5. Outcomes

The research is in process. The questionaire is also in course. We expect to come out with a panoramic perspective of the motives to the parent's rejection of their child with harelip and/or palatine fissure. We expect, as well, to be in conditions to recommend some psychological support, to provide a better connection between the parents and their child.