

SUMMARY

CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCE OF EPILEPSY : A CASE STUDY

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Epilepsy is a disorder of the Central Nervous System that is characterised by periodic loss of consciousness. It occurs with or without convulsions. Epileptic seizures which occur without convulsions are referred to as absences. Epilepsy develops as a result of various causal factors.

This study focuses on the way in which learners living with epilepsy, who attend mainstream schools in the rural areas of the Limpopo Province, experience epilepsy. The results of the study indicate that the needs of learners with epilepsy are not well-catered for in mainstream schools. They often experience fear, anxiety, humiliation, ostracisation, name-calling, scape-goating, blaming and suspicion.

Recommendations were made regarding the measures which should be taken to address the needs of rural children living with epilepsy. These recommendations could be used by teachers and the Department of Education.

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DECLARATION

I declare that **CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCE OF EPILEPSY : A CASE STUDY** is my own work and that all the sources that I have used or quoted have been indicated and acknowledged by means of complete references.

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