

APPENDIX A

EXPLANATION AND INFORMED CONSENT

My name is Liu Ming, and I am a nurse instructor in the Faculty of Nursing of Xi'an Medical University. I am conducting a nursing research project that I would like to explain to you in order to see if you would be willing to participate in the project.

The purpose of this research project is to learn about the relationship between social support and quality of life in renal transplant patients. The information gained from the study will help nurses in planning an appropriate nursing care for the renal transplant patients and enhance the quality of life of patients. Ιf you agree participate, you will be asked to complete the questionnaires of social support and quality of life. will take you about 30-35 minutes to complete these questionnaires. If you have any questions about the questionnaires. I would be glad to explain them to you. All of your responses will remain confidential and your identity will not be revealed.

There are no known risks to participate in this study. However, your participation is voluntary. There will be no penalty or any affect if you decide to withdraw from this study at any time, even after you start to answer the

questions. All information will only be used for the purpose of this study.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you agree to participate, please sign this form.

Faculty of Nursing
Xi'an Medical University
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I am willing to participate in this study under the supervision of the Faculty of Nursing, Xi'an Medical University. I clearly understand the information provided and I have had the opportunity to ask questions.

Signature	-
Date	

APPENDIX B

QUESTIONNAIRES

Part I Demographic Data Record Form

	Subject #
Date	
Sex	Age
Educational backgrour	nd o
() No education	
() Primary school (1	Ge grades)
() Middle school (7-	9 grades)
() Senior high school	ol (10-12 grades)
() University or hig	gher
Marital status	() Single () Widowed
	() Married () Separated
	() Divorced
Family relationship	() good () fair () poor
Family patterns	() lived with parents
	() lived with spouses
	() lived with spouses and children
	() lived alone

Occupation (before renal transplantation)
() Worker () Unemployed
() Office staff () Retired
() Businessman () Student
() Farmer
Occupation (at present time)
() Worker () Unemployed
() Office staff () Retired
() Businessman () Student
() Farmer Teacher
Family income (Yuan/per month)
() < 1000 () 1001-2000
() >2000
Way of hospital payment () Total reimbursed
() Partial reimbursed
(percentage)
() Total self paid
Date of surgery

Part II Personal Resource Questionnaire-85 Part 2

Direction:

In our daily lives, we always face some situations or problems. Such as following situational statements with which some people agree and others disagree. Please read each statement and CIRCLE the response most appropriate for you. There is not right or wrong answer.

1=Strongly disagree

2=Disagree

3=Uncertain

4=Agree

5=Strongly agree

Statements

1.					meone I feel close to who makes me feel secure
	1	2	3	4	5
2.	OI.	bel	ong	to	a group in which I feel important
	1	2	3	4	5
25.	٠.		· · · ·	•••	••••
	1	2	3	4	5

Part III Ferrans and Powers Quality of Life Index-Kidney Transplant Version

Part 1 For each of the followings, please choose the answer that best describes how satisfied you are with that area of your life. Please mark your answer by circling the number. There are no right or wrong answer.

- 1. Very Dissatisfied
- 2. Moderately Dissatisfied
- 3. Slightly Dissatisfied
- 4. Slightly Satisfied
- 5. Moderately Satisfied
- 6. Very Satisfied

HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH:

1.	Your health?	1	2	3	4	5	6
	The health care you are receiving						
32.		1	2	3	4	5	6

Part 2 For each of the followings Please see some examples for this instrument. Please choose the answer that best describes how important that area of life is to you. Please mark your answer by circling the number. There are no right or wrong answer.

- 1. Very Important
- 2. Moderately Important
- 3. Slightly Important
- 4. Slightly Important
- 5. Moderately Important
- 6. Very Important

HOW IMPORTANT TO YOU:

1.	••••		1	. 2	3	4	5	6
2.		····• 6/2······	1	2	,3	4	5	6
32.			1	2	3	4	5	. 6

APPENDIX C

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Educational Background

1979 - 1982 Secondary Certification in Nursing,

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Experience

1982 - 1985 Nurse in the surgical department in the

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1985 - 1993 Nurse in the operation theater of the

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1995 - 1997 Faculty staff in the Faculty of

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