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Abstract

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome or myalgic encephalopathy (CFS/ME) has a negative impact on a child and their parents. It is not known what the impact is for the siblings of children with CFS/ME. Nine siblings participated in semi-structured interviews. Siblings identified a number of negative impacts to their family and to themselves, as well as describing some protective family factors. These findings have implications for current practice in CFS/ME paediatric services.

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