

The Concept "Quality of Life" from a Heideggerian Phenomenological Perspective

By

Suhair Husni Al-Ghabeesh RN, PhD, Assistant professor at Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan, Faculty of Nursing Amman-Jordan E- Mail: suhair_alghabeesh@yahoo.com
DOI <http://dx.doi.org/10.15520/ijnd.2014.vol4.iss7.17>.

Abstract: To use phenomenology consistently, the philosophical context must be understood in addition to the variation of the theoretical foundation to research in the caring sciences. This paper philosophized one of the emerging concept which focus on the care of patients with chronic diseases; which is "quality of life" (QoL) from the Heideggerian phenomenological perspective and also discussed the concept Quality of Life, then found the similarities between Heideggerian phenomenology and the concept QoL. QoL is a human experience, which is unique to each person's set of circumstances. It includes each person's way of life, and how they give and develop meaning from their ordinary practices. The most appropriate methodology to gain such understanding about QoL is interpretive phenomenology. Thus, I confirm that the QoL can be studied as a research by using a qualitative approach. Nursing deal with illness because illness is a human experience, and both QoL and interpretive phenomenology deals with ontology and with the patient as a whole. **Keywords:** Heideggerian phenomenology, Quality of Life,