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INTRODUCTION

High-cost and catastrophic diseases like cancer directly influence patient characteristics. Oral cancer is a condition that involves a change in emotional behavior not only for the patient, but also for his family and for all those around him.

OBJECTIVE

To learn the behavior of patients diagnosed with oral cancer by analyzing the development of the disease and its personal and family implications.

METHODS

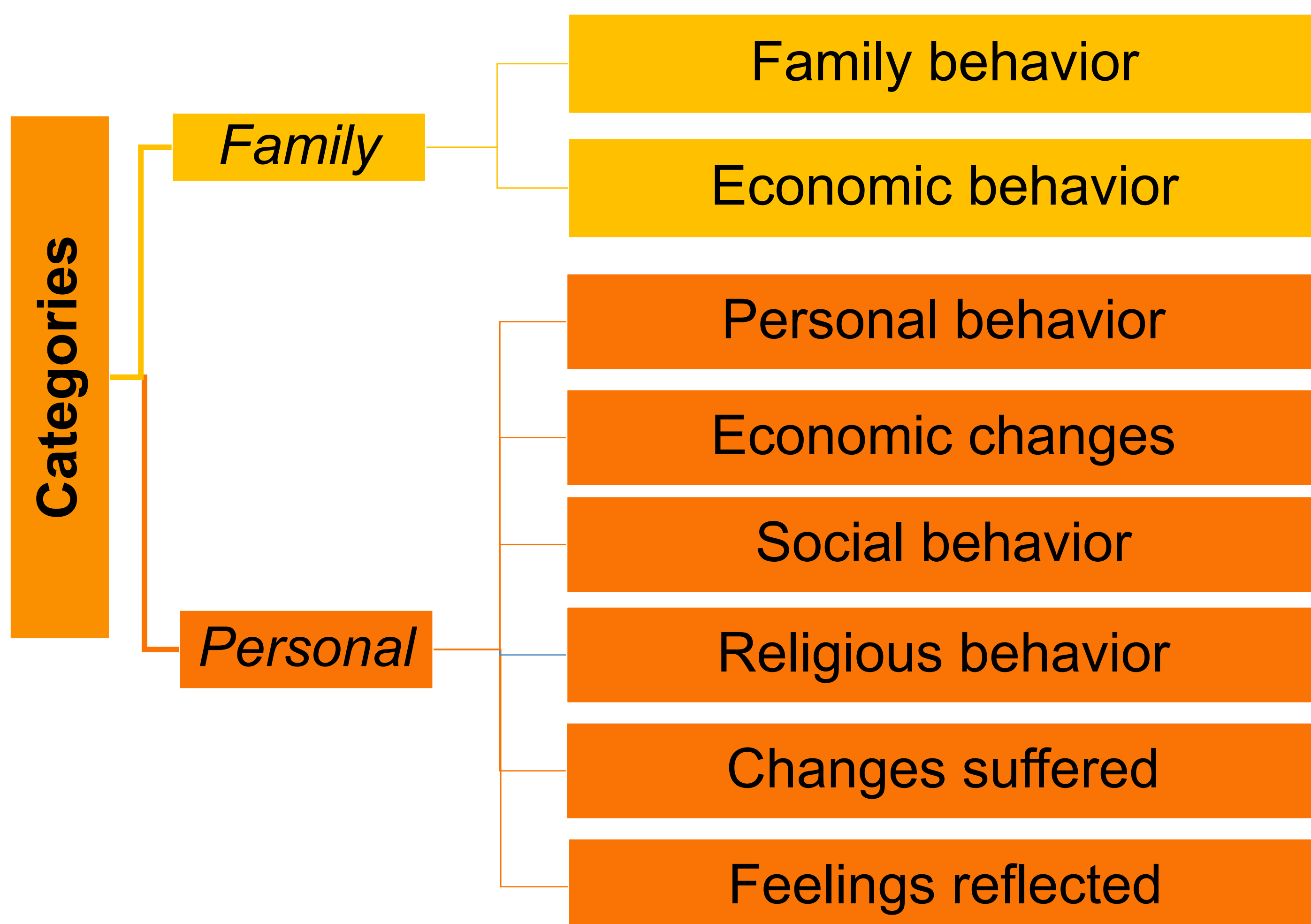
- Qualitative study approach supported by the grounded theory
- Interviews recorded and fully transcribed.
- 6 participants with oral cancer between the 30 and 60 years of age.
- 2 main categories divided into 8 subcategories



Photo1: informed consent signature



Photo2: interview.



Graph 1: Categorization of the data.

The analysis was carried out through the triangulation of the data with prior categorization of the same

RESULTS

Family behavior :

002.1.1.25. "In my family reacted word than I did, everyone lost weight, the house felt sad, there was a time of sadness"

Economic behavior:

003.1.1.36. "Economically, I was very unwell because I wasn't able to pay for the prosthetics. I didn't have help from my daughter and I didn't have a job"

Personal behavior:

001.1.1.19. "I started to treat my children badly because I felt like by doing so, they wouldn't miss me when I died."

Economic changes at the personal level

002.1.1.33. "I only paid for the car where I was being transported, I was lucky. Thank God I have a sister-in-law who works at the institution where I was being cared for and that helped me a lot too"

Social behavior

006.1.1.61 "Everyone sees me as a warrior"
004.1.1.42. "Most of the times people make fun of me because I don't vocalize"

Religious behavior

002.1.1.18. "Trusting in God and clinging to him gave me many strength"

Changes suffered during and after the disease

003.1.1.19. "Since I don't have half my right maxilar, I've survived with my special prosthesis. Without it I can't eat, I can't take anything, I can't talk"

Feelings reflected

001.1.1.106. "I came to think of ending my life one night I couldn't sleep and then I looked at the bottom of the room and saw a rope"

Table1: Global analysis of family category

Family behavior	Attitude change, weight loss, sadness, Lifestyles, union
Economic behavior	Family support, Debts

Table2: Global analysis of personal category

Personal behavior	Depression, Sadness, Death, Rejection, Change
Economic changes	Economic and legal issues
Social behavior	Support, strength, bullying
Religious behavior	Faith, hope
Changes suffered	Attitude changes, psychofunctional sequelae, new pathologies
Feelings reflected	Depression, Fear, Suicidal thoughts

CONCLUSION

Oral cancer care represents a health challenge that must be addressed in a comprehensive way covering personal, economic, family, psychological and religious aspects which have an impact on the health-disease process of patients

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