

# Relationship

The way in which two or more people or things are connected, or the state of being connected.

Growing relationships between [industry](#) related financial [payments](#) and [physicians](#) have become an increasingly controversial topic as they relate to clinical judgment and patient care.

Human [emotions](#) come from [relationships](#) with others, and emotional states can be transferred to others through emotional transfer, leading people to experience identical emotions unconsciously. Emotional transference is not a new concept; however, no concept analysis has been performed on emotional transference from parents to children.

A literature search was conducted of terms related to 'emotional transference', (e.g. 'emotional transfer' and 'affective transference') in the following databases: PubMed, CINAHL, ProQuest, RISS and DBPIA published between 1987 and 2016; documents were published in English or Korean.

Forty-four studies met review criteria.

A review of Oh WO et al. from the [Korea](#) University College of Nursing, [Seoul](#) and Severance Hospital, Department of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Seodaemun-gu, Korea, highlighted analysis of the concept of emotional transference from parent to child, a unidirectional process. The apparent attributes which are of importance to the child during parental interaction consist of parental expression (facial, voice, postural), child's interpretation of parental emotional expression and child's emotional formation.

Understanding parental emotional transference to children is very important in effecting positive outcomes in the nursing environment.

[Nurses](#) need to be aware that parental emotional transference to children and its attributes essential to assessment and intervention. Further study and education are needed to develop nursing care for children <sup>1)</sup>.

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Oh WO, Yeom I, Kim DS. What is the concept of parental 'emotional transference' to children? A Walker and Avant concept analysis. Scand J Caring Sci. 2018 Oct 17. doi: 10.1111/scs.12614. [Epub ahead of print] Review. PubMed PMID: 30329170.

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