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PhD Abstract

The aim of this PhD project is to analyse, compare and describe the consequences of the onset of an inflammatory rheumatic disease and chronic renal failure on the patient’s professional trajectory. In fact, with this PhD Project, I would like to answer the following question: what changes, the onset of a rheumatic disease and a chronic renal failure, brings to the career paths of the individuals with these diseases?

Having as a starting point the theoretical frameworks of the interpretive perspectives, I hypothesize that each disease has its own trajectory, which is characterized by uncertainty and unpredictability, which imposes itself to the patient’s biography, leading to a deregulation of all the areas of his life. So, through a qualitative approach, namely a longitudinal biographical approach, this PhD project aims to describe and explain the relationship between the diseases’ trajectories and the transitions occurred on the patients’ professional trajectory. This study also aims to identify the disease characteristics, the socio-professional characteristics and the cultural characteristics that influence the working life transitions, as well as the patients’ actions and attitudes.