



The Image of Palliative Care among the General Population. Development, Testing and Application of a Scientific Sensible Measuring Instrument

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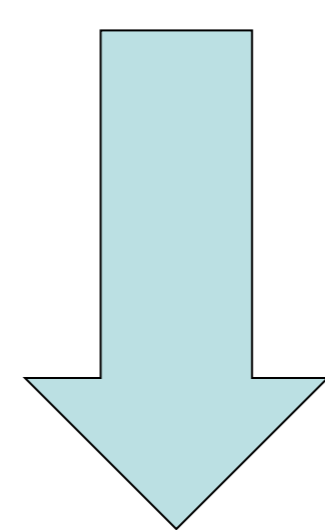


Background

Condition to use palliative care (PC):

being well informed about PC.

Research shows that this often doesn't seem to be the case .



Aims

- Development of a valid **self-report instrument** to investigate **knowledge and opinions about PC** for:
 - Professionals
 - Lay persons (potential users).
- A first **application of the instrument** (all first year nursing students of the university colleges within the Association Catholic University of Leuven).

Methods: development of instrument

Collection of content valid items:

- **interviewing** of palliative caregivers, non-palliative caregivers, potential users of PC and relatives. We interviewed until we reached a point of **saturation**.
- **reviewing all** items by 7 palliative care content experts and 2 language experts.
- **validity and reliability** of the items via a **Q-sort** procedure and a **test-retest procedure**.
- finally, a big **survey** among a group of **first year nursing students** took place.

Results

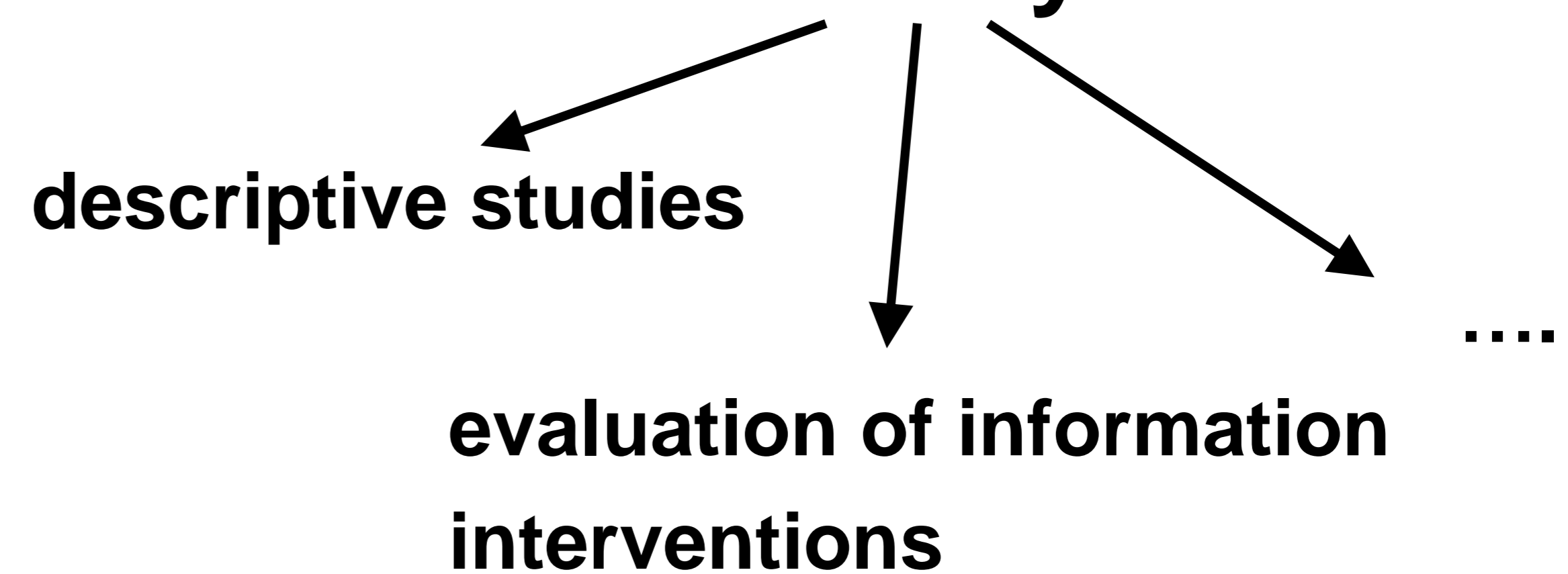
- **7 focusgroupinterviews** and **8 individual interviews**.
- A measuring instrument with **35 items** which can examine the image of PC

15 items examine the **opinion** of potential respondents

20 items gauge the level of **knowledge** of the Flemish palliative care provisions.

Conclusions

a measuring instrument that can be **used in different ways**



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