

2. Conflict, Parental Role—Parent experience of role confusion and conflict in response to crisis

Selected defining characteristics:

- Parent expressing concerns about changes in parental role
- A demonstrated disruption in care or caretaking routines
- Parent expressing concerns or feelings of inadequacy to provide for the child's physical and emotional needs during hospitalization or in the home
- Parent verbalizing or demonstrating feelings of guilt, anger, fear, anxiety, or frustration about effect of child's illness on family process

3. Family Processes, Interrupted—A change in family relationships or functioning

Selected defining characteristics:

- Expressions of conflict within the family
- Changes in communication patterns among family members

Of these three diagnoses, the most relevant one is Conflict, Parental Role. The parents demonstrate attachment behavior to their child and are attentive to his needs. They appear to have appropriate parenting skills and are able to communicate effectively with each other. Neither parent expressed any conflict within the family. The sudden onset of this child's illness has interrupted the mother's usual role and caused her to feel