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Title: Exclusion and inclusion of parents of hospitalized children in Norway in the period 1877 - 2017

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REVIEWER COMMENTS FROM REPORT: The author(s) applied Foucault's approach to explore and interpret the exclusion and inclusion of parents in the care of hospitalized children during specific periods of Norwegian history. The evidence of a shift in ideology, nursing education discourse and perceived best practices, and parent non-participation/participation in their children's care while in hospital is systematically presented. A limitation is that the abstract is largely repeated in the introduction to the article rather than summarized. It would have been helpful to describe some short excerpts from nursing texts to illustrate the normative claims identified.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

"Antibiotics were not widely available until the mid 1900s, so regardless of whether the idea about miasma or the theory of microbes prevailed as an explanatory model for infectious diseases, the focus on light, ventilation, and strict hygiene, forced isolation and extensive notification was key in preventing the spread of diseases [56]." It is unclear what "notification" means in this context.

"The texts give detailed descriptions of what causes dangerous exhalations in closed rooms with sick people and then describe how such exhalations may be prevented with ventilation, order, light, ventilation, and cleanliness." "Ventilation" is listed twice.

"The studies also indicate that when parents have been included, their need for relief has not always been met." Should "me" be "met"?
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