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Aims Over 250,000 children annually in the US and UK experience critical illnesses. Advances in medicine and care have significantly reduced mortality, with over 95% of patients that survive. However, the long term psychological and social impact, as reported by children and adolescents that survive critical illness, is unclear. This paper reports a systematic review and thematic synthesis of qualitative literature that aims to explore and understand these phenomena.

Methods CINAHL; MEDLINE; PCC; PsychINFO; ASSIA and Dissertation and Thesis Databases were searched between 1806 and February 2012. Studies were selected using eight predetermined criteria (e.g. only qualitative empirical studies) and methodological quality was assessed using two standardised checklists (1, 2). Thematic synthesis (3) was used to extract, code and synthesise data.

Results From the 1307 studies identified, three met the inclusion criteria which were all of moderate methodological quality. All included studies were conducted in the UK involving a total of 51 participants aged 1–25 years. Reasons for participant critical illness were predominantly due to head/spinal injury, sepsis, or malignancies.

Eighty-six codes and six novel themes emerged from the data. Themes included: confusion and uncertainty; other people’s narratives; focus on former self and normality; social isolation and loss of identity; transition and transformation. Analytical synthesis culminated in a framework which attempts to conceptualise the childhood survivors’ journey.

Conclusions Childhood critical illness can expose survivors to a complex trajectory of recovery with residual psychosocial adversity manifesting in the long-term. Health professionals need to comprehend and support the potential complex psychological and social needs that may occur. Further empirical research is required to explore and test the conceptual framework developed from this thematic synthesis.

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LONG-TERM PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT REPORTED BY CHILDHOOD CRITICAL ILLNESS SURVIVORS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND THEMATIC SYNTHESIS
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Introduction During the H1N1 2009 Pandemic season, all children ventilated on Paediatric Intensive Care (PICU) for respiratory failure had respiratory samples taken for virology screen.

H1N1 (2009) was declared eradicated both national and internationally in August 2010. We reviewed results of samples taken during and beyond this period and compared the respiratory isolates.

Methods All Nasopharyngeal Aspirates, Non–direct bronchoalveolar lavage or tracheal secretions from admissions in the months of September to April of 2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 were reviewed. The months of May to August of each year were regarded as off peak and so left out of the study. PICU admissions, discharges and death notifications records were correlated with virology reports.

Results Samples were processed from 287 PICU patients or episodes. 192 (67.1%) of the children were ages 0–2 years. (154)55.3% of the patients were male. One or more Respiratory viruses was isolated in 159 samples (55%). RSV accounted for 77(48.4%) of the positive samples, Rhinovirus 45 (28.6%), Para-influenza virus Type1–4, 14(6.8%), Adenovirus 9(5.7%), Pandemic H1N1 2009 8(5.1%), Influenza A or B 3(1.9%) and Human Metapneumovirus 2(1.3%). Coinfection was found in 12(7.5%) of the positive samples.

Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) was prescribed to positive cases in the population. Resistance to Oseltamivir was reported in one case treated. There were ten (3.4%) mortalities from the study population two of whom were positive for Pandemic H1N1 (2009). A serious co-morbidity was present in all 10(100%) mortalities. We isolated a virus in 7/10 (70.0%) deaths. No positive swabs for H1N1 (2009) was found after January 2011.

Conclusion While we continue to carry out surveillance for sporadic or seasonal cases of H1N1 (2009), with the pandemic truly over, resources need to be devoted to common respiratory viruses with greater burden of disease.

SEVERE DIABETIC KETOACIDOSIS: THE BENEFITS OF ‘PHONING A FRIEND’
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Aim To evaluate the management and outcome of children with severe DKA who were referred by different District General hospitals within the region to Regional retrieval team for advice.

Method Retrospective audit of all patients with diagnosis of DKA, referred to Regional Retrieval Team between November 2010 – June