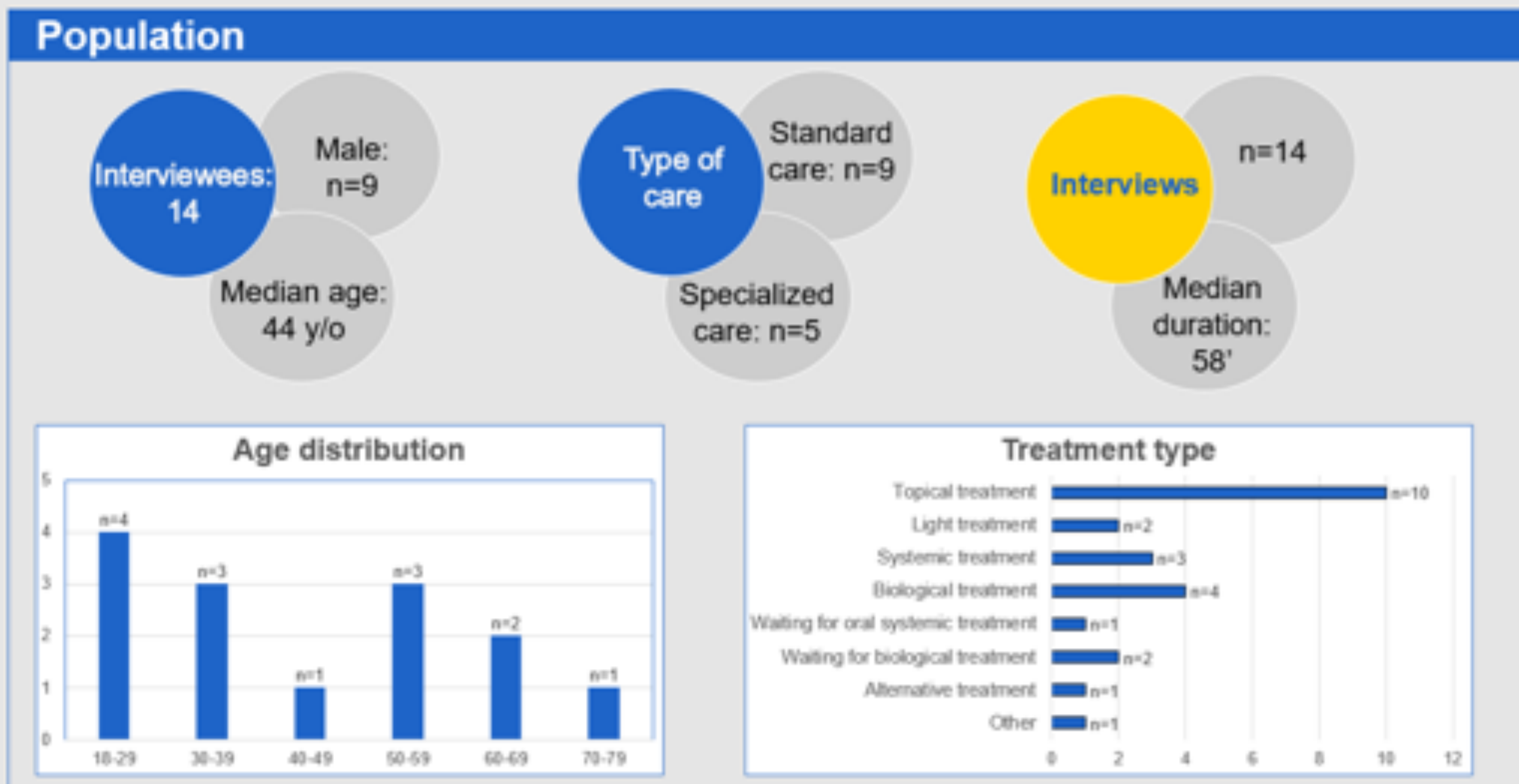


FILLING THE GAP IN PSORIASIS CARE: A QUALITATIVE STUDY ABOUT PATIENTS' NEEDS & EXPECTATIONS

EXPLORING THE ROLE OF A PSORIASIS NURSE SPECIALIST

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BACKGROUND

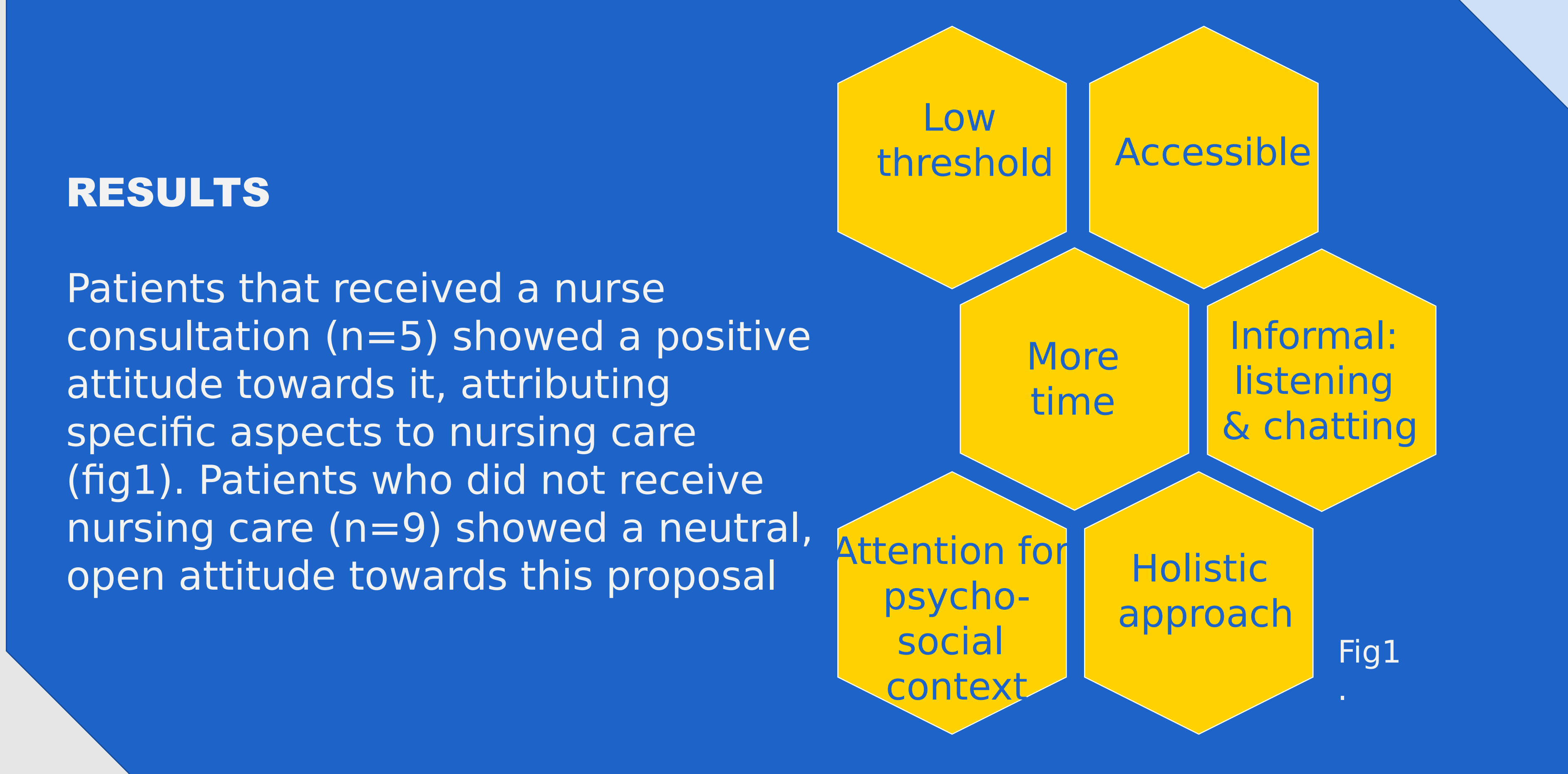
Although the need for a holistic approach in psoriasis management is known, there is still a gap with clinical practice. Nurse Specialists (NS) could be in the right position to take up a complementary role to meet these patient needs

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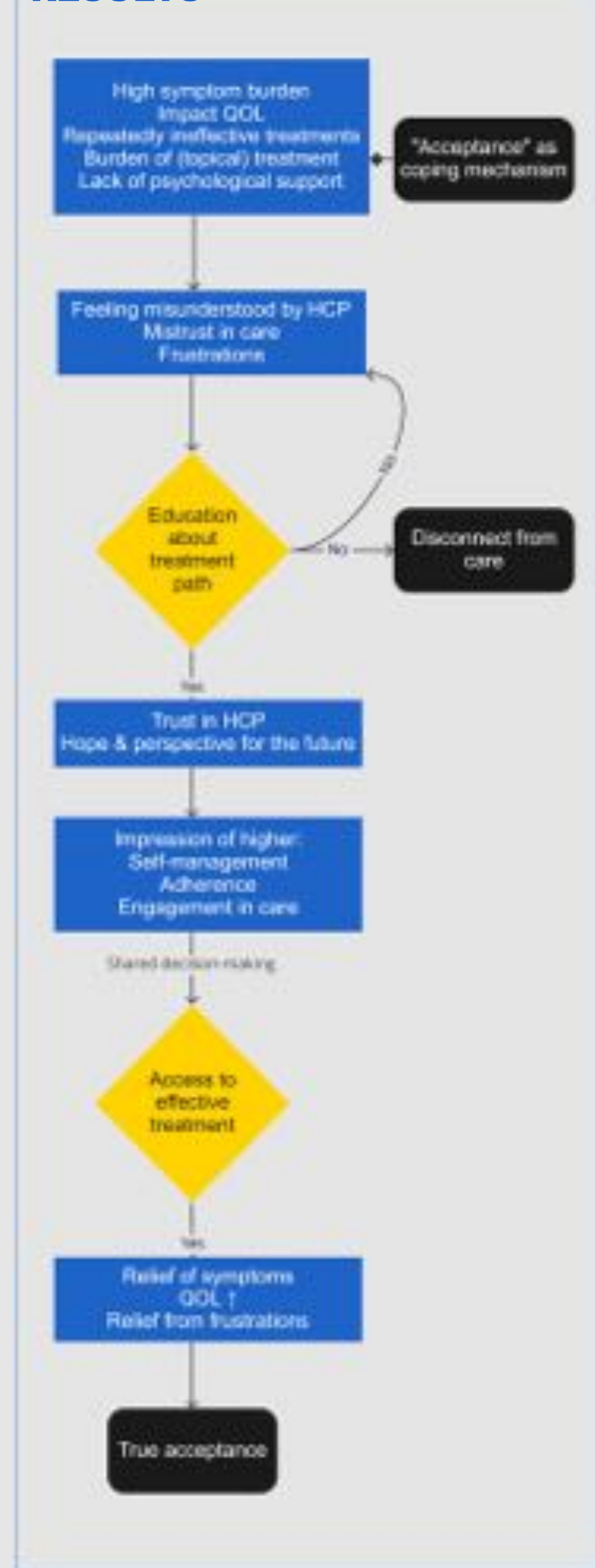
In-depth exploration of patients' their needs and expectations in current care, and more specifically towards NS

METHOD

Fourteen semi-structured interviews in a divers Flemish psoriasis



RESULTS



TAKE HOME MESSAGES

Two crucial turning points in care were identified: 'education about treatment path' and 'access to effective treatment', avoiding disconnection / improving patient engagement.

Patients valued **nurse consultations for the informal, holistic approach with more time available.**

Although the need for shared decision making is known, there is still a gap with clinical practice. NS are in the right position to educate patients about the treatment path. At the same time NS can address patients' psychosocial issues.

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