HYPOTHESES

Based on the review of literature the following hypotheses were proposed.

A. MENTAL HEALTH AND CHRONIC ILLNESS

1. Depression and Mental Health of Chronically Ill Adolescents

Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score lower on Depression in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental health.

2. Perceived Social Support and Mental Health of Chronically Ill Adolescents

Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score higher on Perceived Social Support in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental health.

3. Perceived Parental Bonding Dimensions and Mental Health of Chronically Ill Adolescents

3a Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score higher on Perceived Parental Care in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental Health.

3b Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score lower on Perceived Parental Over Protection in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental health.

4. Stress Measures and Mental Health of Chronically Ill Adolescents

4a Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score lower on Perceived Life Events Stress dimensions viz. Stressful Life Events in Past 1 year and Stressful Life Events in Life Time in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental health.
4b. Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score lower on **Stress Symptoms** in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental health.

5. **Ways of Coping and Mental Health of Chronically Ill Adolescents**

5a Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score higher on **Problem Focused Coping Styles** viz. Planful Problem Solving, Seeking Social Support, Accepting Responsibility, and Confrontive Coping in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental health.

5b Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score lower on **Emotion Focused Coping Styles** viz. Distancing, Self Control, Escape Avoidance and Positive Reappraisal in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental health.

6. **Eysenckian Personality Dimensions and Mental Health of Chronically Ill Adolescents**

6a Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score higher on **Extraversion** in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring low on mental health.

6b Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score lower on **Neuroticism and Psychoticism** in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring low on mental health.

7. **Self Esteem and Mental Health of Chronically Ill Adolescents**

Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score higher on **Self Esteem** in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental Health.
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8. Family Environment Dimensions and Mental Health of Chronically Ill Adolescents

8a. Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score higher on Relationship Dimension and its subscales viz. Expression and Cohesion, and lower on Conflict in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental health.

8b. Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score higher on Personal growth Dimension and its subscales viz. Independence, Achievement Orientation, Active Recreation Orientation, Intellectual Cultural Orientation, and Moral Religious emphasis in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental health.

8c. Chronically ill adolescents scoring higher on mental health were expected to score higher on System Maintenance Dimension and its subscales viz. Organization and lower on Control in comparison to chronically ill adolescents scoring lower on mental health.

B. GENDER DIFFERENCES AMONG CHRONICALLY ILL ADOLESCENTS

1. Depression and Gender Differences among Chronically ill Adolescents

Chronically ill male adolescents were expected to score lower on Depression in comparison to chronically ill female adolescents.

2. Perceived Social Support and Gender Differences among Chronically Ill Adolescents

Chronically ill male adolescents were expected to score lower on Perceived Social Support in comparison to chronically ill female adolescents.
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3. Perceived Parental Bonding Dimensions and Gender Differences among Chronically Ill Adolescents

Chronically ill male and female adolescents were expected to score differently on Perceived Parental Care and Perceived Parental Over Protection.

4. Stress Measures and Gender Differences among Chronically Ill Adolescents

Chronically ill male and female adolescents were expected to score differently on Stress Measures viz. Stressfulness of Life Events and Stress Symptoms.

5. Ways of Coping and Gender Differences among Chronically Ill Adolescents

5a. Chronically ill male adolescents were expected to score higher on Problem Focused Coping Styles viz. Planful Problem Solving, Seeking Social Support, Accepting Responsibility, and Confrontive Coping in comparison to chronically ill female adolescents.

5b. Chronically ill male adolescents were expected to score lower on Emotion Focused Coping Styles viz. Distancing, Self Control, Escape Avoidance, and Positive Reappraisal in comparison to chronically ill female adolescents

6. Eysenckian Personality Dimensions and Gender Differences among Chronically Ill Adolescents.

6a. Chronically ill male adolescents were expected to score higher on Extraversion, Psychoticism in comparison to chronically ill female adolescents.

6b. Chronically ill male adolescents were expected to score lower on Neuroticism in comparison to chronically ill female adolescents
7. **Self Esteem and Gender Differences among Chronically Ill Adolescents**

Chronically ill male adolescents were expected to score higher on Self Esteem in comparison to chronically ill female adolescents.

8. **Family Environment and Gender Differences among Chronically Ill Adolescents**

Chronically ill male and female adolescents were expected to perceive different dimensions of Family Environment viz. Relationship Dimension, Personal Growth Dimension and System Maintenance Dimension differently.