

**Abstract:**

Presented thesis deals with the evolution of the Psychiatric Hospital Kosmonosy in the period since 1918 until 1949. Author strives to explain the significance of institutional psychiatry within wider context of the social care system of interwar Czechoslovakia, particularly in the case of hospitalization fees and their impact upon the availability of the psychiatric care. In order to achieve the understanding of the operation of this particular hospital, as well as diverse tasks of psychiatry within individual stages of the researched period, this thesis employs analysis of the economic policies of the institution, its' relation to the other psychiatric hospitals, particularly to those in Bohemia, and the development of the demographics of the institution within investigated period. The thesis also explores the significance of the deployment of patients as labour force as means of therapy as well as a part of economic strategy of the psychiatric hospitals in said era.