

Abstract:

This bachelor thesis focuses on deaf parents of cochlear implanted children. The introductory chapter of the theoretical part introduces both existing views of deafness. Second chapter describes the possible attitudes towards cochlear implantation – opinions of experts, of Deaf community and also of general public. Views of pediatric implantation are also included, with particular focus on view of Deaf community. The last part presents specifics of cochlear implantation in deaf children of deaf parents in the Czech Republic, Germany and in the USA.

The main aim of the practical part is to discover on what basis make deaf parents decision about an implantation of their child and how they assess their decision.

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