

## Abstract

The topic of this work - social work in palliative care - is very up-to-date because in the last three years, thanks to the "Together until the end" program of the Avast Foundation Fund, specialized palliative care has been introduced in eighteen Czech hospitals, which is a response to the fact that 78% of the citizens of the Czech Republic die in healthcare facilities. The goal of the thesis was to answer the research question: "How do social workers at the Central Military Hospital in Prague who have experience with clients in the terminal stage of illness describe the means to achieve the goals of social work in palliative care in the hospital?" To find out the answer to this question, we have used the Grounded theory research method and realized a research in the CMH in Prague. The main findings of the research consist in describing the objectives of social work in palliative care in the hospital as understood by the respondents, and in the description of the means used to achieve these goals and the links between them. These objectives are: *the client's wishes* and *the quality of life with dignified dying* and among the means is *the relationship between the social worker, the client and the family*; *social counselling* and *family care*. Other findings include a description of the needs of those families which social workers encounter most often in palliative care. The needs are named as follows: *it is well cared of him*; *I know what is going on* and *emotional support*. The contribution of the work lies in the reflection of social work with terminally ill clients and their families in the hospital. Further research could look deeper into the question of family needs or reflection on the use of social methods when working with the client and his family.