

Abstract

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The aim of this bachelor's essay is to find out what the quality of life is like for people who were cured of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Quantitative research was used to examine the quality of the patients' lives. The theoretical part of this essay deals with the lymphatic system, especially its anatomy, followed by the specifics of the Hodgkin's Lymphoma. A part of this essay was dedicated to patients' nursing care. A separate chapter is focused on the patients' quality of life. The contents of the chapters in the theoretical part is the basis of the implemented research. The quality of life of 40 patients was investigated in the research part. The respondents suffered Hodgkin's lymphoma. The quality of life was examined using questionnaires. We can say that the treatment is evaluated favorably by patients. The interviewed patients would agree to the same treatment if they decided again.

Patients would recommend the same treatment to their relative or friend. The bachelor thesis also examined the relations between selected variables. The relation between the patient's gender and other variables was studied. The gender affects the marital status of our patients. Next investigation concerned the relation between the highest patient education and other variables. The work studied the effect of regular medication taking by the patient. Patients who are still taking medication have felt during the past month that the disease is limiting them in their work. Patient psychological stress was investigated. The psychological stress caused by the disease and treatment is related to the patient's self confidence. Patients had a problem with fatigue during the last month.

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