

# ANNOTATION

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The bachelor's thesis deals with the subjective perception of cardiac surgery patients, being hospitalized in the standard department of the Cardiac Surgery Clinic of the University Hospital Hradec Králové, on their cardiac surgery. The thesis is divided into two parts, the theoretical and empirical. The theoretical part describes the general history and present state of cardiosurgery, possible indications leading to cardiac surgery, the selection of surgical approaches and the patient's standard preoperative and postoperative care process. The theoretical part is also focused on the subjective perception on the illness, the individuality and diagnosis of the subjective perception of the illness and also theoretical approaches leading to the assessment of the patient's disease.

The empirical part focuses on a questionnaire survey based on the patient's subjective experience of the heart disease and this part is supplemented by interviews with four selected patients who have undergone the heart surgery. The thesis aim is the evaluation of the results according to the severity and understanding of the heart disease, on the patient's view of heart disease, and its social aspects. The results of the research were compared to those from the previous years dealing with the same topic. This bachelor thesis has shown that the patient's perception of the illness has not changed in many aspects despite the increasing quality of contemporary healthcare. It is important to see the patient as a holistic being, to take into account his or her previous experience, individuality and constantly support him or her to improve his or her health in the future.