

Abstract

This thesis focuses on the social context of deaf patients' hospitalization. Its aim is to describe the experiences of deaf patients with hospitalization. The thesis focuses primarily on communication, patient rights, awareness, adaptation of deaf patients to the environment and the concept of Deaf Friendly Hospital. The data were obtained by way of semi-structured interviews. The benefit of this thesis is that the hospitalization is described from the deaf patients view not from the medical staff one. The research results pointed to shortcomings in healthcare facilities and in access of their staff to deaf patients.

Key words: deaf, communication with the deaf, patient's rights, deaf patient, hospitalization of the deaf.