

ABSTRACT

This diploma thesis deals with mapping of the situation in three Prague hospitals after the introduction of the smoke-free law, the differences in the procedure of introducing changes due to the law in hospitals that are members of The Global Network for Tobacco Free Healthcare Services (GNTH) and one common hospital, on the problematics of smoking among medical staff and its attitude towards smoke-free law. The theoretical part describes the prevalence of smoking in the Czech Republic, the prevalence of smoking of health professionals in the Czech Republic and the prevalence of smoking of health professionals in international comparison. It deals with smoking as the main health risk factor, the Network of Non-Smoking Hospitals and in the last part the legal anchoring of the smoke-free law and its international comparison again. In the research part, the implementation of the law in three Prague hospitals and attitudes to the law, both for health care workers and representatives of hospital management, are examined using a combination of a questionnaire survey and semi-structured interviews. Data analysis provides information on smoking prevalence among hospital employees, the view of adopting and applying the law in practice from the position of employees and management representatives and their observations and suggestions for possible changes or amendments.

Keywords

Smoking, smoke-free law, health professionals, tobacco, smoking prohibition