Abstract

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The bachelor thesis is focused on patients' experience of their transfer to the sanatorium of long term diseased (LDN), the way they perceive this facility and what they knows about it. The goal of the theoretical part is to present LDN, their position in the health care system, history of their origin and also their stereotype in society. The thesis also deals with somatic, psychological and social changes associated with aging. Finally, it discusses the concept of adaptation and the factors that affect it, focusing on the adaptation of seniors to the conditions in long-term care facilities.

A semi-structured interview was used in the research. It was made in collaboration with three respondents with no previous experience with hospitalization in LDN whatsoever. The respondents' individual experience with the transfers into LDN were processed through the method of interpretative phenomenological analysis (IPA). The results provide a view into different patients' ideas of LDN and experiences associated with the transfer to LDN.