

Abstract

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The bachelor thesis examines the opinion of general/practical nurses and social workers on the legalization of euthanasia in the Czech Republic. It also examines the influence of faith on this opinion. Further there is mentioned here the palliative care and previously expressed wishes. The theoretical part focuses on death, stages of dying, autonomy, needs and quality of life of the dying. Further general information includes definitions, history, and individual kinds of euthanasia. It also describes countries in which euthanasia is legal, the situation and the legalisation efforts in the Czech Republic, as well as arguments for and against and previously expressed wishes. Finally, palliative care is briefly mentioned. The practical part is based on the results of a quantitative questionnaire, which is aimed at general/practical nurses and social workers and deals with the above-mentioned issues of euthanasia.