

## **Abstract**

The bachelor thesis deals with the nurse's assessment of pain intensity – its possibilities and reality. The theoretical part of the thesis focuses on the overall issue of pain. It includes a brief definition of pain and its treatment options. In particular, it highlights the importance of a correct assessment of intensity, which is one of the key elements of a correct and effective pain management procedure. The practical part presents the results of the research investigation, for which the method of a structured interview and direct covert observation was used. The investigation was conducted only in the Ústřední vojenská nemocnice, therefore these results cannot be applied nationwide. The aim of this paper is to assess the methods to assess pain intensity, which is defined in the standard of the Ústřední vojenská nemocnice. To determine whether these methods are used and, more importantly, whether they lead to effective assessment and thus help to maximize the reduction or complete elimination of pain. The sub-objective was to find a more appropriate method to help ensure this in the event of inappropriate practice.

The nurse plays a very important role in this issue and in the whole process of pain intensity assessment, which was confirmed by the results of the research investigation.