

Abstract

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The main goal of the GAUK project is to provide a comprehensive overview of the needs of vulnerable older patients who are provided health care. The project is focused on three areas, which are: the needs of patients with dementia, the needs of geriatric patients at home and the needs of geriatric patients in hospital care. Partial goals are the exploration of current knowledge of the issue based on a review of Czech and foreign literature. The aim of the survey is to find out attitudes and opinions on satisfying needs from the perspective of patients and healthcare professionals. The practical goal is to create recommendations for good practice for the health care of these patients.

The dissertation consists of a total of seven publications. At the time of writing, three papers have been published in Czech peer-reviewed journals and two publications abroad. The two articles are in the submission process. The work is supplemented by an introductory and concluding chapter. The introductory part provides basic information on the population ageing and an insight into the the needs of patients in hospital care. Current problems of care for these patients are also presented here. Given that part of the articles were published in foreign periodicals, their full texts are presented in Czech, and in English as part of the appendix of this work. The conclusion of the thesis is devoted to the discussion and recommended tools for identifying and assessing the needs of the older pateint and the key information necessary for current practice.

Key words

Needs of patients, older/elderly people, hospital care, quality of care