

Abstract

This Bachelor thesis is about surrogacy and consists of theoretical and practical part.

The theoretical part is focused on the topic of infertility and assisted reproduction, mainly by the issue of assisted reproduction in surrogacy. It is also focused on legislation of surrogacy and assisted reproduction, the ethical part of surrogacy and on questions that arise for de lege ferenda debates.

The main aim of this thesis is to sum up knowledge about surrogacy into well-arranged chapters and by that to raise the awareness about surrogacy in professional but also wider public. The next aim is to find out the knowledge and attitude of midwives from labour rooms, from the department of puerperium and the department of physiological newborns and to make few reflections about the attitude of the staff to surrogacy. One of the last aims of this thesis is to suggest a manual for care procedure about surrogate mother, the infertile couple and the baby.

For the practical part of the Bachelor thesis was used a questionnaire and was performed since 1st of February 2022 until 31st of March 2022 towards the whole Czech republic. The target group were midwives from labour rooms, from the department of puerperium and midwives/child nurses from the department of physiological newborns. The questionnaire was sent to the respondents in electronic form and 16 questions were included. The respondents were acquainted with the aims of the Bachelor thesis and were assured about the anonymity.

The results of the questionnaires were that 95 % of asked professionals did hear about the topic of surrogacy and 84 % experienced surrogacy in their own job. It also showed that mostly positive experiences were in their job more than the negative and 83 % perceive the surrogacy as relevant topic in the Czech Republic. It was also summed up that the complicated legislative and complex character of the topic made the answers about their knowledge of legislation very diverse. 96 % of the asked consider surrogacy as inadequately defined. Out of ten research questions were five of them confirmed.

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