

Summary

The bachelor's thesis titled *Dying and death in a hospital from the perspective of social work* examines the approach of social work towards the phenomenon of dying and death in a hospital setting.

In the theoretical part, I discuss the evolution of our attitudes towards death and the role of palliative medicine in this process. I define for the purpose of social work in the hospital and highlight the indispensable role of social workers in end-of-life care. I introduce readers to the functioning of the palliative care team and clarify the significance of developing hospital-based palliative care. In the final chapter, I aim to explore in more details the nature of social work with dying patients and their families.

In the practical part, I focus on the attitudes of healthcare social workers towards dying and death in the hospital. This section is based on qualitative research and information gathered from semi-structured interviews.