

Abstract

This bachelor thesis describes dying from the view of nurses and compares implementing principles of palliative care of the dying patient lying on a hospital bed with care in a hospice. **The goal** of this work was to find out how nurses with practice in both types of institutions look at this care and what differences between them they recognize.

The theoretical part involves definitions of basic notions and introduces the whole themes of dying to the reader. Also basic principles, thoughts and values, that palliative medicine has and practices, will be mentioned. Further it submits basic information about history of this specialization in our country and also in the world, approaches typical expressions and problems of a dying patient and explains what specifics the hospice institutions have and what kind of care they provide. For the comparison, there will be also described how the palliative care for the patient in the terminal phase lying on a hospital bed is implemented. The basis for this part will be mainly appropriate literature and internet sources.

For the **empirical part the method** of qualitative research was chosen. It works with informations gained from interviews with four nurses that have the experience with a dying patient from their earlier practice in a hospital and who are taking care about these patients in hospice institutions now. So they have the needed comparison, thanks to this they can describe the differences between dying in hospices and hospitals. They can also with their own view and opinion convey if it's important to have hospice institutions and in where they see their benefit for a society. Interviews were recorded and then completely overwritten and analyzed formally. Thanks to this there were found several areas in which participants express to questions concerning palliative care and they share their experiences from the hospital and the hospice ambience. **The results** show up that nurses are rather tending to the opinion that the hospice surroundings is much more better for dying patients than the hospital one. They are exemplifying this with many memories and perceptions of their own practice. Subsequent discussion about results from the research and **the conclusion** deal with questions opened in interviews and polemize about options of another establishing on research and about recommendations for practice that follow from it.