

Abstract

Bachelor thesis „Spiritual Needs of Patients in Hospital Setting“ deals with issue of patient's need and their saturation in healthcare facilities. **The objective of this thesis** was to determine importance of spiritual needs to patients and map obstacles in their saturation. **In theoretical section** is presented overview of theories of needs and description of specific aspects of spiritual needs. Next it is presented comprehensive overview of spiritual care in hospital setting. It describes importance of spiritual needs in nursing process – assessment of spiritual needs and patient's spiritual history, nurses diagnostics, nurses interventions, role of multidisciplinary team and questionnaires used in evaluation of spiritual needs. **In empirical section** are presented results of this respective investigation and their comparison with results of scientific papers. **Chosen Method** was standardized questionnaire FACIT Sp 12 supplemented with questionnaire devised by author, which was distributed among patient FN Motol. In this thesis were included 62 properly filled in questionnaires. **Results:** Positive relation between extent of saturation of spiritual needs and quality of life in patients were demonstrated. Positive relation was demonstrated between saturation of spiritual needs and patients spiritual creed and active spiritual practices. This effect was observed in ability of day-to-day function and life enjoyment. In patients who were spiritually active was demonstrated positive effect on emotional state of these patients. **Conclusion:** Resulting from this research is importance of integration of spiritual care into nurses practice. Important is maintenance of spiritual community and encouragement of spiritual practice for their positive effect on quality of patient's life quality.

Keywords

Spiritual need, spiritual care in nursing, theory of needs, FACIT Sp 12

