

Abstract

The bachelor thesis deals with the hospitalization of a child and all the factors that affect other family members in connection with the child's admission to a medical facility. The theoretical part of the thesis focuses on the child, the perception of illness, the impact of hospitalization on the child, as well as on the family, siblings and cooperation with medical staff. The empirical part is based on a quantitative research investigation and analysis of the data collected. **The aim** of the empirical part was to find out whether the child's hospitalization affects the family, family life and siblings. A quantitative **research method** was used using a non-standardized questionnaire of own design, which was intended for parents of children hospitalized in pre-selected wards of Motol University Hospital. 123 completed questionnaires were included in the actual survey. **The research** results of the survey show that parents of hospitalized children do not have sufficient support from the medical staff. The greatest support is provided by the family, which also provides help in the home and with other children. In conclusion, after evaluating the data collected, I believe it is important and could be beneficial to explore this issue in more detail. **The results** of the investigation will be forwarded to the management of the respective departments of Motol Hospital so that corrections can be made.