

ABSTRACT

This diploma thesis is focused on the concepts of femininity in relation to coping with breast cancer. The aim is to research how women with breast cancer perceive their bodies, what forms of care occur during the treatment and what kind of support they receive from their loved ones. In order to achieve the set goals, the qualitative research was conducted between November 2023 and February 2024 using semi-structured interviews as the main methodological tool to obtain empirical data. The results of this thesis will be used for educational purposes for social and social health workers, as well as for health professionals dealing with said oncological disease. As part of professional social counseling, it can be used as a guide material for women with breast cancer.

Key words: breast cancer, body image, loss of breast, chemotherapy, forms of care, ethics of care, social services, qualitative research, semi-structured interviews