

Abstract

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This bachelor thesis deals with the topic of vaccination of children and adolescents. The topic was chosen because of its constant topicality. The thesis is divided into theoretical and practical parts.

The theoretical part deals with the history and origin of vaccination, introduction of vaccination into practice, explanation of the concepts of immunization and vaccination, classification of vaccines, principles of proper application and storage of vaccines, legislative framework of vaccination in the Czech Republic, compulsory and recommended vaccinations, benefits and risks of vaccination, side effects of vaccines, refusal of vaccination and its consequences, myths concerning vaccination and, due to recent events, one chapter of the theoretical part is also devoted to vaccination in relation to pandemic situations. In the empirical part, we focus on parents' awareness of compulsory and noncompulsory vaccination as well as their attitudes towards this topic.