

Abstrakt:

**Title:** Pathological gambling as a growing problem in our society.

**Objektiv of the work:** The aim of the work is to give an overview of the current pathological gambling in the Czech Republic on winning machines. Further to clarify the extent to which pathological gambling concerns of women and to make comparison of gambling and development techniques the winning machines in the selected casino in the center of the capital Prague to 2006.

**Method:** Research of available literature and media sources, the observation of pathological groups of players in the Psychiatric Hospital in Bohnice, selected casino in the center of Prague and interviews with staff from the casino.

**Results:** The total number of players over a period of observation in 2009 was almost the same as in 2006. There was however an increase in the number of women playing in the casino by 5% compared to 2006.

**Keywords:** pathological playing, pathological player, gambling, winning machines, casino, addiction