

ABSTRACT

Bachelor thesis is focused on finding the awareness and attitudes of nurses towards organ donation. The work is divided into two parts—theoretical and empirical. In the theoretical part summarizes available data on the history and development in this field, applicable legislation is mentioned, care for organ donors and overview of the current situation of organ donation, along with current trends. Empirical part took the form of quantitative research, which was conducted by anonymous questionnaires. The aim was to determine nurses' awareness about organ donation organization, determine their orientation in the field of diagnosis of brain death, to map the contemporary practice in the care of a dead donor organs and detect personal attitude on the issue of donation. Respondents were nurses that during their practice on the wards encounter this issue. Questionnaires were distributed on anesthesiology and resuscitation department of Central Military Hospital—Military University Hospital in Prague, then to the operating room and intensive inpatient department of intensive and resuscitation care at the Institute for Clinical and Experimental Medicine. Investigation was attended by 96 nurses. In results, we found that the principle of presumed consent to organ donation in the Czech Republic is notified by 93,75 % of respondents. Proof of cerebral circulation arrest as proof of brain death correctly said 76,04 % of those surveyed, none of the respondents said definitely not to the removal of organs after death. Only in the case, if it was his organs, stated their opposition to donating 3,13 % of respondents. The work may serve as a basis for the continuing education of nurses, quality of nursing care and also help to improve interdisciplinary communication. Finally, thanks to a better understanding of this complex issue, the conclusions of the work may also contribute to the search for ways of positive communication and cooperation on the part of donors and recipients.

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