

The main topic of this diploma thesis is to describe the rights and needs of children, focused on children rights in the hospitals as embedded in the ethical codex of the Charter of the Rights of Children in Hospital.

The theoretical part summarizes the rights of hospitalized children, basic human needs and developmental specifics of a schoolchild or adolescent. It is concerned with negative consequences of not satisfying the children's needs and describes the symptoms.

The main part of this thesis is a descriptive treatise with the aim to map the knowledgeability of the Charter of the Rights of Children in Hospital among the child patients, hospitalized at three Prague teaching facilities providing medically preventive pediatric care. Part of this thesis is also an evaluation of the fulfillment of the individual rights in the Chart in praxis. A small clinical treatise was carried out for this purpose. The data was collected with a voluntary and anonymous questionnaire. 53 respondents in the age of 6 to 18 years comprised the studied data set.

The results provided the most important deficit in the child patient's knowledgeability of the Chart. Not even 1/3 of the respondents was aware of its existence. The doctors and nurses played a minority role in familiarizing patients with the Chart. Individual rights of the Chart were employed incompletely and concerned the following problems: insufficient support of hospitalizing a child older than 6 years with a parent, a feeling of the child's insufficient knowledge about the diagnosis and therapy and insufficient respect to the child's right to participate in the decisions about offered medical care.

On the basis of these results preventive recommendations for the medical facilities were devised, with regard to the family and society background, in order to increase the knowledgeability of the Chart among the children and general public and to minimize the incompletenesses in employing the rights stated in this significant document.