

Diploma work „Mental Illness in the beginning of institutionalization of Czech psychiatry in 19th and 20th century“ informs about the slow change in view on the madness phenomenon in European history. This change from religious to medical care is very clear in the period of Enlightenment. Reflection of this change from religious to medical care is also vivid in the Czech environment in 1869–1914. In my approach to this problem were very important the medical reports from the Mental Sanatorium in Kosmonosy (these reports are from 1908–1910). In these materials I could study this medical turn in medical care about madmen. I raised the question of the role of physicians and psychiatrists in this process and I was also interested in the issue of mental stigmatization and its impact on social cooperation between mental illness and „normal“ society.