

## Resumé

This work deals with three areas of medical law, which are abortion, sterilization and assisted reproduction. These all three areas are characterized by a common role of women (patient) and the child to be born or not. A thesis describes the current legislation in comparison with the draft Law on specific health services, which was in November 2008 approved by the Government and now is in Parliament.

The issue of abortion, as an intervention, which terminates pregnancy, set out the general interpretation, explanation of terminology, outlining the views of opponents and supporters of abortions and history of these treatments. It is also described current legislation and made its assessment in terms of application experience. There are pointed out the changes that will bring the new law. There are two examples of case law. Subsequently, it is made an international comparison.

Chapter relating to sterilization as a treatment, which ultimately deprives a woman of fertility, contains the first general outline of the issues and provides some historical context. The work describes the current legislation in the Czech Republic. Within each of the relevant legislation is provided a reference to some inaccuracies, outdated passages and the difficulties in practice. It also offeres an abstract of two thematic cases. This work also describes the cases of sterilization, which were previously carried out on Roma women. Finally, it is made comparison of sterilization and abortion.

The issue of assisted reproduction, which means the various techniques of handling the ovum, sperm and embryo, is the third main topic of this work. All of these methods should help infertile couple to find alternative ways to have their own child. It is made a description of techniques of artificial insemination and the most frequently used methods, including the ethically questionable surrogate motherhood. The current legislation is solved, in comparison with new passages of draft Law on the specific health services. There are described three cases of decision-making by the courts. It is made also a comparison with some foreign laws.

At the end of the work there is a chapter on the legal responsibility of a doctor. The various aspects of responsibility are described, especially *criminal, civil and disciplinary*. There are also some recommendations for solving the medical-legal disputes.