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This bachelor thesis deals with the quality of life of breast cancer patients who suffer from lymphedema. The theoretical part focuses on lymphedema, its treatment, complications and associated limitations in the life of the patient and on the definition of quality of life. Lymphedema is a treatable disease, but it is not always curable. It restricts patients both physically and mentally.

The practical part describes the research by means of an anonymous questionnaire. The examined sample consisted of 41 patients who were treated in the Lymphocentre in Náchod and in Nové Město nad Metují. These patients underwent surgery for breast cancer, were within 5 years of the completed cancer treatment and suffer from lymphedema of their hand. The obtained results showed that after the lymphedema treatment 98 % patients showed alleviation of somatic difficulties and improvement in the quality of their lives.