Summary

The purpose of my thesis is to analyse criminal aspects of the relationship between a doctor and an patient. The reason for my research is that I think this topic does not recive enough attention in Czech republic as it deserves.

The thesis is composed of five chapters, each of them dealing with different aspects of doctors criminal lability. I dedicated m attention only to doctors criminal lability, not to the criminal liability of patient.

Chapter One is introductory and defines basic terminology used in the thesis as types of lability, basic aspects of relationship between doctor and patient, medical experiment, specific aspects of criminal lability in medicine and another terminology which is often used in medical law. The chapter is divided in nine parts.

Chapter Two is dedicated to crimes which are usually committed by doctors practising their profession. The chapter is divided five parts, using the same system and order as in czech Penal Code.

Chapter Three is subdivided in two parts. Part one is dedicated to euthanasia and legal problems which are united with euthanasia. Chapter three examines relevant czech legislation and problems in czech legislation united with euthanasia. This part of chapter also deals with advantages and disadvantages of euthanasia. Part two is dedicated to assisted suicide.

Chapter Four concentrates on problems resulting from living will and do not resuscitate instructions. This chapter also examines czech legislation and describes advantages and disadvantages of living will and DNR instructions.

Conclusions and recommendations are drawn in Chapter Five. In Chapter five I suggest that a new legislation should be bassed.