

Abstract

This diploma thesis deals with the application of the information literacy concept in the healthcare, focusing on patients' information literacy development. Firstly, the Czech and U. S. model of health care system are briefly introduced with regard to their different impact on patients' active participation in health care. Subsequently, preconditions for the emergence and development of the concept of health information literacy are described with emphasis on the terminology. The core of the thesis is focused on the description, analysis, and evaluation of selected activities of U. S. professional associations and organisations. The last part is aimed at selection of the appropriate activity for implementation in the Czech context and at the survey in the selected Czech professional libraries, which is oriented at the state of activities for information literacy development and implementation of selected activity.