

## **ABSTRACT**

This study presents problems of assessment and monitoring of pain. Among other things, the study took into consideration different aspects of nursing care in several intensive care internal units. It is divided into two parts. The first part (theoretical) concerns pain directly, e.g. typologies, diagnostics, assessment, treatment, nurse's role and ethical aspects. The second part (practical) concerns the methods of assessment and monitoring of pain, compares nurse's opinions and the level of their knowledge about aspects of pain. Information for analyses were drawn from the survey carried out amongst nurses. The results of this study will help to improve nursing care to patients in hospitals.

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