

Abstract: This bachelor's thesis deals with the care of oral cavity for hospitalized children and compares the standards of oral cavity care for children hospitalized in standard pediatric wards with those for children hospitalized in the pediatric bone marrow transplant unit.

The thesis provides the anatomical and physiological background information on oral care, describes the most common pathological issues, stresses the importance of proper mouth care and explains how to practise oral hygiene and solve potential oral cavity problems. The empirical part of the thesis analyses the results of quantitative interview methods. By doing survey research I found out what the standard care of oral cavity was like and how hospitalization and treatment affected oral hygiene practices. At the same time I compared the mouth care practised in both of the above mentioned wards and determined the level of awareness among hospitalized children's parents.

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