

Annotation

JIROUSKOVA, Klara. Humane attitude to the dying patient in nursing.

Bachelor's work

The topic, I've chosen for my bachelor's work is dealing with problems in humane attitude of nursing staff to the dying patient. The study is dedicated to those, who are daily faced to death on their wards, and feel themselves not to be familiar with appropriate approach to the dying patient- mostly to the medical staff in hospitals.

This bachelor's work is composed of two parts – theoretical and empirical.

In the first, theoretic part, I've focused on the process of dying, with it's stages, on the patient's reactions to the threatening death, and also on the mental changes, dying man have to go through in this process. The study is concerning the specific needs of terminally ill patients, as well as, the possibilities of psychological help. Particular attention is paid to the euthanasia, to the palliative and hospice care. The study is trying to clarify, that euthanasia, with respect to the palliative and hospice care, can not be regarded as a "dignified death". Study deals also with the "burn out" syndrome that usually affects nursing staff taking care mostly of critically ill patients, pointing out its causes, process, and possible prevention. The last part shows the death phenomenon, as an eliminative mean of the fear of death.

The second, empirical part is aimed to evaluate the nursing staff attitude to the dying patients on the beginning of their practice, and than within several years afterwards. The study is trying to monitor the nurses' experiences with dying patients' behavior and to determine their knowledge in the fields, which were discussed in theoretic part of the work. The chapters in empirical part deal with research endpoints, inquired pattern, and with chosen method of questionnaire investigation.

The inquiry was made among the pattern of 60 medical nurses at the hospital in Jablonec nad Nisou. Answers, acquired from the questionnaires are posted in tables, and presented in graphs, the results are than discussed. In discussion, there is individual research topic commented, posing impulse to thought.

From the questionnaire investigation came out, that the most sensitive approach to dying patients present and the most knowledge in this field have the nurses in their 6th to 15th year of practice. The result of the investigation is the fact, that the palliative care and the need of more hospices is not sufficiently advertised. The euthanasia has many supporters, yet.

Therefore, it's essential to point to this problem not only during the study on medical schools, but also discuss this problem on sessions and workshops with already experienced medical staff, in order to expand their knowledge in the field."

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