

## **ABSTRACT**

This thesis discusses the theme: „The principles of the safe administration of medication and its impact on the quality of care“. This work is divided into two sections - theoretical and practical. The main purpose of the theoretical part is to focus on recapping the theories of quality in healthcare, especially in terms of safety for patients during medication administration. The drugs are the most frequently used therapeutic means of the modern medicine and therefore the topic of safe administration is so often the matter of discussion. Theoretical part of my thesis defines quality in healthcare and also includes chapters about methods for improving the quality and standardization of health care. This work presents an effective tools for dealing with misconducts and describes possible reasons and causes of patient's harm during the administration processes.

The practical part of the thesis is dedicated to the content analysis of the selected nursing standards from hospitals within the Czech Republic. The main objective of this thesis is to compare the formal and practical aspects of nursing standards (injection administration) in three different health care facilities with regards to the structural, procedural and results criteria. The results of the content analysis are compared with respect to a predetermined hypothesis. Recommendations, which should contribute to improve the quality of nursing standards for injection administration, are listed in the conclusion.