

# ANNOTATION

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Subject of this bachelor thesis is focused on how nurses deal with passing away and death.

The theoretical part covers passing away, death, communication skills of nurses, their opinions on telling patients the truth about their health state, pain and approach of nurses towards terminally ill patients and their relatives.

The practical part deals with the approach of nurses in taking a care for dying patients and identifies and compares whether there are any differences in the way of the care for dying at the intensive care unit and department of internal medicine. Nurses here describe the difficulties they feel in treating dying patients, how they behave towards their relatives, what they would like to change in the care for the dying. How do they cope with dying and death, whether they are concerned about their own death and whether they ever think about the way they would like to die.