Abstract

The aim of this study is to analyze gender differences in perception of hagiotherapy in therapeutic process of men and women addiction treatment in the Psychiatric hospital Bohnice.

The first part of the thesis is intended to be a theoretical framework for the following practical survey and this part deals with the terms of gender, gender differences in addiction, gender specific addiction and recovery treatment and describes the existential psychotherapy, the group psychotherapy and hagiography as a special form of group existential psychotherapy.

The second part of the thesis deals with the research, which contains utterances of 16 respondents who took part in the hagiotherapy in the Psychiatric hospital Bohnice. A method of semi-structured interview was used and the utterances were analyzed in detail in order to reveal gender differences. The method of the open and axial coding were used, particular categories were described and compared.

The research part of the thesis confirms that there truly are major gender differences between men and women in treatment, but not in the perception of the hagiotherapy, but in the way they process singular impulses and in the way they are affected by the hagiotherapy. Gender plays a major role in several aspects and the most significant differences can be seen in the interactions between the patients themselves with the therapists.

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