

Abstract

Spiritual care for the sick and its organization in three hospitals

The aim of this thesis is to describe and compare the organization of spiritual care at Sisters of Mercy of St. Borromeo Hospital, University Hospital in Motol and Psychiatric Hospital Bohnice. The first part presents theoretical knowledge in the area of spiritual needs of patients and the provision of spiritual care. The practical part analyzes the provision of spiritual care in the selected hospitals. The practical part is based on information which was given in interviews with spiritual care providers in selected hospitals. Their statements are divided into topics allowing comparison. This thesis describes the development of spiritual care in the institution, the organization of a team of spiritual care providers, education and type of employment. It examines nature and availability of spiritual care, cooperation with the health departments. The purpose of this thesis is to highlight the state of providing spiritual care in hospitals in Prague and to induce a discussion on the topic.

Keywords

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