Summary

The concept of personality rights and their protection, as well as the view on provision of health services has changed a lot. In relation to recent development in the field of private law there is a need to examine the aspects of personality rights separately and also in broughter context. This Master’s thesis sets as its goal to follow the current legislation and to point out situations where the personality rights can be especially endangered. The second goal is to evaluate current legal issues in foreign countries of the protection of personality rights in relation to the provision of health services in order to see if there is a probability that Czech law will have to deal with similar problems in the future as well.

In the first part the concept of personality rights and their protection is introduced. The aspects related to the provision of health services that may be especially endangered are highlighted. Also the possibilities of resolving situations where there is infringement of personality rights are presented.

The second part, which is also the most comprehensive of the thesis, deals with the specific institutes that help the protection of the personality rights in the field of health services. These include primarily informed consent, the way of providing it and the consequences of not consenting, communicating information about the patient's health condition, both to himself and to third parties, mandatory confidentiality which is closely connected to communicating information, medical records and personal data protection, the topic of monitoring in healthcare facilities and also the protection of the patient’s personality rights after his death, including both physical and psychological integrity.

The final part of the thesis analyzes the current developments, both abroad and in the Czech Republic. Two European countries were chosen for this purpose, namely Ireland and the Federal Republic of Germany with regard to their different legal culture.