

Abstract:

This thesis studies problematics of healthy partners of physically handicapped people, more precisely of people after spinal cord injury. The theoretical part is focused on the relationship satisfaction of these couples. It is structured into relationship areas which should be a potential source of conflicts and which can influence less or more the relationship satisfaction. These areas were selected on the basis of literature focusing on partner and marital couples. The empirical part was created in cooperation with organizations providing services to people after spinal injury where quantitative data were collected to measure levels of satisfaction of partners in relationship with people after spinal cord injury also levels of intimacy and commitment in these relationships. The data obtained are compared with the comparative group of respondents from the general population.

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