ABSTRACT

The rise in modern nursing and nursing processes using holistic philosophies. When providing care it should be taken into account the biological, psychological, social, but also the spiritual needs of patients. Caring for spiritual needs is an integral part of comprehensive care. Providing spiritual care and psychological support are among the main activities of hospital chaplains. Their work is of great importance in overcoming all the difficulties that illness brings. They are part of a multidisciplinary collaboration in the treatment of patients without a distinct faith.

The aim of the thesis is to find out the level of awareness of patients in the sphere of spiritual care, their expectations and their contribution.

For the thesis I chose to collect data from a hospital through quantitative research using an anonymous questionnaire. The target group of my research will be 100 patients who are hospitalised in an intensive care unit with a minimum hospitala stay of 7 days.

The goal of the work was fulfilled. The result of the research was confirmation that the spiritual care provided was reflected in their psychological state and also fulfilled the patients expectations.

In the conclusion of my thesis I recommended some ways in which to improve the quality of care in the area of spiritual needs. The work will be presented to the hospital mangement.

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