Abstract

Home hospice care – applicability of Australian Standards on patient admission

This master thesis inspects topic of home hospice care in the context of the Czech Republic. It aims to provide the reader with consistent overview regarding home hospice and palliative care as dealt with by particular organization, understanding of the topic in a broader context, and further information about the system and practical information. The thesis consists of a theoretical and practical section. The former introduces the general topic, mapping its history from initial thoughts up until the current day home and residential hospices while defining numerous terms applied in the latter. The empirical section then focuses on examining the process of admission of terminally ill patients into home hospice care. Firstly, the approach taken by concerned organization is examined, selecting appropriate Australian Standards for implementation. A three-month implementation period follows, which is reflected on through interviews with team members. The conclusion offers suggestions for improvements in the ways of working and hence the provided care on the whole, applicable across all home hospice teams. The text is targeted at an adult reader.

Keywords: