

Annotation

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The theoretical part of the bachelor thesis focuses some of the obstetrical trends in the 20th century. The trends are specified from several points of view, in particular according to the labour ward equipment standards, the labour ward nurse's task during the childbirth, the ways of soothing the labour pains and the possible contact of the woman in labour with the accompanying people and the newborn baby.

The empirical part surveys the childbirth course requirements of the women in labour in the Czech Republic. The respondents are expectant mothers in the third gravidity term.

From the empirical data the bachelor thesis implies some general recommendations for ward sisters at obstetrical departments following the aim to make childbirth conditions more favourable.