

ABSTRACT

The diploma thesis deals with the topic of field language and speech therapy for people with dysphagia. The work is divided into four chapters, while the first three define the theoretical framework of the work, the fourth chapter is empirical. The introductory chapter provides an insight into the physiology of swallowing and the anatomy of the orofacial area. The following chapter is devoted to the issue of dysphagia. The final theoretical chapter offers an insight into speech therapy intervention in patients with dysphagia. The fourth chapter presents a mixed design of a research survey focusing on the provision of field speech therapy care for people with dysphagia in the Czech Republic. The main goal of the research survey was to analyze the provision of this care in our country. This was followed by setting partial goals of the work and research questions. Within them, the work tries to analyze the specifics and barriers to the provision of field speech and language therapy care for patients with dysphagia. A questionnaire survey among clinical speech therapists and interviews with some of them was developed. The conclusion of the work is a summary of the results of the research survey supplemented by recommendations for speech therapy practice. The appendix contains a list of contacts of workplaces that provide field speech and language therapy care for people with dysphagia, and who have agreed to this.

KEYWORDS

Dysphagia, communication disability, field speech and language therapy, speech intervention