

Although communication disorders belong among basic manifestations of dementia syndrom, professional speech care for people with these kinds of disorders in the Czech Republic is still just a theory. The topic of the present thesis is manifestations of people suffering from dementia in communication process - in different phases of Alzheimer's disease.

A theoretical part is based on scientific publications and focuses not only on dementia and related impaired communication skills, but also on speech intervention for people with dementia (both diagnostics and therapy).

The results of the reserch into the current level of communication skills of people in different phases of Alzheimer's disease, gained mainly from the analysis of video recordings of their interviews with care assistants, are presented in practical part within the framework of the problems mentioned above. The main goal of the thesis are an evaluation of the data according to individual areas of communication and drawing conclusions for better utilization of sustentative communication potential of people suffering from dementia.

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