

Annotation

Title: A person with hearing impairment as a patient

The theoretical part of the bachelor thesis introduces basic notions related to the acousticequilibrium apparatus, characterizes hearing diagnostics, describes types and levels of hearing impediments, explains communication means of people with hearing impairments, presents assistive devices for them, elucidates personality of these people and outlines care of patients with hearing impairment in hospitals.

The empirical part is based on a questionnaire investigation among hearing impaired persons of age over 18 years old. It is aimed at mapping of type and level of their hearing loss, communication means used in daily life, at the general practitioner and in hospitals.

The questionnaire examines if the people with hearing impairments understand written messages or need an interpreter and what experience they have with hospital stays.

The questionnaire for medical workers with high school education or university degree traces their experience with nursing of hearing disabled, if they are aware of interpreting service possibilities for these patients, how they perceive communication with people with hearing impairments, and if the nurses welcome new information on this area.

The thesis concludes with a comparison of subjective perception of the hearing disabled and nurses in the field of communication, information transfer, conditions for hospitalization of patients with hearing disabilities and approach of the attending personnel. A "*File of measures on people with hearing disability hospitalization*" aimed at medical workers has been elaborated as a part of the questionnaire outcomes.