

The goal of this thesis is in picturing the problems of care about the patients in the Vegetative State in intensive care units at Prague and Region of Central Bohemia. The thesis shall reveal fundamental informations about the number of patients in the Vegetative State, to take of basal stimulation in nursing care, cooperating with the family and assess the consciousness of these patients.

The theoretical part is devoted to description of the Vegetative State, basal stimulation, reaction of family, needs of family members, basic examination of consciousness.

The research part is heading towards the goal of this thesis a survey based verification of the lied out hypothesis. Research was realized from December 2008 till February 2009. The list of questions was intended for sister wards at intensive care units. The outcomes are summarized in the discussion and the final part of the thesis.

The average rate of occurrence these patients is higher then in published foreign studies. The result of this thesis is not acceptable for representative and applicable exoteric health care institutions.