

This thesis „Chronic Patients‘ Depression“ looks into Alzheimer’s disease patients‘ depression. Theoretical part focuses on topics of old age, dementia syndrome, Alzheimer’s disease and depression. These topics are described also in their associations. Current researches in the field of study are mentioned too.

Practical part deals with presence of depression in Alzheimer’s persons. Hypothesis that depression is more frequent in early stage of dementia is tested. In the research there is used standardised method - Yesevage’s Geriatric Depression Scale. Other methods which can bring new information is also used (Geriatric Depression Scale filled in by caring persons and structured observation).

The outcome is 9,7% Alzheimer’s patients suffer from depression. More persons with depression we can find in a group of Alzheimer’s early stage however difference between group of early and advanced stage is not significant. This study occupies with assets of other methods for diagnostic of depression.