

# **DOCTOR – PATIENT RELATIONSHIP**

## **RESUMÉ**

The topic of the doctor - patient relationship is so broad that this graduation thesis cannot cover nearly all of its aspects. The aim is to capture the most basic institutions of doctor - patient relationship in period just before the effectiveness of the reform of health services.

Historical development of medical law in the Czech Republic is summarized in the very first chapter. The aim was mainly to express complicated role of post-communist countries in connection with their efforts to integrate into the modern system, which was then for the rest of Europe completely natural.

The second chapter issues the basic elements controlling the relationship between doctor and patient, including the definition of the term *lege artis*, whose explanation is an essential part of every publication dealing with medical law. Chapter provides a comprehensive view of the institutes, which are largely discussed in subsequent chapters.

The next three chapters deal with the issues of informed consent, duty of confidentiality of medical staff and management of medical documentation.

Informed consent is the central institute of medical law and most important element of the relationship between doctor and patient. The topic of the consent of the patient with the health care is treated in the largest chapter of this thesis.

One of the main directions of this thesis effort is to emphasize that the doctor - patient relationship must be very solid and trustworthy. Two institutes strongly related to confidentiality between doctor and patient, are duty of confidentiality of medical staff and management of medical documentation.

The topic of the sixth chapter is euthanasia. Chapter contains the definition of active and passive euthanasia. The use of division into active and passive euthanasia is often criticized because of the potential trivializing of this serious issue. Despite this is the

division into active and passive euthanasia often used in many publications dealing with euthanasia.

Specific medical procedure the sterilization is treated in the seventh chapter mainly in connection with the effectiveness of the Act on Specific Health Services. The seventh chapter also includes information obtained by studying police files relating to investigations of suspicion of illegal sterilization of Roma women.

The last chapter deals with the criminal aspects of the doctor - patient relationship and also contains a list of major crimes, which health workers can commit in the course of their employment.

