

The thesis is devoted to the issue of the number of nursing staff at the intensive care unit. The theoretical part deals with general characteristics of the team, which also specify the environment of nursing at the intensive care unit. The specification concerns with the representation of the individual nursing professions, their education and jobs skills. I try to map out legal and non – legal regulations determining or recommending the number and the composition of nursing staff at the intensive care and resuscitation units. The last chapter of the theoretical part is concerned with the issue of optimalization of the nursing team.

The practical part is focused on analyzing data collected from the research on the topic mentioned above. To obtain the data I chose the method of quantitative research using a structure questionnaire. The aim of the practical part is to determine consistency or inconsistency between the legal and non – legal rules and their implementation in practice.