

ABSTRACT

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This paper is focused on practical use of the simplest form of enteral nutrition – sipping - from the point of view of cancer patients. The aim of the paper is to find out whether nutritional intervention, namely recommendation of sipping is motivating enough for the patient or whether there is another factor that is important, i.e. a subjective attitude of the cancer patient - price, availability or flavor.

The paper is divided into two parts – a theoretical part and a research one.

The theoretical part describes terms – origin of cancer cells, statistics of cancer occurrence in the Czech Republic, the main ways of treating cancer. Diagnosis of malnutrition and evaluation of nutritional status, types of pharmaceutical enteral nutrition – tube feeding and sipping, parenteral nutrition.

In the research part, there is discussed the reality of everyday use of sipping from the point of view of cancer patients.