

Bachelor thesis: The identity of people with cochlear implant

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Abstract:

The bachelor thesis focuses on the issue of the identity of people with cochlear implant. It also addresses the views and opinions of social groups with which users of cochlear implants identify.

The introductory chapters of the theoretical part are dedicated to describing identity in general. Subsequently, possible identities of people with hearing loss are described, with particular focus on identities of people with cochlear implants. Factors which can affect the development of an individual's identity are also discussed. Both existing views of deafness are introduced, along with the possible attitudes towards cochlear implantation. Opinions of experts and of general public are also presented.

The practical part describes a survey among users of cochlear implants regarding the perception of their own identity, their chosen means of communication and their preferred social group.