

# Abstract

This diploma thesis deals with practical ethical issues in specialized mobile palliative care.

First of all the terms necessary for understanding the context are explained.

Then brief introduction to the legal order and the principles of palliative care in the Czech Republic follows.

Diploma thesis summarizes the phases of coping with the disease and the loss of a close person. This is both from adult's and a child's point of view.

Next section deals with spiritual and pastoral care of dying, four principles of medical ethics and informed consent.

Based on an interview with MUDr. Irena Závadová, supported by specialized literature, the ethical issues and their possible solutions are mentioned too.

This thesis deals with ethical issues as follows:

- awareness of diagnosis
- education system in palliative care
- development of palliative care in hospital facilities
- opiatophobia
- antibiotics in palliative and hospice care
- proxy decision making in a patient with dementia
- alternative forms of nutrition
- palliative sedation
- transfusion in palliative/hospice care

## Keywords

Home hospice, dying, death, specialized mobile palliative care, ethical dilemmas.