

Abstract

The aim of this thesis is to capture the opinion of representatives of secondary health management on the appropriateness of including the possibility of performing active euthanasia in the Czech healthcare system and their view on the issue of active euthanasia, by obtaining answers to predefined research questions. In the theoretical part, the reader is first acquainted with the phenomenon of euthanasia and the distinction of the term active euthanasia, which is the focus of the research part of this thesis, from other concepts, with which it could potentially be easily confused. Furthermore, the current legislative framework in the Czech Republic and European case law on euthanasia are briefly introduced. The following is an introduction to ethical issues through a summary of arguments and counterarguments for and against the legalization of active euthanasia in the Czech Republic. At the end of the theoretical part, there are brief reflections on the inclusion of euthanasia in the context of hospice care, which are voiced in media and public sphere and a summary of what we know about the perception of this issue from the perspective of the Czech population. The practical part of the thesis describes the methodology of research and interpretation of data. Within the research methodology, the research problem and the research goal are presented. Furthermore, the basic research questions and the way in which the answer to them is obtained are determined, which is by the method of semi-structured interview. At the end of the section, which deals with the research methodology, selected respondents are briefly introduced. In the last part of the work, the obtained data are interpreted.

Keywords

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