

Abstract

The bachelor thesis deals with the needs of patients and caregivers in palliative care. The theoretical part defines the concept of palliative care, the forms of its provision and the specifics of the work of a nurse in palliative care. A separate chapter is devoted to needs and their evaluation. The aim of the work is to use a standardized questionnaire IPOS (Integrate Palliative Outcome Scale) to find out what are the differences in perceptions of needs between patients and their caring family members, as well as between patients and caring professionals - general nurses. It was found that the needs of patients are assessed by their caregivers differently from patients themselves. The biggest discrepancy between the assessment of patient's needs and caring family members were on the area of physical needs, specifically in the question of pain or dryness in the mouth. The biggest discrepancy between the evaluation of patients and nurses was in the psychological needs, in particular the level of depression. Professionals have evaluated the palliative patient needs better than caring family members. However, none of the nurses and families answers to the standardized questionnaire were 100% in agreement with patient responses. Use of a measuring tool to assess the needs of patients in the palliative state care in practice thus revealed that individual needs are patients and their caring perceptions different.