

Abstract:

The thesis is devoted to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the clinical practice of occupational therapists working during this period in the territory of the Czech Republic. The aim of the work is to analyze the impact of the COVID-19 disease on the clinical practice of occupational therapists working during the pandemic using a questionnaire survey.

In the theoretical part of the thesis, the disease COVID-19 is described, and the provision of occupational therapy during the pandemic in the Czech Republic and the provision of occupational therapy in the world is discussed here. There is also a summary of the individual effects of the pandemic on occupational therapists, which mainly concerned the effects on the psyche of occupational therapists, working conditions and the quality of occupational therapy services. The effects of the pandemic on users of occupational therapy services are also discussed here. The development and use of telehealth during this period is then discussed.

The practical part deals with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the clinical practice of occupational therapists working during this period. The questionnaire survey took place from November 29, 2022, and its conclusion took place on March 3, 2023. A total of 101 questionnaires were analyzed as part of the survey. The assumptions of the work were that occupational therapists' working conditions changed during the pandemic period. Furthermore, during this period, occupational therapists will experience greater psychological stress. The final assumption was that the use of telehealth in occupational therapy interventions will increase due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The first two assumptions were confirmed. The third assumption of the work was not confirmed.

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