

BACHELOR THESIS ABSTRACT

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Title:

Work integration options in people with multiple sclerosis: influence of symptoms and other comorbidities

Abstract:

This theoretical-practical bachelor thesis focuses on the impact of multiple sclerosis symptoms and other comorbidities on the employment of people who are dealing with this diagnosis. The thesis aims to find out what are the main difficulties that limit the ability to work of people with multiple sclerosis, using a questionnaire of work difficulties called Multiple Sclerosis Work Difficulties Questionnaire (MSWDQ-23). The importance of this aim is based primarily on the fact that the disease mainly affects young adults in productive age, for whom employment tends to be an essential part of life and the difficulties associated with reduced work capacity can negatively affect their financial and social situation, but also their general physical condition. The theoretical part of the thesis summarizes the knowledge on the given issue using the current foreign and Czech literature. In the practical part, quantitative research based on a questionnaire survey is used. A standardized questionnaire called MSWDQ-23 is used, which comprehensively assesses the work difficulties of people with multiple sclerosis by using close-ended questions divided into three categories. The data obtained from the respondents using the paper form of the questionnaire are analyzed, compared and the results are presented using graphic representation in the form of tables and graphs. The results show that regardless of demographic and clinical data the most significant difficulties limiting the ability to work of people with multiple sclerosis are external social barriers, especially concerns about their financial security. However, beyond these similarities differences are also present, resulting mainly from the different severity of neurological disability and the overall individual characteristics of the respondents and the different demands of a particular profession.

Key words:

Multiple sclerosis, work difficulties, symptoms, comorbidities, MSWDQ-23