

## **ABSTRACT OF BACHELOR THESIS**

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**Title of bachelor thesis:** Occupational therapy for patients with injuries associated with use of addictive substances

### **Abstract of bachelor thesis:**

The bachelor thesis focuses on people who have suffered an injury as a result of substance abuse. Its aim is to map and describe the most common injuries that occur under the influence of addictive substances, to determine their impact on the course and success of the rehabilitation process and to point out the specifics of working with this type of patients.

The theoretical part begins with an introduction to addictology, where important terms and the concept of addiction are explained. Then it focuses on the specific addictive substances under which injuries most often occur – alcohol, cannabis, opioids and opiates. Other chapters address specific common injuries and the use of occupational therapy, followed by chapters discussing the work of the occupational therapist with patients with addiction and the impact of addictive substances on the rehabilitation process.

In the practical part, elements of qualitative research were used. First, the data collection methods are mentioned, followed by an analysis of the semi-structured interviews conducted with 4 respondents. This analysis is divided into 5 main categories: general issues, cooperation with patients after substance use related injuries, course of rehabilitation, cooperation with the multidisciplinary team and outcomes and long-term follow-up of rehabilitation.

The bachelor thesis concludes with a summary of the results, among which frequently recurring problems in rehabilitation were identified. These may consist in their tendency to hide their addiction, which can lead to serious consequences, prolonged length of hospitalisation and frequent relapse, refusal to cooperate and, above all, the absence of an addictologist in the multidisciplinary team.

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