

The aim of my thesis is to investigate the effect of manual lymphatic drainage on upper limb swelling after axillary lymphadenectomy in patients with breast cancer.

The theoretical part will include information about secondary lymphedema including anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology of the lymphatic system, an introduction to breast cancer and its treatment. I will focus on complex decongestive therapy as part of the treatment.

The aim of the practical part will be to demonstrate the importance of lymphatic therapy in women after axillary lymphadenectomy for breast cancer who develop a complication of anticancer treatment - secondary lymphedema of the upper limb. The topic will be presented through a prospective study.