

## Abstract

The bachelor thesis "Palliative Care in Paediatric Oncology" investigated and compared the awareness of general and Paediatric nurses working at the Department of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology of Motol University Hospital and at the Children's Clinic of Motol University Hospital. **The study aimed** to determine the attitudes, awareness, and educational opportunities of nurses in Pediatric Palliative Care. **The theoretical part** of the study described the field of Paediatric oncology and listed the most common types of cancer affecting children. The next part consisted of a description of the field of Pediatric Palliative Care, facilities providing palliative care to children, the importance of palliative care in Pediatric Oncology, and end-of-life care. The needs of children in the terminal stage and the needs of the family were highlighted. The nurse's role in Pediatric Palliative Care, the competencies of nurses, and their training in this area were also discussed in the thesis. **The empirical part** consists of the results of my research project. **Method:** The method I chose was a questionnaire survey using a self-constructed questionnaire. **Results:** A total of 86 respondents took part in the survey, of which 40 (46.51%) respondents were from Pediatric oncology wards and 46 (53.49%) respondents were from Pediatric wards. By conducting this research, I obtained interesting results. Out of 86 (100%) respondents, only half of the respondents i.e. 43 (50%) had the opportunity to receive training in clinical practice in Pediatric palliative care. The other half, also 43 (50%) of the respondents, did not have this opportunity or were not aware of it. At the same time, out of the total 86 (100%) respondents, 71 (82.56%) of them would welcome any opportunity for training in Pediatric palliative care in clinical practice at their workplace. **Conclusion:** Nurses' awareness of pediatric palliative care and the availability of training in this area is one of the key aspects of providing specialized pediatric palliative care. Ample palliative care education opportunities for nurses will increase the availability of palliative care and ensure its delivery to children in need and their families.

## Keywords

[Pediatric palliative care, terminal stage of illness, pediatric cancer, children's hospice, end-of-life care]