

ABSTRACT

The bachelor thesis deals with the issue of impaired communication abilities in people with multiple sclerosis. The thesis is divided into theoretical and practical parts. The theoretical part is divided into two chapters. The first chapter contains the problems of multiple sclerosis, its epidemiology, etiology, clinical symptomatology, types and course of multiple sclerosis, as well as the possibilities of diagnosis and therapy. The first chapter also briefly covers basic information on the human nervous system. The second chapter discusses the most commonly occurring disorders resulting from multiple sclerosis. Attention is given to Acquired Dysarthria and impaired communication ability manifested by cognitive impairment. The second chapter also looks at associated communication disorders, namely Dysphagia and the impact of depression on communication. The empirical part of the thesis is devoted to qualitative research. The main aim of the research investigation was to analyse the impaired communication ability in people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The method of semi-structured interview was chosen for data collection. Interviews were conducted with a total of six respondents. It was found that the respondents have significant communication difficulties that affect the overall quality of life of the individuals. The result of the research investigation provides insight into the issue of acquired communication disorders arising as a result of the disease Multiple Sclerosis.