

Summary

Based on theoretical studies of the chosen topic and qualitative research conducted through structured interviews with chaplains working in Prague hospital palliative care teams, the thesis concludes the following: Pastoral care in palliative care is essential not only during the patient's life but can effectively continue after their death, especially in working with relatives. The research revealed that chaplains face significant psychological challenges, making mental health care crucial for maintaining the quality of their service. Pastoral care has proven to be vital for providing support, comfort, and spiritual guidance to dying patients and their families. Chaplains adapt to the individual needs and situations of each patient, which is critical for effective palliative care. The study also highlighted the importance of an empathetic approach and the ability of chaplains to respond to the specific spiritual needs of patients and their loved ones during the final phase of life.