

## **Abstract**

The topic of this thesis is the position and activities of the Czech Medical Chamber. Its aim is to analyze the role and purpose of this professional chamber in the Czech Republic.

I have chosen this particular topic because I mean that although the self-government of professional associations, especially the Czech Medical Chamber, belongs to very important institutes of the legal order of the Czech Republic; the literature addresses this issue only marginally. The next reason for my research is the fact, that just the Czech Medical Chamber is very questionable professional chamber.

The thesis is composed of five chapters; each of them describes particular aspects of Czech Medical Chamber (CMC). Chapter One is introductory and is trying to explain the notions self-government and public corporation. The last part of this chapter deals the political, economic and sociological aspects of the CMC.

Chapter Two consists of two parts. Part One surveys historical development of the CMC from year 1891, when the Habsburg monarchy issued a law on the establishment of medical chambers, to the present. Part Two look at medical chambers in other countries of Central Europe and endeavours to compare these organizations.

Chapter three is subdivided into two parts. Part One focuses on functions of the CMS and includes passages about international cooperation and financing of this chamber. Part Two analyzes the organization of CMS, at first existence of District Associations of Physicians as the basic unit in the CMC's structure, then investigates the organs of district (municipal) level and finally the organs on central level.

Chapter Four concentrates on the obligatory membership in the CMC for all physicians providing diagnostic or therapeutic treatment in Czech Republic. Chapter Five is addresses to activities of the CMC.

The CMC is, as a professional chamber with obligatory membership, an independent, non-political autonomous professional organization with long history and many partner organizations in other countries of Europe. The conclusion tries to expand the initial hypothesis about importance and purpose of the CMC and makes recommendation for new legislation.