

The thesis deals with the topic of nutrition for oncological patients. Tumour illnesses are often followed by diet malfunctions, great loss of weight and dysorexia. Diet malfunctions can be caused not only by the tumour illness itself, but also by tumour treatment. Malnutrition of an oncologically ill patient might worsen the state of the illness together with the quality of the life. The thesis provides a view onto this serious but unfortunately also often neglected side of the problem and emphasises the need of awareness among the patients about the proper diet.

The thesis consists of a theoretical and practical part.

The theoretical part includes in-depth information of nutritional problems of the patients and knowledge of the specific diet.

The practical part focuses research of particular problems exhibited by the patients related to their illness and its treatment. Additionally it checks their awareness of possibilities of the proper diet suitable during the illness (therapy) and how nurses are involved into providing the information. Special concern is also given to the role of proper diet awareness in everyday care.