

ABSTRACT

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Background: To create basic overview of bioethics and its resources and principles. To summarize the contemporary contraceptive methods. To analyze the problematics of contraceptives from bioethical perspective as thoroughly as possible.

Main findings: In the Diploma Thesis, we have studied the problematics of bioethics, bioethical principles and mainly the problematics of contraceptives. We were focused mostly on the ideas behind bioethics, its principles and connections to religious doctrines. Moreover, we summarized the contraceptive methods, its history, development and research of the new methods. We compiled available statistics data about the usage of contraceptives in the Czech Republic and across the world. Next part of the Thesis describes the bioethical aspects of contraceptives usage. We concluded with the focus on the religious perspectives on contraceptives. We discovered that the Catholic church acknowledges only the naturally planned parenthood. The perspectives of other religious beliefs vary. Some emphasize the harmony of man's actions and conscience, others accept methods of conception prevention but forbid the intervention to the existing fetus.

Conclusions: In current era, there exist many different contraceptive methods with various levels of reliability and risk. The emphasis should be on the information access of future and contemporary users of contraceptives. Information should include both advantages and risks of the usage and also the method's mechanism of function. It is important to create an environment for free decision making of each individual, on the basis of such information, and to respect the opinions of all, including the members of religious belief systems.

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