

Abstract

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This thesis deals with perception of death by General Nursing students. The thesis consists of two parts. The first part deals with theoretical knowledge about death and dying, communication with the dying, care of the dying and care of the dead body. There are also covered issues of euthanasia, assisted suicide and living will.

Practical part analyzes the outcome of a quantitative research, concerning the perception of death by General Nursing students. The research was carried out using a questionnaire survey within students in 1st and 3rd year of General Nursing studies. There were set three goals, all of which were achieved. Interesting outcome was, that respondents with fear of death prevailed only in 1st year of the studies, in 3rd year they represented a minority. Outcome of the research can be used in pedagogy, palliative care and for further research.