

Summary

The diploma thesis is concerned with the provision of domestic hospice care and its effect on patient and their family.

The theoretical part describes the basic concepts connected with the provision of domestic hospice care. It briefly describes the history, the emergence of the development and growth of domestic hospice care in the Czech republic. It describes the organisation of the services provided, their legal basis, related services and also their limitations. The main concern of the work is to describe the access to the patient in home care in the context of three levels of home care provided: the provision of social and medical services and spiritual support.

The provision of domestic home care, its effect and influence both on the family as a whole and patient, this is an additional purpose of the work which is described in the practical part of the thesis. This part concentrates mainly on an analysis of the principal and component parts in the context of the needs of seriously ill patient and their desire of longing to be at home with their family. It describes the possibilities and extent of hospice care in a domestic setting. It also defines the meaning and role of the family in the care of a seriously ill member and their anxiety in connection with the care of the patient. The conclusion summarises the theme of the whole work.