

ABSTRACT

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The bachelor thesis deals with the needs of family members of patients in the terminal stage of life. The theoretical part focuses on palliative and hospice care. It introduces the reader to the issues of dying and death. It explains the concept of need and presents the basic needs of patients in the terminal stage of life and their family members. It specifies the needs of nurses working in palliative care and introduces therapeutic communication between nursing staff and the patient. For the empirical part, a quantitative survey was chosen in the form of a semi-structured questionnaire. The research was conducted in the Lůžkový Hospic Chrudim.

The aim of the study is to define the needs that family members of patients in the terminal stage of life hospitalized in the hospice consider the most important, to assess whether these needs are met and to evaluate what helps family members to cope with the psychological burden in a difficult life situation.