

Abstract

This bachelor thesis "Informedness of Parents and Family Members of Pediatric Patients about Lymphedema" focuses on the informedness of parents (caregivers) of a pediatric patient about the lymphedema disease. The *goal* of the work was to determine the state of informedness of parents and family members of a pediatric patient in the area of lymphedema and the dependence between this informedness and some parameters of the researched group and various types of information. A non-standard questionnaire of an own construction was chosen as the research *method*. The questionnaire was distributed in paper and online form through specialized healthcare facilities and through private Facebook groups focusing on lymphedema. 59 questionnaires were included in the survey. The *results* of this survey showed that the respondents' informedness is at a good level, regardless of the respondents' education and the time since the first symptoms of the disease. The Internet, next to specialized medical departments, was identified as one of the most important and most frequent sources of information by the respondents. On the contrary, the respondents called media such as magazines, newspapers and television, educational materials, professional literature, but also general practitioners for children and adolescents as less preferred sources of information. *Conclusion*: These findings can be attributed mainly to high-quality specialized medical care, which includes the provision of reliable and comprehensible information about the disease. Although the results were relatively positive, partial shortcomings were identified. They are related, for example, to specifics of unaddressed provision of information on the Internet, or to needs of child patients. A list of recommendations for improving informedness in the field of lymphedema was made based on the findings from the questionnaire.

Keywords

Pediatric Patient; Informedness; Lymphedema; Parent; Family