

The dissertation covers the importance of the social part in hospice care. The main task was to find out if, and in which way, this social part in hospice care is realized, because hospice care is a combination of both health staff service and social service. The theoretical part of the thesis provides information about hospice care and describes five of its basic characteristics. Moreover it elaborates in more detail on its social aspects. The empirical part contains the evaluation of the questionnaires, that were designed to find out if the staff nursing and other workers like the psychologist, pastor, volunteer or welfare worker communicate with the patients. It investigates what is the most difficult problem in this communication, how much time they are talking to each other, and also what is the topic of their conversation. After a final evaluation of the results, it is possible to state that the social part in hospice care is very important. Not only for patients, but also for the health service.