

Summary

The present thesis entitled *The Meaning of Life Seniors permanently bedridden*. The author has several aims: to define the concept of the meaning of life, quality of life, aging and age; determine the biological, psychological, social and spiritual changes in old age; map social and health services that can benefit the elderly bedridden; and find out how seniors perceive home in the home environment and in the institution.

The thesis is divided into theoretical and research part. In the theoretical part in first three chapters there is determined the meaning of life, especially in relation to the categories of values defined by V. E. Frankl, further aging and age and environment for the conclusion of life: home versus institutions. In the fourth chapter, which is part of the research, the author conducted qualitative research by analyzing data from interviews with elderly bound to bed. Research includes six respondents, three respondents living in the home and three respondents living in a home for the elderly. The aim of the research was to determine whether seniors permanently bedridden perceive the meaning of life, or what. The results are summarized in the conclusion.