

The Role of Social Work and Consultancy in the Process of Improving the Quality of Life of People Suffering from Oncological Diseases II.

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Abstract:

The submitted thesis deals with the topic of the role of social work and consultancy in the process of improving the quality of life of patients suffering from oncological diseases. According to the latest statistical findings the number of patients suffering from malign tumours has considerably increased in the past ten years. The second part shows the results of research with special respect to methods and methodology used in the research which was focused on finding ways how to improve the quality of life of women patients suffering from oncological diseases. The sample group consisted of 168 women who were diagnosed with breast cancer who came from 8 different districts in Slovakia. In the course of research there were used both quantitative and qualitative approaches to the methodology of research, a questionnaire WHOQOL-BREF was used to collect necessary information on the quality of life of oncological patients. The structure of the research plan is prepared on the basis of four indicators, which are defined as domains: physical health, mental health, social relationships and environment. When evaluating the quality of life of cancer patients women compared with the average population were found significant results especially in the domain - mental health.

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