

ABSTRACT

The thesis consists of a comprehensive introduction to the problems of individuals suffering from inflammatory bowel diseases. The main topics comprise of the impacts of the disease on the process of education, the field of study and the highest achieved level of education and furthermore, the issues of employment as well as social and psychological aspects of these diseases. The thesis has focused on the detailed understanding of everyday and long-term problems encountered by the disabled people. The aim of the thesis was to provide information crucial for the decision-making in regards to the selection of the future field of work for individuals with inflammatory bowel diseases. The recipients of the information would be the individuals themselves, their families, as well as the professions of engaged or special teaching. The qualitative methodology implemented by the technique of semi-structured interviews was applied with ten randomly selected respondents diagnosed with inflammatory bowel diseases. An open coding method was used after the examination of the research data. The analysis of the acquired data has shown that most respondents felt a negative influence of the disease on the course of their education, the selection of their field of study or their highest achieved level of education. A large part of the respondents has also perceived obstacles in their professional employment that take the form of a disadvantage on the labour market, the attitudes of employers towards the disabled people, the adjustment of the working conditions or the selection of the profession with regards to their health condition. The respondents have described a negative influence of the disease on the mental and social aspects of life, the interpersonal relationships and predominantly, their financial situation which is closely related to the issues of disability pensions. The thesis has succeeded in confirming the presumption that the disease does influence the aforementioned parts of life.

KEYWORDS

Health disadvantage, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, field of study, employment