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Title of the doctoral dissertation: Medical care in the context of psych-social needs of people with terminal phase of cancer disease under the hospice care. Comparative reaserch among patients in Pomeranian Voivodeship (Poland) and Indiana State (USA).

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Summary of the doctoral dissertation: : The doctoral thesis focuses on hospice care, especially in the context of the psychosocial needs of cancer patients. The subject of research is hospice care (inpatient and home), especially the adjustment and implementation of the scope of services from the perspective of patients in Poland and the United States. The work has a cognitive factor. It is an approximation of hospice care, including the contexts, problems and expectations presented by patients with advanced, incurable malignant neoplasm.

The dissertation consists of four theoretical chapters in which the author analyzes the issues related to the needs in the context of the quality of life; pain, suffering and fear, especially among patients under palliative and hospice care, then presenting the concepts of dying and death, including changes in the approach to them over time and the issues of individual search for meaning in the last stage of life. The part ends with the characteristics of hospice care in Poland and the USA, with an indication of the similarities and differences. Subsequently, the author goes on to present empirical research, which begins with a description of the methodological foundations. The comparative analysis consists of three main parts: (1) hospice care in Poland, (2) hospice care in the United States, and (3) summary of the analytical part (comparing the results). The work ends with conclusions and recommendations based on the conducted research.

The results present a picture of hospice care based on the direct opinions and reflections of patients, which is a significant cognitive value about the actual situation related to hospice services. The analysis also revealed issues related to the social stigma of hospice care and facing the impending death, which had a significant impact on the attitudes of patients and the way they perceived this type of care.