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NURSE'S ROLE IN FORMING POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN UKRAINE

Introduction. The present situation in Ukraine that concerns people with special needs is not satisfied. It is closely connected with the heritage that our state got from the former Soviet Union: social, economic, cultural decay and breakdown, unsatisfactory care for disabled people and those with special needs.

Thus, **the aim** of our research paper is to examine the present state of people with special needs in Ukraine, pay special attention to the problems that accompany their whole life, create the complex of measures oriented to improving people's attitude towards their problems and needs.

Results and discussion. Having analyzed the data on the problem for the latest decade we came to the conclusion that the situation is extremely unfavorable. The nosological structure includes: dominant – psychoneurological diseases (more than 60%),

internal organs diseases (up to 20%), eye diseases (13%), locomotor system diseases (10%). The state must secure the equal access of people with special needs into the social life and medical staff plays in that process very important role.

Conclusion. Nowadays the Ukrainian society has the established attitude towards people with special needs and it is not favorable. The majority of physically healthy people do not want to communicate with disabled ones and stand aside their problems. They do not try to interact with them in domestic, professional, and personal aspects. That factor puts special responsibility on the nurse as the professional who can change the situation, make and then carry out the complex of special methods that can change peoples' attitude towards that problem, make them tolerant.

