

SUMMARY OF DOCTORAL THESIS

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The issues raised in the thesis regard acceptance of disability in the context of coping also subjective and social resources of coping in women with physical disability. Acceptance of disability is understood in according to B. Wright's (1983) lost theory. The author believes that this phenomenon is not the acceptance of disability limitations, but the opposition to them. Therefore acceptance of disability was defined as incarnation of disability to the self-image of person with disability in that way to not lower his own worth. Full acceptance are possible after accomplished changes in the value system, such: enlargement of the scope of values, subordination of physique, containment of disability effects and transformation from comparative to asset values (B. Wright, 1983, D. S. Dunn, 2015, S. Byra, 2017).

It should be pointed out that about acceptance of disability it has been written from a long time (np. B. Wright, 1983; H. Larkowa, 1987; K. C. Keany, R. L. Glueckauf, 1993; J. Konarska, 2002). Nevertheless in available writings is a lack of research especially about women with disability. The reason of this state it is first of all lack of any instruments to measure the acceptance of disability. Hitherto it was possible to general measure of level disability acceptance using a Acceptance of Disability Scale created by D. C. Linkowski (1971). Recently was created instrument based on the B. Wright's theory, which acceptance of disability defined multidimensional. Original version of Multidimensional Acceptance of Loss Scale J. M. Ferrin, F. Chang, J. Chronister, J. Chiu, Ch-Y were published in 2011 year. Whereas its polish adaptation authorship of S. Byra were in 2017 year as Wielowymiarowa Skala Akceptacji Utraty Sprawności (WSAUS) (S. Byra, 2017). Secondly, disability research in context of gender are deficit, especially in respect of women with disabilities (A. Wołowicz-Ruszkowska, 2013; A. Bednarczyk i in, 2015; W. Janocha, K. Zielińska-Król, 2015).

The fundamental aim of this dissertation were to specify the relationship between disability acceptance and coping resources in women with physical disability. Subjective resources are self-esteem, self-efficacy, basic hope, whereas social resources are social support and interpersonal relationship strength. Also it were takes into account situational coping and mediating variable as disability appraisal. The study was conducted among

women with acquired mobility impairments: 88 women with spinal cord injury and 27 women with amputation of the limb.

The thesis consist of seven chapters. In first chapter are presented terminological and conceptual way review of physical disability. In addition were raise the gender category in physical disability research and were shown characteristic psychosocial functioning of women with physical disability. Second chapter contains analysis of disability acceptance, the ways to recognize it, the process and conditions in example of available empirical exploration. In chapter three were discuss coping issues in context physical disability acquisition, also characteristic and analysis subjective and physical resources of coping. Chapter four shall consist of the methodological assumptions of research their purpose, research problems, hypothesis, variable and indicators also were include organization of research and characteristics of research group which include variables related to disability. Chapter five, six and seven were showed data analysis acquired from research women about their disability acceptance, situational coping also subjective and physical coping resources also were shown structure of relationship characteristic between them. In addition were analyzed predictive function of individual variables for disability acceptance also were focused on the meaning of disability appraisal for dependence character between coping strategy, coping resources and disability acceptance in women with physical disability. In thesis summary were found respond to hypothesis and discussion of the research result with research results other authors. Were indicated limitations of the research, also cognitive and practice implications and postulates for rehabilitation practice.

Results of the research were shown important statistical dependence between disability acceptance and subjective and physical coping resources in women with physical disability. In addition included in research variables such situational coping and subjective and physical coping resources were predictive function in explain individual dimensions of acceptance disability. In addition variables taken in to account in research such a situational coping and subjective and physical coping resources were perform a predictive function in explain particular dimensions acceptance of disability. Further, disability appraisal differentiates dependence structure between situational coping, subjective and physical coping resources and disability acceptance in this research group of women.

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