

## MEDICAL E-LEARNING: REPORTS FROM THAILAND

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### ABSTRACT

E-learning is the new approach in education. It can be applied in several subjects. In medicine, the e-learning is proven usefulness. In this short article, the authors summarize and discuss on the report on medical E-learning in Thailand, a developing country in Indochina.

**KEYWORDS:** E-learning, Medical, Thailand.

### INTRODUCTION

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### SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE REPORTS ON MEDICAL E-LEARNING IN THAILAND

There are some interesting reports on medical E-learning in Thailand. Most reports are published from the local medical universities. The important

groups of reports are listed as below:

### REPORT ON E-LEARNING SOFTWARE AND MEDIA DEVELOPMENT

There are many reports on the E-learning software and media development. Most are from the local famous medical educators. The good examples of locally developed E-learning media is the Chula CAI, which is produced by Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University [2]. Several e-learning media from this center is available via [www.cai.md.chula.ac.th](http://www.cai.md.chula.ac.th)



Figure 1. Picture quoted from Chula CAI center in Thailand

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## REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF E-LEARNING

Of interest, there are some reports confirming the effectiveness of E-learning. The report in JAMA from a research which include Thai researcher noted and confirmed for effectiveness of a clinically integrated e-learning course in evidence-based medicine for reproductive health training [3].

## DISCUSSION

At present, the E-learning is used in any subjects including to medicine. As noted by Nujunkaew et al., *“Learning and teaching by this technological trends are increasing in recent years in many developed and developing countries [2].”* The E-learning in medicine help improve the learning of the medical students and it should be promoted. In Thailand, the promotion of the medical education has just been started for a few years but there are some interesting reports on E-learning. Several medical universities try to implement the E-learning for their medical students and it is proven for the effectiveness and usefulness. The success in Thailand becomes the model for nearby countries such as Myanmar [4].

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

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