

ENGLISH FOR MEDICINE: A DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL ADDITIONAL SESSION FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENT

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ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION

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CASE STUDY

The general education office, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand set the specific session for all students in the university to take course freely. The author hereby would like to share experience on operating this session. Of interest, students from both medical and non-medical faculties join the course aiming at

getting special knowledge. The session takes about 3 hours for basic learning. The students can take the experience in basic conversation. For the evaluation of the course, the students rate the score as average 4.2 from 5 implying appreciation of the course.

DISCUSSION

Health is a necessity thing for everyone. If one has to express in English for communication, it can be a difficult things for those without English as a native language. However, it is required that one should know specific English medical term that can be useful in assessing health product and service [1]. Effective usage of English can be a good determinant in success of communication in health care seeking [2]. As a graduate student from any university, the student should have good knowledge in basic English used in health communication.

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The medical terminology is usually a specific subject for university in medical science. However, the knowledge can be valuable to non medical science student. The special session for promoting the knowledge for university students can be helpful. Here, the author shows an experience on basic medical terminology and found that the students enjoyed and appreciated the course.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

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