

## E-LEARNING IN MEDICINE: A SUMMARY ON PUBLICATIONS FROM THAILAND

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### ABSTRACT

E-learning is considered as an effective way for education at present. The use of e-learning can be seen worldwide at present. The application on e-learning in medicine can be seen and the efficacy is confirmed. In this short article, the author summarizes the previous report on publications on e-learning in medicine in Thailand.

**KEYWORDS:** E-Learning, Medicine, Thailand.

### INTRODUCTION

Learning is important process for upgrading human knowledge. There are several ways of learning. The use of computation tool for promoting learning is very interesting. The new technology namely "e-learning" based on the use of computer becomes a new interesting tool in education. Indeed, e-learning is considered as an effective way for education at present. The use of e-learning can be seen worldwide at present. The application on e-learning in medicine can be seen and the efficacy is confirmed. In this short article, the author summarizes the previous report on publications on e-learning in medicine in Thailand.

### SUMMARY ON REPORTS ON E-LEARNING IN MEDICINE IN THAILAND

Of interest, according to database searching, there are only a few reports regarding e-learning in medicine in Thailand. The oldest publication is published in 2004. It is the report on first pioneer use of e-learning in Chulalongkorn University, Thailand [1]. Nujunkaew et al. noted that "The

*teaching policy of facult of medicine, chulalongkorn university had long been established, with frequently up-to-date to provide the learning and teaching opportunity to medical students and teaching personnels and even the postgraduate training course. At the same time, the faculty had a commitment to increase its numbers of high quality medical graduates and post graduate medical students [1]."* After that, the e-learning has been continuously used in medical education in Thailand. Vichitvejpaisal et al. studied on the use of e-learning in Thailand and concluded that "*with more time available, use of software may be as good as the conventional learning method and can be an alternative tool. The computer-assisted instruction program seems to enhance the learning process [2]."*

There are also some international collaboration researches on e-learning that cover the use in Thailand [3 – 4]. The results usually confirm the effectiveness of the technique.

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From the experience on success in Thailand, the implementation in nearby Indochina country such as Myanmar is derived [5].

## CONCLUSION

There is a long history of use of e-learning in Thailand. The effectiveness is confirmed and the use in Thailand becomes the model for implementation in nearby country.

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