

Attitude and satisfaction of medical students of the Faculty of Medicine, Vajira Hospital, Navamindradhiraj University, towards community service

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Abstract:

The Faculty of Medicine, Vajira Hospital, Navamindradhiraj University is located in the center of Bangkok. Therefore, improving quality of life of communities around the hospital is one of the main policies. Thus, community service activity is now integrated into several subjects including the clinical pathology course. A questionnaire was used as a tool to assess the attitude and satisfaction of 72 third-year medical students enrolled in the clinical pathology course and participated in the community service activity. The attitude and satisfaction of the students toward the community service activity were at the high level (mean = 4.00 and SD = 0.63) and moderate level (mean = 3.08 and SD = 0.59), respectively. In addition, a significant relationship between attitude and satisfaction of the students was observed with p value of 0.0001 and correlation coefficient of 0.7765. There was no significant difference on the attitudes and satisfaction among students who are different in genders. Therefore, this result suggested that community service activity could be used as a mean to enhance medical students' attitude toward their community and society.

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