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IMPORTANCE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN MEDICINE

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Abstract : In the 21st century, English is one of the international languages that is widely used. It is difficult to find a country where a person does not know at least a few phrases or words in a given language. Most of the modern scientific literature, which is used by many universities, is also published on it, often, during translation, many important details can be lost and the reader will be confused, which is why it is important to know the language yourself. In addition, a medical professional himself, having written a scientific article, can translate it into English and publish it to a wider audience, rather than being limited only to his homeland. Moreover, knowledge of the language will allow you to visit other countries for internships and improve your own qualifications.

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Nowadays, when the borders of many countries are open for travel and learning, knowledge of additional languages, in addition to your native one, is simply a necessary skill. According to statistics from the Internet, it is English that is considered the most popular of all, and it is this language that most people learn. There are about 400 million people who know English and about 600-700 million who use this language as a foreign language. If you count, then about a billion people speak this language at the simplest level, and can express at least a couple of phrases or words.

The main medical language on which all the terminology of this science is based is Latin language, however, it is also considered a dead language and is no longer used in colloquial speech. Therefore, as a good alternative to it, English can serve as the one that is used in almost every country on our planet. Almost all scientific literature that is published in the world is written in English, as the most popular and generally accessible language. Therefore, English can be recognized as the second main language in medicine, after Latin.

However, the knowledge of English in Russia among medical workers is rather poor. Many schools and universities in the country often do not pay enough attention to teaching him, and therefore, many schoolchildren and students, to a more mature age, already have problems with studying the literature and cinematography they need in a foreign language. Often, students and even teachers who study English have a rather strong self-doubt, fear that they will make some mistake in speech.

Often, medical students are not always ready to start studying specifically, medical English, as while studying at school, they did not receive sufficient knowledge of it. It will be useless to master medical vocabulary without basic knowledge in this language, it is not rational.

According to my own observations, when working in medical organizations in the Russian Federation, knowledge of English is often required only at a basic level, and many workers are not trained and are not going to learn this language, however, another part that



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understands its value in world medicine, and are going to gain deeper knowledge in this science, by reading various foreign literature in English.

There are many other reasons why knowledge of the English language is essential for healthcare professionals. Firstly, most of the scientific articles that talk about various innovative developments are written in English. Often, translations of such texts contain many inaccuracies and a feeling of understatement is created, therefore, a person who knows English from the healthcare system can read it in the original to eliminate such a problem.

Secondly, knowledge of the language provides a great opportunity for international exchange and training or even cooperation. If a healthcare professional has knowledge of English, then he may well have a chance of such a process. In addition, when communicating with foreign colleagues, it will be much easier to explain than to resort to translators and third-party methods of translating speech, this will provide a direct opportunity to communicate with people from the healthcare sector of other countries, and will show the level of qualifications and seriousness in the approach to work.

Often, during employment, the employer pays attention to the item "knowledge of foreign languages", in which the employer indicates the degree of knowledge of a particular language, namely good and high-quality knowledge of specifically English, increases the likelihood of employment in a particular medical organization, a doctor who knows several languages is becoming very much in demand in the labor market. Also, knowledge of the language increases the chance of finding a job not only in the territory of your country, but also of employment in another state. Often, the practice of work in other countries expands the qualifications and knowledge in the field of medicine.

Scientists have proven that learning different languages helps to train memory, which is just great for those who are studying in the medical field, where a good memorization of terms and any other information is simply necessary.

Most students studying in the system of higher medical professional education study English at a fairly simple and basic level, however, students teaching in secondary professional educational institutions such as nurses. They do quite a lot of language learning, where they translate different texts and study the medical terminology that is included in their educational curriculum.

The reasons that students and health care workers do not learn English, in mainly their workload with other disciplines and homework. Lack of time and lack of skill in distributing free time. People who learn a language themselves are more likely to have a high level of language competence.

Summing up, it must be said that the role of learning English in Russia and other countries is not without difficulty, there is only a lack of motivation and the necessary skills to teach this language. Also, an obstacle is the lack of qualified English language teachers in the Russian Federation, especially in the field of school education. However, holding special events, international exchanges and viewing English literature can increase the level of motivation of students and other English language teaching people to improve the situation.



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