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Knowledge , attitude and implementation of clinical pharmacy among hospital pharmacists under the Ministry of Public Health

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ABSTRACT

Studies on knowledge, attitude and implementation of clinical pharmacy practice among the hospital pharmacists under the Ministry of Public Health were performed. 77 % pre-tested questionnaires randomly distributed to hospital pharmacists were sent back, then the improved questionnaires were distributed to 130 hospital pharmacists; and 74 % were responded. The results showed that more than half of them (55 %) started to practise the clinical pharmacy in their hospitals. The attitude of pharmacists on the advantage and implementation of clinical pharmacy practice is 53 % with the most importance that patients should have treated with appropriated medications. It was also noted that more acceptance of the role of pharmacists by the publics as well as the health care personnels. The problems coming from implementation of clinical pharmacy practice were the shortage of personnels in pharmacy department, place, budget, equipments, etc. For those pharmacists who did not start to practise in clinical pharmacy needed more academic training to make them more confidence. In conclusion, pharmacists should be aware of the responsibilities for societal health care and started to implement the clinical pharmacy practice leading to better quality of life. It was also suggested the institutional curriculum be revised on the basis of more patient oreinted and provided more training courses for hospital pharmacists to achieve this goal.