Perspectives of the 6th Year Medical Student of the Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University to the Study of Forensic Medicine

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Background and Objective: Forensic medicine for medical student consists of two major part including forensic autopsy and clinical forensic medicine. The purpose of this study was to assess the attitudes and complacency of medical students to the study of forensic medicine, in Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University.

Methods: A quantitative exploratory descriptive survey using a questionnaire was carried out in the 6th year medical students (N = 243) from Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University. All analyses were performed using SPSS version 17.0.

Results: A total of 171 questionnaires were returned with good representation. 68.42% students made positive statements about adequacy of the time for the theoretical and practical issues. After the course, more than 60% of the students felt able to perform an examination in clinical forensic services. However, crime scene/death investigation and medico-legal report/death certificate were most inadequate topics.

Conclusions: The finding of this study is good information that might be used for the improvement of forensic medicine class.

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