KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH AS A PROFESSIONAL ABILITY OF PHARMACIST

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If you are a student of pharmacy you must know that to be a good expert and a successful worker you should never stop learning and working on yourself. We know that work in our sphere demands on encyclopedic knowledge and exact terminology as well as clear conversational skills. In nowadays, scientific works and professional terminology are published in English and it is more than 90 percent (three-fourth) in some fields. Pharmacist will not be able to understand the words and expressions without knowledge of pharmaceutical English terminology because English for pharmacist differs from traditional English substantially. There is no doubt that the knowledge of pharmaceutical English is separate skill for the professional chemist. The main problem consists of that students are offered to master for short term classification of pharmacological groups for medicines, their application, classification of diseases and symptoms, and without basic knowledge of English it is impossible. In other words pharmacists who constantly improve the qualification or plan to work, for example, in clinics and the pharmaceutical companies must achieve high level profound knowledge of English.

The first thing that needs to say is knowledge of medical English this is a possibility to continue education abroad. Besides it gives the chance to visit various medical conferences on actual medical topics. By the way employers are very interested in it. Moreover work in the international pharmacological sphere means active cooperation with English-speaking colleagues, doctors and health workers of various professions. Knowledge of medical English and English for pharmacologists can be one of the major factors which will influence the decision of the management to accept for employment in foreign or international clinic, the prestigious medical, pharmacological or research center. The first opinion guarantees the correct start and a reference point for further work.

The pharmaceutics prefer precision is representative of this profession should following to rules of the English grammar, the correct construction of sentences, it isn't allowing multiple interpretation of the phrase, should have found of terms' knowledge, phrases and set expressions, a medical slang, possession of pharmaceutical terminology.

The public migratory service notes that now lives in Ukraine more than 247 000 foreign citizens on a constant basis and more than 71 000 foreigners — is temporary. Foreigners have the right to ask for the emergency medical help in any state and municipal establishment of the health care of Ukraine. I wish to draw your attention to the fact that one pharmaceutical institution (a drug store or pharmaceutical point) in Ukraine serves 2264 men by calculations for the end of December, 2012, it is obviously that account must be taken of the English-speaking population. Sure possession of English medical terminology will give advantage of reception of foreign patients. It is especially actual for pharmacists and the other workers of the health living in big cities. Of course in small towns only compatriots come for medical assistance. But if the clinic or a drug store, for example, is private, it also works in common with insurance company, and service of foreign patients inevitably. These are all rather weighty arguments for the positive decision in a question, whether health workers should learn English.

During several centuries English gradually got the status of international language today. About 90 countries of all globe accepted English as the second state, in many countries its studying is obligatory. Global cultural, scientific life is possible only thanks to English, as to a peculiar channel by means of this language it is possible exchange of experience, information, achievements. Once the knowledge of English was an intelligence sign, a luxury element. Today it is prime necessity, whatever purposes faced you: free orientation in Internet space or career development which is actually impossible without knowledge of English today. Learn foreign language with pleasure – and any discussions with foreign partners will not be terrible for you!