

HOW TO TRAIN MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR STEP 1 EXAM IN ENGLISH

Studying for STEP 1 exam is known to be one of the most complicated tasks for medical students as they should understand and memorize a great number of information. Moreover, they must differentiate a lot of terms, concepts and data not only in Ukrainian but in English either. That is why medical students ought to get involved into medicine from the first day of their studying in medical school. There is no doubt that missed themes and poor English knowledge will make it difficult to study for the exam properly.

To achieve better results English teachers should include STEP 1 tasks samples in classes for the first year students analyzing vocabulary and grammar, paying attention to the words with similar meaning and remembering useful themes of the basic medical subjects.

One of the main points to pass this exam is mastering of the specific medical vocabulary. That is why it is necessary to use methods of rotations, associations and pictures to fix terms in memory.

To understand STEP 1 exam tasks students must also know basic grammar rules in such themes as Past Simple Tense, Present Perfect Tense, Past Perfect Tense, Passive voice, Participle I, II.

It is also important to teach how to read different medical terms of Latin and Greek origin correctly, for example: cheiloschisis, eunuchoid, exocytosis, phenylketonuria, hyperhirsutism, cytogenetic etc.

Junior medical students can easily solve tasks in Biology, Cell Biology, Genetics and Anatomy consolidating their knowledge to become a professional in future. They are able to have free on-line exam training both in Ukrainian and English as a part of self-study.

Thus, English training practice not only plays a big role in studying for STEP 1 exam in whole but also develop language skills for future qualified specialists.