

Independent Study Title : Liberalization of Medical Profession in ASEAN Economic Community:
A Case Study of Medical Profession in Singapore

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ABSTRACT

At present the liberalization of education and health services together with the migration to give professional service among the ASEAN countries are somewhat limited. What is lurking behind are languages barriers and terms of the employment agreement

The research indicates the agreement on medical practice in the ASEAN countries include policies are ment to support the migration of physicians. There is also exchange of data to enhance cooperation thereby promote a high standard medical practice. this allows development of profession and training for physicians and thereby the recognition on qualification by the host country. As such the arisen issues are needed to be studied to seek clarity. This in turn shall yield the best interest for medical practice and the mutual recognition arrangement. For example the curricula for medical graduate, whereas the institutions that churn out physicians have their own ways of training specialist and fellows, the contents of training rules and regulations of each country regarding education and registration for medical practice permit all these and including the standards of medical practice both at the degree level and graduate level shall be a stock of information for ASEAN countries to learn about standard for medical practice in ASEAN. This gives these ASEAN medical doctors who wish to work in each target country a clue. Should there be no study on the ways to move their services and the requirements, the clear impact would be the trend toward illegal medical practice. It also involves unethical practices. Legal mechanism are meant for prevention of risks with the safety of patients as the backdrop. The development of continuing education for registration of medical practitioner shall yield the greatest benefit to the society.

In conclusion, this study indicates the free movement of medical practitioner has both the bright side and the dark side. Thailand seems to have a comprehensive system of medical laws. This includes education and standards for qualifying test which also bring good result to neighbouring countries as well.

