# Hand Book

# Medical English for

# Healthcare Professionals



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# Message for Healthcare Professionals & Students

#### **Lecturer / Founder message**



Medical English for Medical student course was created with a very good hope of improving skills and knowledge of medical students to get good grades & results at the medical Faculty. As the lecturer of this medical English course, my ultimate goal is to produce students with a sound medical English knowledge and with very good skills to access international learning opportunities to improve medical knowledge. This course will facilitate in making smart medical students who have more confidence and knowledge at their studies and clinical practices.

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#### **Co-Founder message**



Medical Education is considered as one of the most valuable educational systems in the world. Students can acquire a vast knowledge from academic & clinical medical education. Most students use to think all the higher educational systems are complicated, I believe the main reason behind this is lack of English knowledge & skills.

All the academic resources are mainly produced in English medium & on the other hand students cannot be more successful in clinical practices when they can't communicate

well in English.

I decided to start medical English course because I found lot of students who do pharmacy education struggle due to lack of English knowledge. Then I had discussions with Mr. Sudeep Pathirana and introduced medical English for health care professionals. After that we designed Medical English for medical student course to help medical students, after having an analysis about medical students' English knowledge

We developed this Medical English course in order to make a smooth pathway for medical students to go through their medical studies & clinical practices without having issues related to lack of English knowledge

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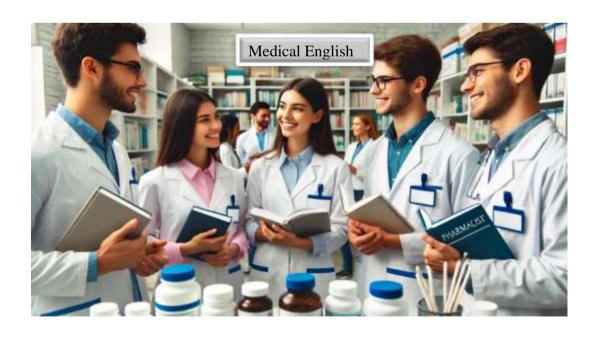
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# **Course Objectives**

- To improve English knowledge & skills of health care professionals
- To improve effective communication skills of health care professionals
- To make students prepare for international exams including IELTS, OET, PTE
- To improve confidence of health care professionals
- To make students prepare for international career opportunities
- To make professionals for the global job market



# **Course Contents**

Medical English for Health care professionals was designed to improve the English language proficiency and effective communication skills. Course consists of 10 specially designed 10 course books & 24 lecture hours (3 months). Lecturers are targeted to improve 4 skills including listening, reading, speaking, writing & grammar of healthcare professionals to be very good at communicating in medical situations.

Language is a multifaceted tool that serves as a means of communication, expression, and understanding. Within the realm of language acquisition, four primary skills play a central role: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Each of these skills contributes uniquely to one's language proficiency and plays a vital role in different aspects of life.



#### **Speaking**

Speaking is often considered the most critical language skill, as it directly enables human communication. It facilitates interaction with others, both socially and professionally, allowing individuals to express their thoughts, ideas, and emotions effectively. The ability to speak fluently is especially crucial in situations like business negotiations, job interviews, and everyday conversations. Effective speaking enhances one's confidence, builds relationships, and fosters cultural understanding.



#### Listening

Listening is the counterpart to speaking, and it is equally essential in effective communication. Without strong listening skills, misunderstandings can arise, leading to breakdowns in communication. Active listening involves not only hearing words but also comprehending their meaning, tone, and context. Proficient listening enhances language learners' ability to engage in meaningful conversations, understand cultural nuances, and respond appropriately. In educational settings, strong listening skills are crucial for learning and comprehension.



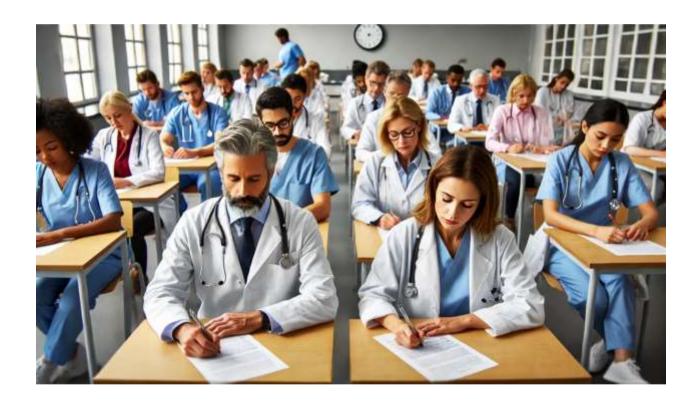
#### Reading

Reading expands one's knowledge and understanding of language. It allows individuals to access a vast wealth of information, literature, and culture. Through reading, individuals can explore diverse perspectives, historical accounts, and contemporary issues. Reading also plays a significant role in academic and professional contexts, where individuals are required to process, analyze, and synthesize written information. Strong reading skills lead to improved vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking.



#### Writing

Writing is the skill that allows individuals to express their thoughts and ideas in a structured and organized manner. It serves as a means of documentation, creativity, and self-expression. In academic and professional settings, effective writing is essential for creating reports, essays, emails, and other forms of communication. It also plays a crucial role in preserving knowledge, culture, and history through the written word. Strong writing skills enable individuals to convey their thoughts with clarity and precision.



#### Grammar

English is a universal language that helps people hailing from different ethnicities to connect and continue conversations. This is even applicable to colleges and universities wherein international students from various backgrounds are able to communicate freely. Even lectures in major universities are conducted in English and therefore it is necessary to have a good command over the language. However, one of the main aspects of spoken and written English is its grammar. Only when the grammar is proper, do the sentences make sense. Thus, it is important to realize the importance of grammar in language.

#### **Medical terms**

Medical terminology refers to the words and language used specifically in the medical and health fields. The proper definition describes medical terminology as language used to describe anatomical structures, procedures, conditions, processes and treatments in the medical field.







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# **Course Materials**



# During the lecture hours, you will get

- Guidance for course books
- Guidance for Medical Listening
- Guidance for Medical Reading
- Guidance for Medical Speaking
- Guidance for Grammar Accuracy
- Guidance for International English Exams for healthcare sectors and develop skills.



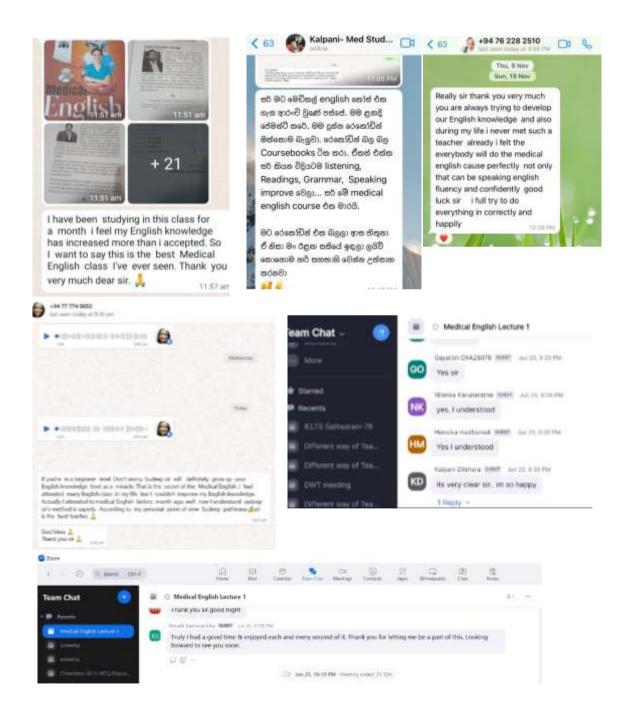
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# **Students' Performances**

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# **Course Overview**

Duration: 2 months

Sessions: 5 sessions per month

Session Duration: For Theory- 2hours & for Practical 1.5hour

#### **Course Structure**

#### • Course Materials:

You will receive a course book before each session.

The lecturer will discuss the course book during the lecture.

#### • Assignments:

Complete and submit each course book before the next session starts.

#### **Certification**

Upon successful completion of the course, you will receive a valuable certificate.

#### **Contact Information**

For more details, please contact our coordinator Ms. Dilrukshi.

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Here are some essential medical terms that could be useful for healthcare professionals:

- **Anamnesis**: The medical history of a patient.
- **Diagnosis**: Identification of a disease or condition.
- **Prognosis**: The likely course or outcome of a disease.
- **Therapy**: Treatment intended to relieve or heal a disorder.
- **Pharmacology**: The study of drugs and their effects on the body.
- **Anatomy**: The study of the structure of the body.
- **Physiology**: The study of the function of the body.
- **Pathology**: The study of diseases and their causes.
- **Surgery**: The branch of medicine dealing with operative procedures.
- Radiology: The use of imaging techniques (X-rays, MRI, CT scans) to diagnose and treat diseases.
- **Oncology**: The study and treatment of cancer.
- **Cardiology**: The study and treatment of heart diseases.
- **Neurology**: The study and treatment of nervous system disorders.
- **Gastroenterology**: The study and treatment of digestive system disorders.
- **Hematology**: The study and treatment of blood disorders.
- **Dermatology**: The study and treatment of skin disorders.
- **Pediatrics**: The branch of medicine dealing with children and their diseases.
- **Geriatrics**: The branch of medicine dealing with older adults and their health issues.
- **Psychiatry**: The study and treatment of mental health disorders.
- **Immunology**: The study of the immune system and immune responses.
- **Endocrinology**: The study of hormones and their effects on the body.
- **Orthopedics**: The branch of medicine dealing with the correction of deformities of bones or muscles.

- Ophthalmology: The study and treatment of eye disorders.
- **Gynecology**: The study and treatment of female reproductive system disorders.
- **Obstetrics**: The branch of medicine dealing with childbirth and the care of women giving birth.

