Fourth research

Initiative on engaging the under-graduate medical students in implementing the 5S-KAIZEN at Faculty of Medicine, Fayoum University

Background:Integration of 5S-KAIZEN concepts into the medical curriculum of Public Health prepares the medical graduates with meaningful contributions to the mission of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI).

Aims:This paper aims todisplay the experience and impact of introducing the 5S-KAIZEN into the public health curriculum.

Methods: A horizontalintegration model was used in teaching the students the basic theoretical part of 5S-KAIZEN within a finite period of timefollowed by the practical application. The students' achievements were evaluated with different methods included; writtenreport, preparation of power-point presentation, a written exam, performance evaluation and MCQ.

Results: Students were ableto evaluate the working environment; skillful in writing a report, clearly understood the required skills for a productiveworkplace.

Conclusion:Findings suggest that 5S-KAIZEN is needed to be aligned as a requirement for graduation from all the postgraduate medical programs.

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