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The purpose of this thesis was to study some aspects of the use of English Language journals in the Faculty of Medicine Library, Khon Kaen University frequency of use, subject fields, publication date of the used journals and citation in standard bibliographies.

Research findings revealed that : - (1) In the first period of study, 180 titles were used 1,550 times while 175 titles were used 1,210 times in the second period. Altogether 202 titles were used in both periods 2,760 times. (2) The frequency of internal use was 1,298 times (47.029%) which was more than circulation, photocopying, and interlibrary loan use in both periods. (3) The most used journals in both periods which have frequency 80.14% accounted for 40.41% (the first 89 titles) of the samples. (4) The correlation between journals in the two periods was of medium significance. (5) The subject fields of the most used journals was the Practice of Medicine.

- (6) The most used journals were those published within the last 6 years.
- (7) 201 titles of journals used were cited in standard bibliographies, 14 titles in general medicine and 187 titles in specific fields.

From studying the frequency of use and citing in standard bibliographies, the Faculty of Medicine Library, Khon Kaen University could use the findings to rank the titles of English language journals in considering the subscription and cancellation according to the finance of the library.