

## EDITORIAL

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# Obstetricians and Gynecologist: Manpower Requirement 2002

Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RTCOCG) had conducted the survey on additional Obstetricians and Gynecologists need among existing health services. The questionnaires of 1,317 were distributed, and return rate was 702 in 1,317 (53.3%): community hospitals of 444 (63.2%), provincial hospital of 68 (9.6%), center hospital of 22 (3.1%), medical centers and schools of 27 (3.8%), and private hospital of 141 (20.0%)

Present survey, there have Obstetricians and Gynecologists around 1,698 available on the practice, while the RTCOCG members are 1,854. That means the survey responders represent at least 91.5% of the hospitals, providing OB-GYN services. Of those, the infrastructure requested more medical personnel in OB-GYN, total of 428: community hospital of 222, provincial hospitals of 53, center hospitals of 47, medical centers and schools of 50, and private hospitals of 56.

By average, RTCOCG has 70-80 graduates in OB-GYN. Based on the survey, if no any other factors, involving toward specialist training program, the manpower requirement is going to be met, in the next 5-6 years. Nevertheless, the periodic evaluation against social involvement should be made.

This date is only second though for human resource development among RTCOCG and networking collaboration.

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