

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. Background**

In today's era of intense competition, it is undeniable, the importance of English as an international language that is needed to support work and communication. English has become a language that must be mastered by everyone; this also applies to students who are not English students such as doctors, nurses, midwives, and health workers who must master English as an international language. This is because there are many medical terms, medical equipment in English, and how to operate using English. That is one proof of the importance of mastering English.

English for a specific purpose (ESP) relates to the teaching and learning of English as a foreign language or a second language where the main objective of the learner is to use English in a particular area. According to Belcher (2009), ESP is now expanded to include other branches such as English for academic purposes (EAP), English for vocational purposes (EVP), English for work purposes (EOP), English for business purposes (EBP), English for medical purposes (EMP), English for legal purposes (ELP), and English for socio-cultural purposes (ESCP). Not only because of its status as a world language but because it has become a life support for a better life. In this case, the role of English is needed both in mastering communication technology and in

interacting directly. As a means of global communication, students both must actively master English orally and in writing.

English in the medical field has terms that are more difficult than General English because there are many medical terms, medical equipment in English, and how to operate using English. This is one proof of the importance of mastering English. In addition, the variety and meaning of English terms in the nursing or medical field are very complex and general and require special understanding because they are related to applications in the world of work. English in the medical field is very complex and general and requires a thorough understanding special. In medical science, many terms are used and are often known as medical language or health terms as well as medical terminology.

Medical terminology is the language of the health profession that is used as a means of communication between those who are directly/indirectly involved in the field of health services. Medical terminology is the science of medical terminology or medical terms (Nuryati, 2011). Medical terminology is the science of medical terminology (medical terms) which is a means of communication between those who are directly/indirectly in the field of care/medical/health care, the goal is uniformity so that the written terms can be understood between health workers. Health terminology is the language of the

health professions that is used as a means of communication between those who are directly/indirectly involved in the field of health services.

Based on the background of the researcher, it can be seen that the use of medical terminology in the field of medicine is still very minimal. According to Levin (2006), doctors often use special terms that are not well understood by their patients. However, even the names of common illnesses (such as arthritis, diabetes and heartburn) often mean something different to a patient than to a doctor and are influenced by education, culture and language. Translators have difficulty with medical translation, and Disease names in English can be used differently by patients and doctors.

## **B. Scope of the research**

This study only focuses on the understanding of medical English terms. The subjects of this research are fourth-semester students of the Faculty of Medicine, Khairun University.

## **C. Statement(s) of the Problems**

There is a question come related to the theme, but in the way to focus on the study, the researcher takes the following research question:

How do the students understand medical terminology?

#### **D. Objective(s) of the Research**

The purpose of this study is to determine the students understanding on medical terminology of fourth-semester students of the Faculty of Medicine, majoring in the medical science department, Khairun University.

#### **E. Significance of Research**

Based on the research objectives to be achieved, this research is expected to provide benefits in the world of education either directly or indirectly. The benefits of this research are as follows:

##### 1. Theoretical benefits

Theoretically, this research can add to the understanding of medical terms at the Faculty of Medicine, majoring in the medical science department, Khairun University.

##### 2. Practical benefits

Practically this research can be useful as follows:

###### a. For students

It is hoped that they can better understand the importance of understanding medical terminology in the field of medicine.

###### b. To the lecturer

The hope is that teachers can provide more information about the needs of students to have better understanding in medical terminology in the field of medicine.

