

The Decline of the Taiwan District Hospitals and its Impacts on the Community Health Care Safety Network

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Abstract

In Taiwan, it was not worthy of you to take notice of the disappearance of the District Hospitals around until your sick family was sent to the bigger hospitals, like Area Hospitals or Medical Research Centers, far away from our community. Also it was usually predictable to stay in emergency room for waiting ward admission about several days here. All these are terribly threatening local community people's medical care right. More importantly, the community medical care safety network has come to a crisis for local people's health. By way of interviewing with the related hospital staffs and supervisors, emergency room patients and their families, in addition to using empirical observation methods, literature review and analysis, we gave the comparison before and after the disappearance of district hospital in community. There were not only emergency medical services, operation, admission, laboratory examination but also the medical education, vaccination, promotion of the community health screening work, day care, chronic and long-term medical care. However, all these cares are almost destroyed completely. And the worst, there were no responsible policies or strategies for resuming district hospitals till

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now. Under such circumstances, the community health care safety network would be threatened and challenged in Taiwan.

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