

INDONESIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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Motion to Revise Medical Education Act

Lately one of the issues in Indonesian medical circle is about primary care physicians.

The ministry of Health is proposing a new specialty called ‘Primary care doctor’ who will be the spearhead of health service in the community health facility, which in turn already has a general practitioner working there. The government wants to add several additional specialties, which they already learned in medical school, with the hope patients need not be referred to hospitals, thus lessening the workload of the hospitals.

So the government is inserting this program into the new proposed medical education law, and the graduates are accredited with the title of a specialist.

This caused many protests from many of the Indonesian medical societies of specialists, explaining that they are the same as a general physician / family physician who already has their own society in our organization.

So motions were made to the ministry of education and ministry of health to revise the proposed law, with the exclusion of the program.



Penalty for Sex Offender



In Indonesia, sex criminals or sex offender, after being tried and found guilty, the sentence will be severe. The government officials, even the president declare this as a very serious and disturbing crime, and the offender should be given a very heavy punishment.

There were suggestions that castration should make the would be offender think twice before doing it.

This proposal give rise to the problem of who will do the castration. The court easily suggested that medical doctors should do it.

The medical society protested that by



doing that, either surgically or injections meant it is against the medical oath, that is hurting instead of healing, so they will not do it.

A solution has not been reached.

Counterfeit Vaccine

Recently there was an issue of counterfeit vaccine which was exposed in a hospital in Jakarta. Further investigations by the police and the controlling body of food and drug from the ministry of Health exposed the distribution line.

Because of the price and the need for vaccines, came the idea to make a mass production of fake vaccines and sell it for a lower price.

The targets are the pediatric departments of hospitals (not government hospitals).

The result was visit of angry parents to the hospitals where their children were vaccinated.

The Indonesian Pediatrician Society had a tough time calming these parents and explaining that the side effects are minimal.

The people making the fake vaccines are already being rounded up by the police.

‘ Say No to Drugs’

The coming elections for head of provinces, regions and cities involves the Indonesian Medical Association.

Not only a thorough medical check-up is done, also were included a screening against narcotics.

For this purpose, the Indonesian Medical Association made an MOU with the Indonesian National Narcotic Body.

This was important because lately there are many officials who were involved in using drugs.

It is hoped that with the screening, the candidates are “clean” when they take office, and also afterwards.

- Attended the Masean Meeting in May in Bangkok.

- Attended the Asean Celebration Day in Jakarta, as representative of Masean.

Thank you !!

