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# **Update on actions to counter telemedicine between doctors and patients**

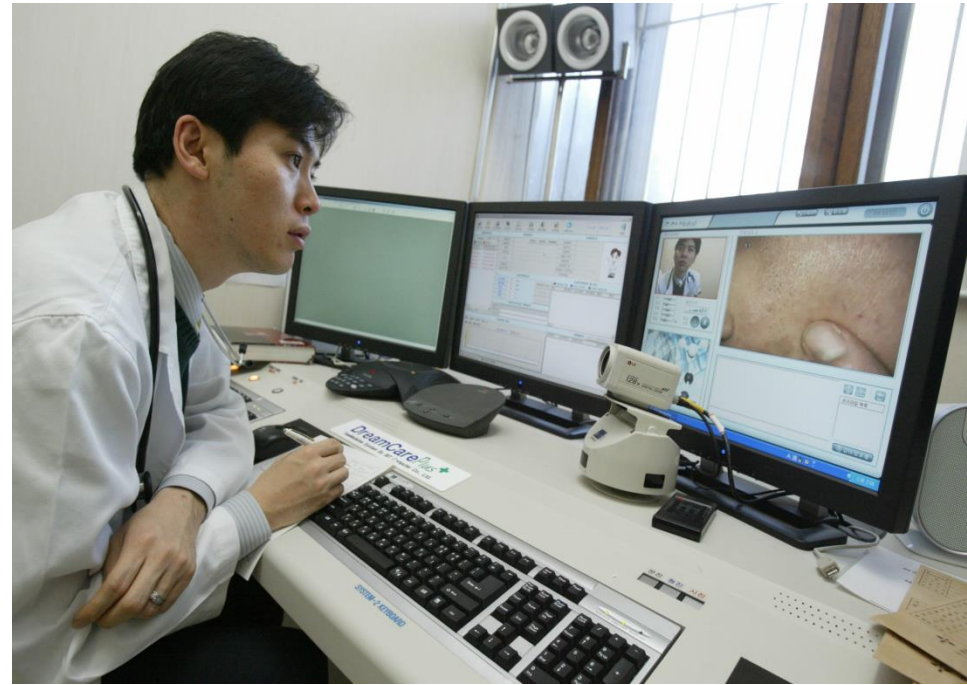
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- The Korean government put forward a motion to revise Medical Act in order to legalize telemedicine between doctors and patients.
- Its safety and effectiveness have not been proven, and there is no social consensus.
- The government is strongly pushing for the purpose of creating new jobs and driving industrialization.

# Telemedicine between doctors and patients





# Many Issues

- **More dominance by big hospitals**
- **Risk of misdiagnosis due to medical device failure and ambiguity over who takes responsibility when there is a medical accident.**
- **Risk of medical treatment information leaking through poor security measures**

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# KMA's Suggestions

- **Korean Medical Association demands the Korean government to share everything about telemedicine between doctors and patients to officially win verification.**



# **Update on actions to thwart use of modern medical devices by Oriental doctors**

# Use of modern medical devices by Oriental doctors?

- In Korea, we have modern medicine and Oriental medicine.
- Oriental medicine is traditional medicine passed down from ancestors.
- Oriental medicine served as the backbone of medicine in Korea until modern medicine came into the country.
- Today, Oriental doctors have to practice only Oriental medicine under the Korean current Act.

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Modern medicine and Oriental medicine are different principles.

# Use of modern medical devices by Oriental doctors?

- **Oriental medicine is losing ground and falling behind modern medicine.**
- **Aware of this worrisome situation, Oriental doctors are trying to use modern medical devices.**
- **The Korean government is trying to let Oriental doctors use them by making market-oriented cases.**

- **One may be misjudgment of a patient's illness, which could lead to the patient losing chance for timely treatment.**
- **It threatens public health and could legalize unlicensed medical practice.**



# KMA's firm Oppositions and Campaigns



- This is why Korean Medical Association is strongly against the idea of letting Oriental doctors use modern medical devices.



# Thank you