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Taiwan Medical Association Country Report

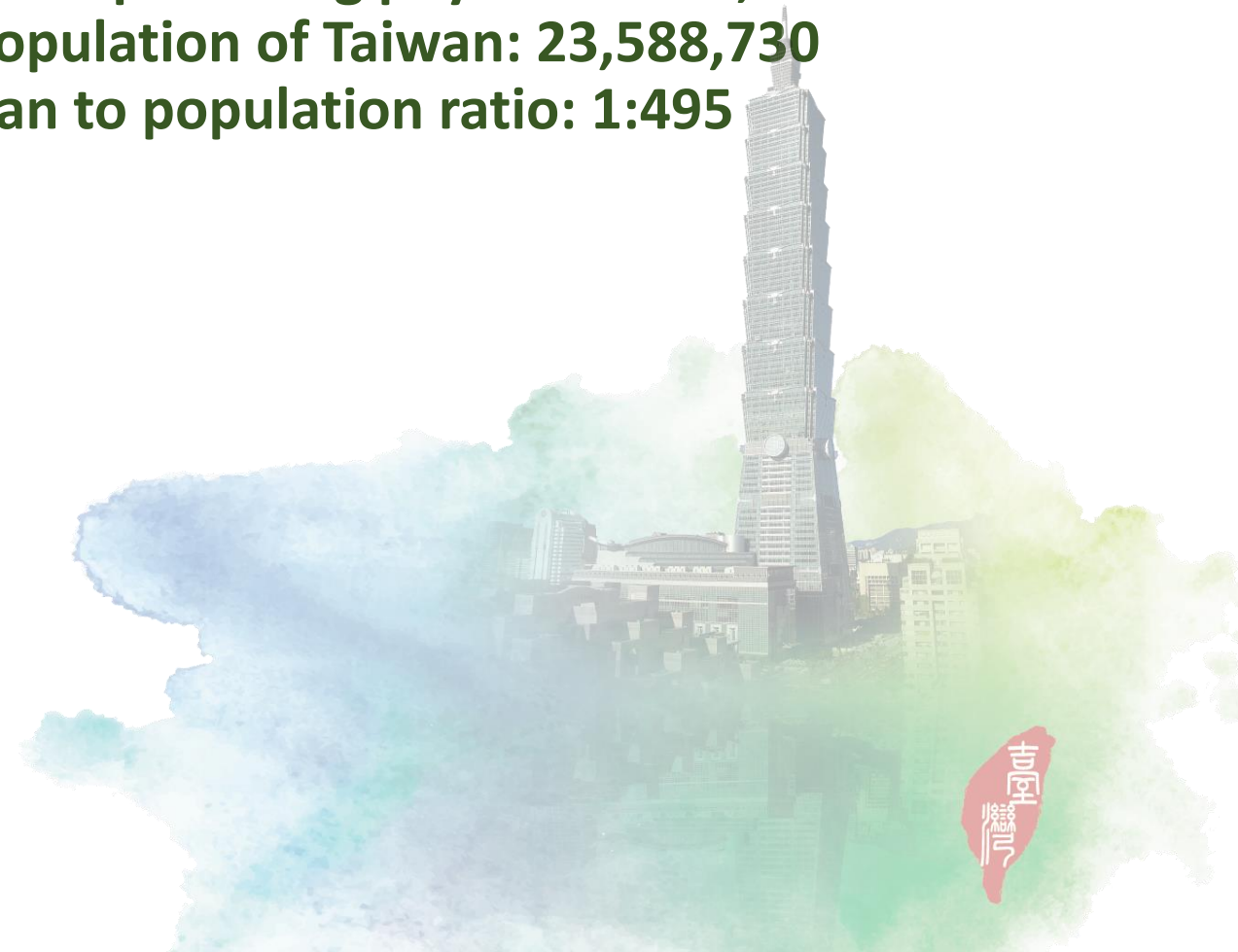
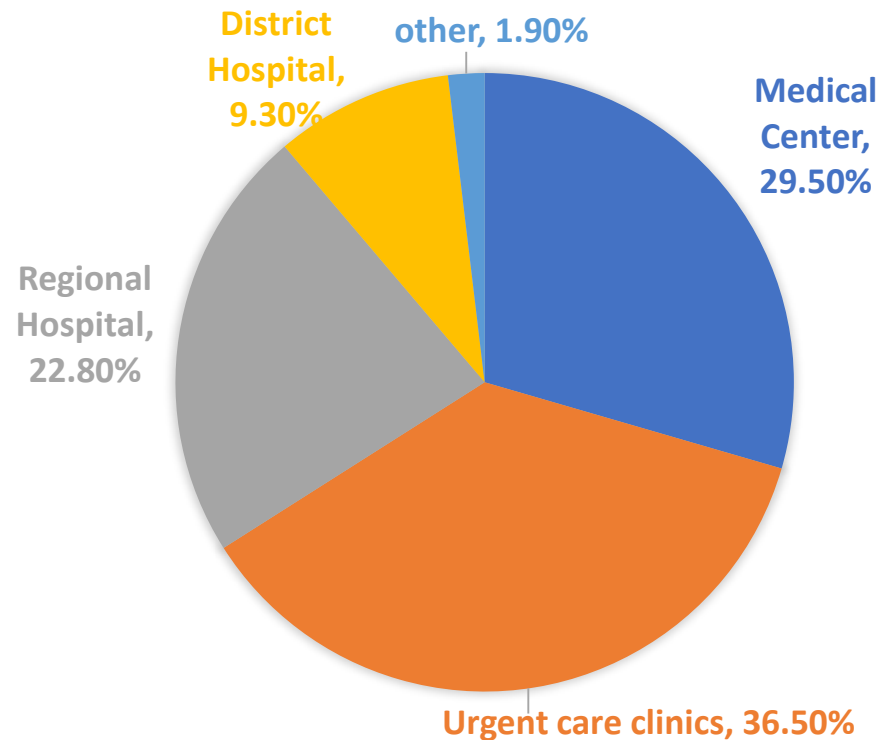
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September 5th 2019



Distribution of Practitioners by Categories of Healthcare Facilities, 2018

- Number of practicing physicians: 47,654
- Total population of Taiwan: 23,588,730
- Physician to population ratio: 1:495



Important Activities

1. “Non-discounted Quality of Medical Care, Protected Rights of Physicians, and Smooth Operation of Healthcare Institutions” as Three Major Principles.

- **Residents**--September 1, 2019,

“The Labor Standards Act” applied to residents hired for the healthcare service sector (excluding those at public hospitals applicable under the regulatory system for civil servants).”

- **Attending physicians**--March 14, 2019

The Ministry of Health and Welfare prepared the draft amendment to some articles of the Medical Care Act.



Important Activities

2. National Judges Interpretation for the Right of Physician to Dispense Drugs under Separation of Prescription and Dispensing Policy to Protect People's Right to Their Health

- According to the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act and the interpretation in related correspondence, physicians may only dispense drugs on their own in areas without pharmacists and under medically urgent circumstances and the said medically urgent circumstances are limited to those where immediate dosing is required.
- Under the joint efforts of physicians, related parties, and TMA, the National Judges offered the No. 778 interpretation on June 14, 2019 where it is declared that Article 50 of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act Enforcement Rules and the interpretation in related correspondence over the definition of medically urgent circumstances are unconstitutional.
- TMA later formed the Task Force for National Judges Interpretation No. 778 and continued working for the best of the nation in terms of protecting the right over health in order to provide complete medical care service.

Important Activities

3. **Unchanged Demand for Prudence and Thoroughness in Draft Regulations for Regenerative Medicine Products in Order to Protect People's Rights to Life and Property without Undermining Professional Autonomy of Physicians.**

- Regenerative medicine products shall not be classified as drugs.
- A representative review committee with substantial authority shall be set up.
- An outcome-based pricing shall be deliberated in order to protect patients from undertaking excessive risks and bearing unnecessary loss.
- It is no longer appropriate to hold physicians back from using regenerative medicine products applying the dispensing requirements of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act as it will only give rise to unnecessary issues and does not help with advancement in medicine and development of the industry.

Important Activities

4. Training Courses for Doctors on Board and Healthcare Professionals on Board in a Aircraft

- WMA Resolution ON Medical Assistance in Air Travel

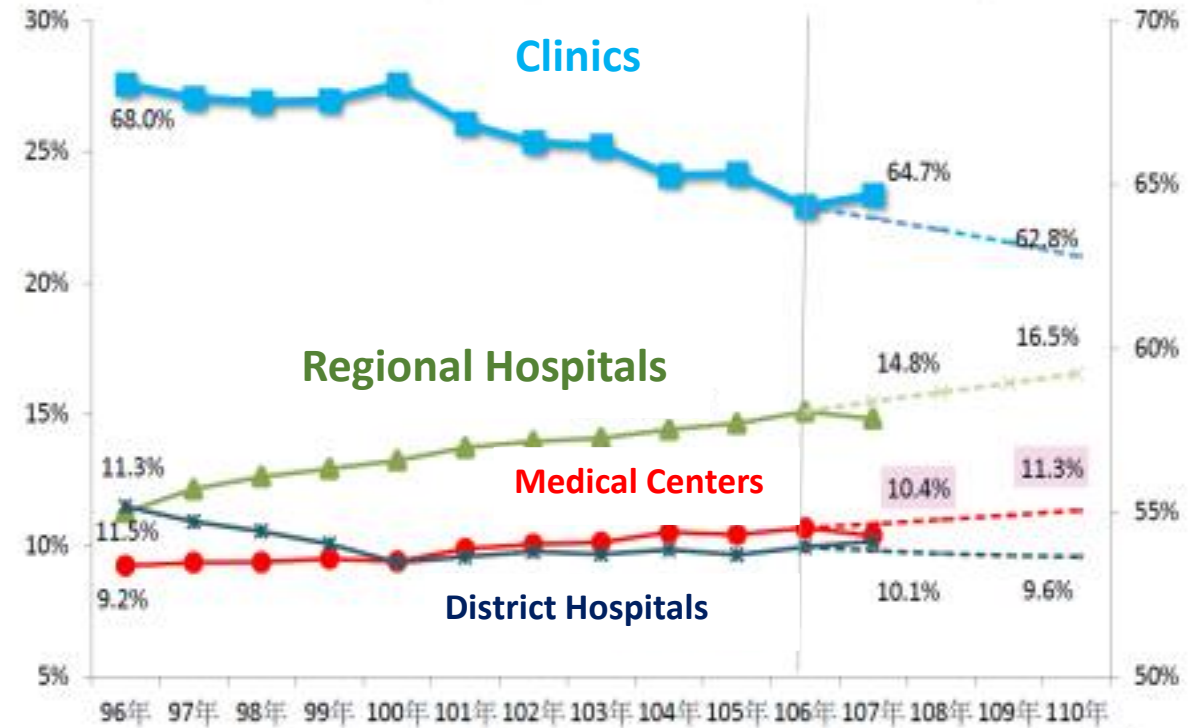
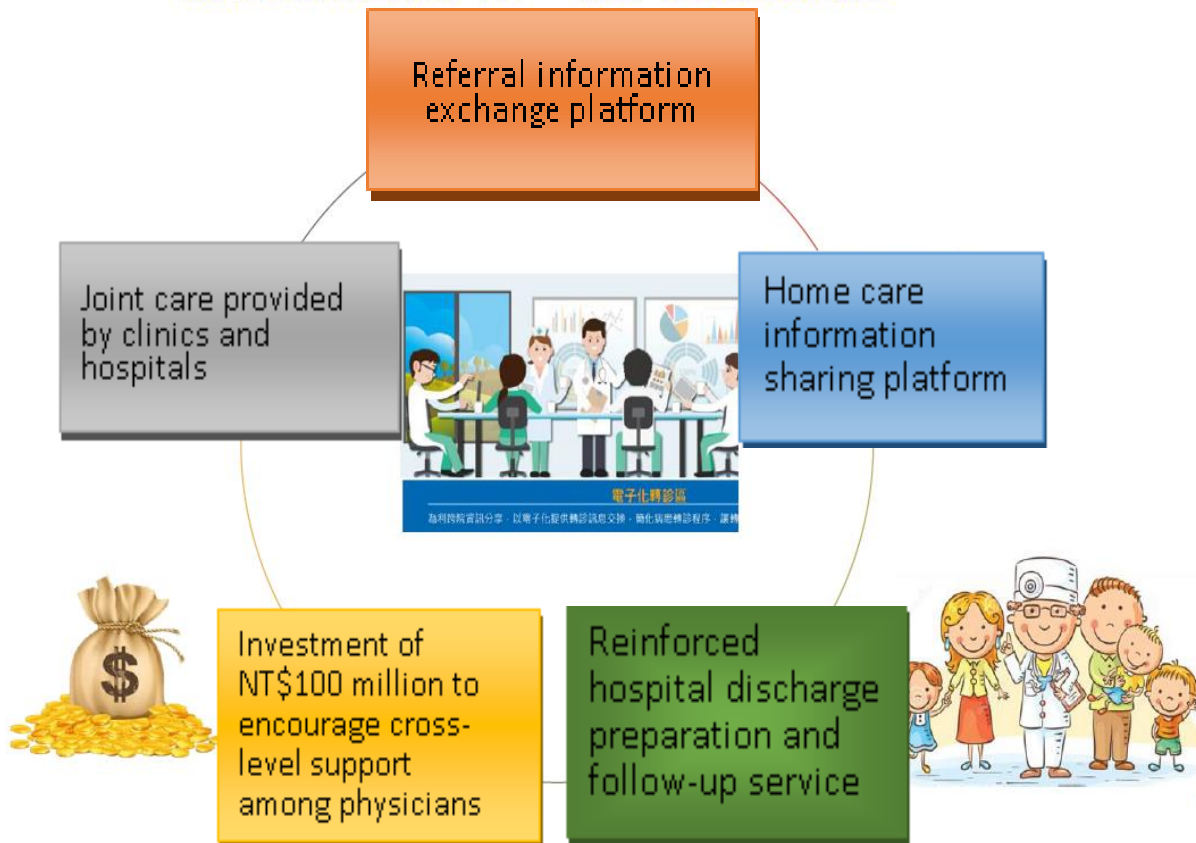
Adopted by the 57th WMA GA October 2006 and revised by the 68th WMA GA October 2017

- From 2018 to 2019—Six training courses for “Doctors on Board in a Aircraft” in Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung. A total of 634 physicians took the training courses.
- March 30, 2019—One training course for “Healthcare Professionals on Board in a Aircraft” video conference. Participants included physicians and nurses; a total of 675 healthcare professionals participated in the course.



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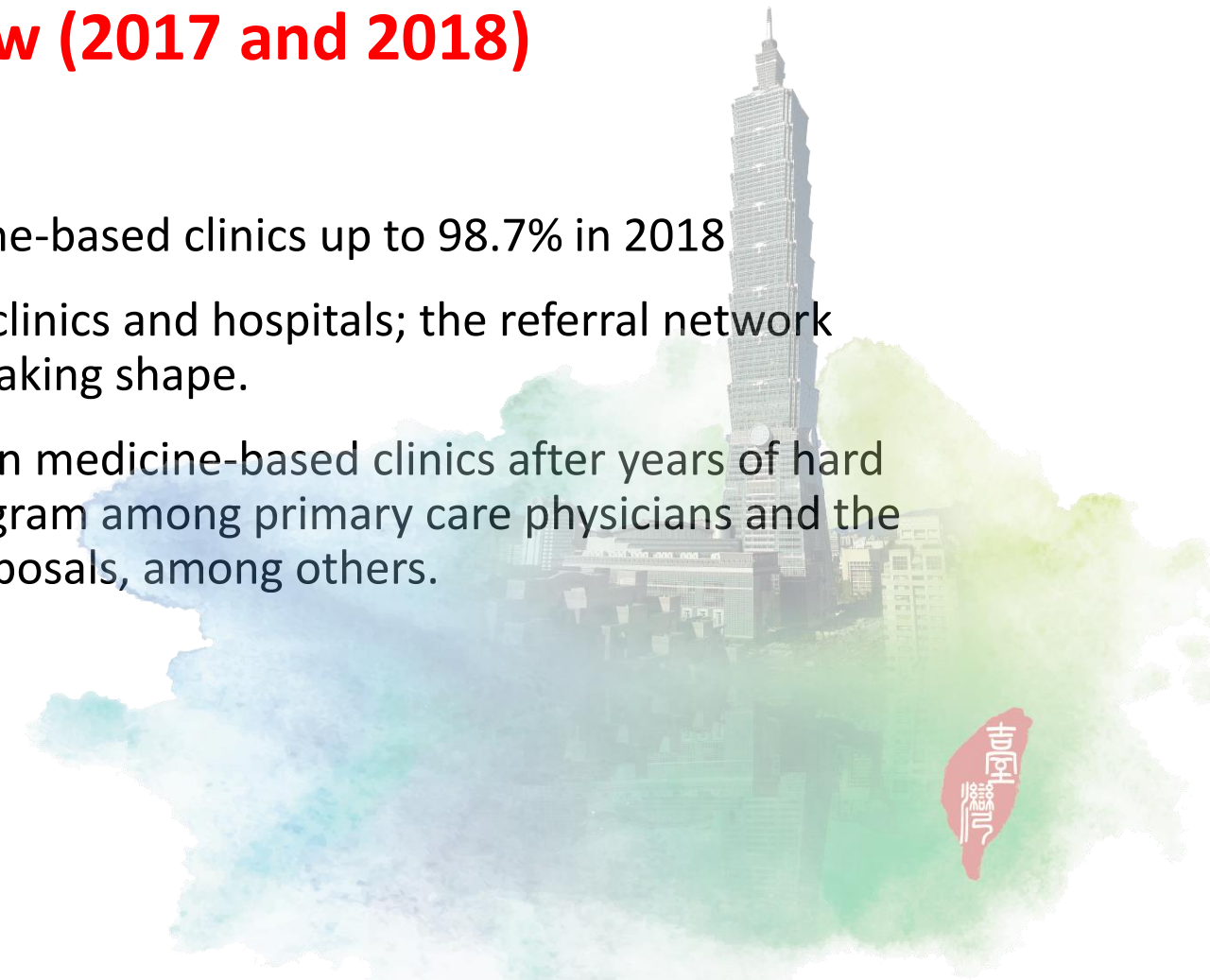
5. Integrated Care and Bi-directional Transferral



Note: The dotted line shows the estimated values.

TMA has been rated “Outstanding” by the Ministry of Health and Welfare for two years in a row (2017 and 2018)

- Overall satisfaction with western medicine-based clinics up to 98.7% in 2018
- Constantly increasing referrals between clinics and hospitals; the referral network among hospitals and clinics is gradually taking shape.
- Outstanding performance among western medicine-based clinics after years of hard work in terms of the integrated care program among primary care physicians and the medical care coverage improvement proposals, among others.



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2017年台灣執業醫師·醫療機構統計(PDF)

統計圖

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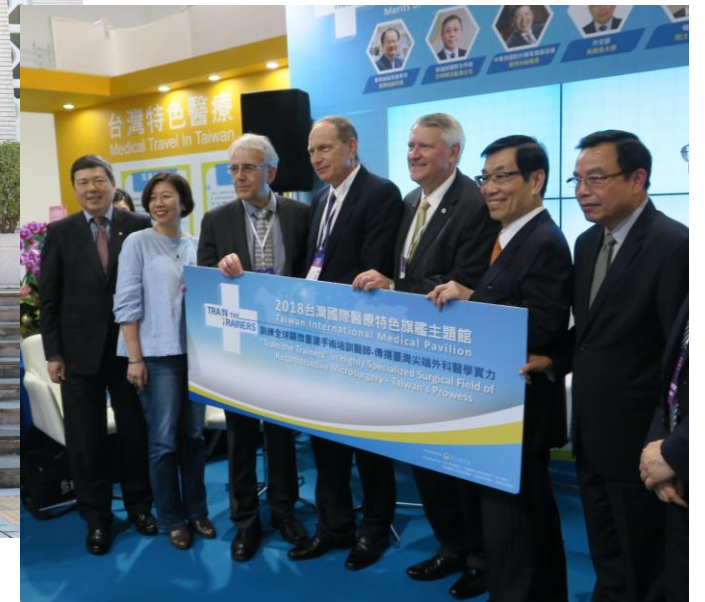
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April 19th-20th 2019



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Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Every person has the right to attain a high-quality humane health care from birth to death. To assist a patient achieve high quality of life toward the end of life and ensure high quality of dying and death (e.g., a "good death"), it is imperative to honor patient's rights of autonomy and respect their preferences regarding care decisions in health care circumstances. Advance care planning is an initiative to respect patient's values and ensure quality care in accordance with his or her preferences, usually followed by the completion of

advance directives, serving as a significant means to preserve patient's dignity at the end of life. It is widely recognized as an indicator for high-quality palliative care¹ and endorsed by many professional bodies (e.g., American, British, and Australian medical associations) around the world.² Advance care planning is a process that enables individuals who have decisional capacity to identify their values, to reflect upon the meanings and consequences of serious illness scenarios, to define goals and preferences for future medical treatment and care, and to discuss these



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TMA Annual National Doctors' Day Celebration
November 12th 2018



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Participation in international conferences and events

The 33rd CMAAO General Assembly in Penang, Malaysia
September 12th-14th 2018



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International conclave on zero tolerance on violence on doctors and hospitals
February 8th 2019, Mumbai, India



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The 2019 WMA Council Session in Santiago, Chile
April 25th-27th 2019



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The 72nd WHA in Geneva, followed by a meeting with
WMA President Dr. Leonid Eidelman and Secretary-general Dr. Otmar Kloiber
May 20th-25th 2019, Geneva, Switzerland



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The 2019 American Medical Association Annual Meeting
June 8th-12th 2019, Chicago, USA



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Health professional Meeting H20 2019-Road to UHC
June 13th-14th 2019, Tokyo, Japan



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International Exchanges

Israeli Medical Association Secretary-general Ms. Leah Wapner participated in the 2018 Global Health Forum in Taipei
October 22nd-23rd 2018



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Donation of USD 10,000 to the WMA Travel Fund



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Future Plans

2020 CMAAO General Assembly Taipei
35th CMAAO General Assembly and 56th Council Meeting
September 10th-12th 2020
Taipei, Taiwan

