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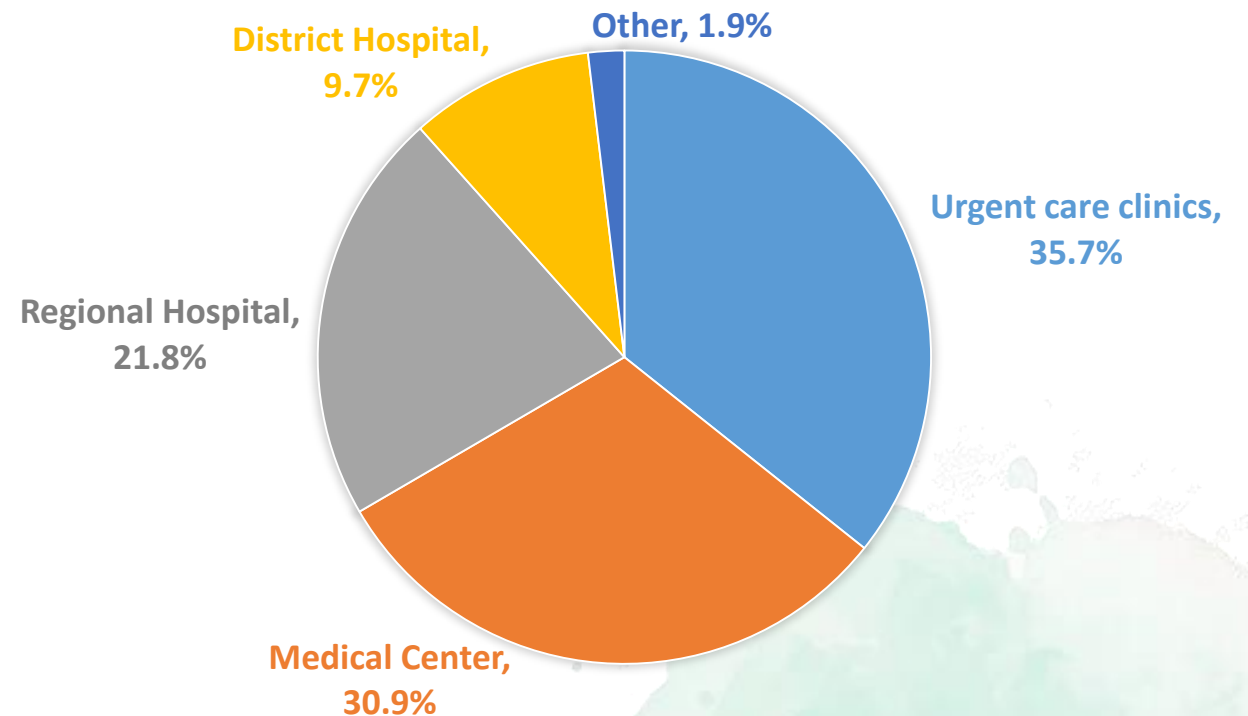
Country Report

Taiwan Medical Association



Distribution of Practitioners by Categories of Healthcare Facilities, 2019

- Number of practicing physicians: 49,791
- Total population of Taiwan: 23,603,121
- Physician population ratio: 1:474



Important Activities

1. Taiwan passes Public Health Specialist Act; Practice of public health specialists shall not involve medical treatment

- The bill has gone through lengthy deliberations in several parliament sessions. While the bill was being reviewed again in 2020, the TMA made an announcement on March 30, expressing a positive position about the draft and advocating for a wider participation and clear boundaries for professional cooperation.
- On May 6, the president of TMA Dr. Tai-Yuan Chiu who is also a member of parliament made a motion to revise Articles 4 and 13 which prohibit public health specialists from involving medical treatment in their practice.
- The Act was passed by the Legislature on May 15 and came into force on June 3, marking a milestone in the development of Taiwan's public health.

Important Activities

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- Based on the discussions in the Ninth Legislative Yuan, TMA has thoroughly reviewed the disputed and missing issues, and summarized recommendations as follows:
 - Increasing the legal status of regenerative medical products and implementing product lifecycle management.
 - Establishing a review committee to ensure quality of products and patient safety.
 - Specifying the qualifications of manufacturing and sales personnel while respecting the professionalism of those in various fields.

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 - Introducing an outcome-based payment system to ensure the rights of critically ill patients and avoid more harm.
 - Regulating sales and use of regenerative medicinal products to ensure proper treatment for patients.

Important Activities

3. Working the Health Ministry to promote long-term care policies to address issues in the ageing society with fewer children

- Family physician program for home-bound disabled patients
 - More than 80% of people with disabilities in Taiwan suffer from chronic conditions. In addition to long-term care, they also need to prevent progression of chronic diseases which lead to further disabilities.
 - By integrating the systems of long-term care and family physician, and adopting a physician advice form designed by the TMA, the Ministry of Health and Welfare regularly arranges home visits by physicians and nurses (case managers) to help people with disabilities to manage their health.
 - It aims to build an integrated network of long-term and medical care services.

Important Activities

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- Program to reduce hospital visits by institution residents
 - Institution residents often have chronic conditions and regularly visit health care facilities to collect medications, which exposes them to risks at the time of COVID-19 crisis.
 - TMA works with the Ministry of Health and Welfare to orient local medical associations the program which incentivizes health care facilities to take responsibilities of institution-based residents' health management, necessary treatment and referral.
 - The program is expected to reduce the risk of infection for patients and accompanying persons, and help the residents to maintain good health.

National Health Insurance

1. Hierarchy of medical care

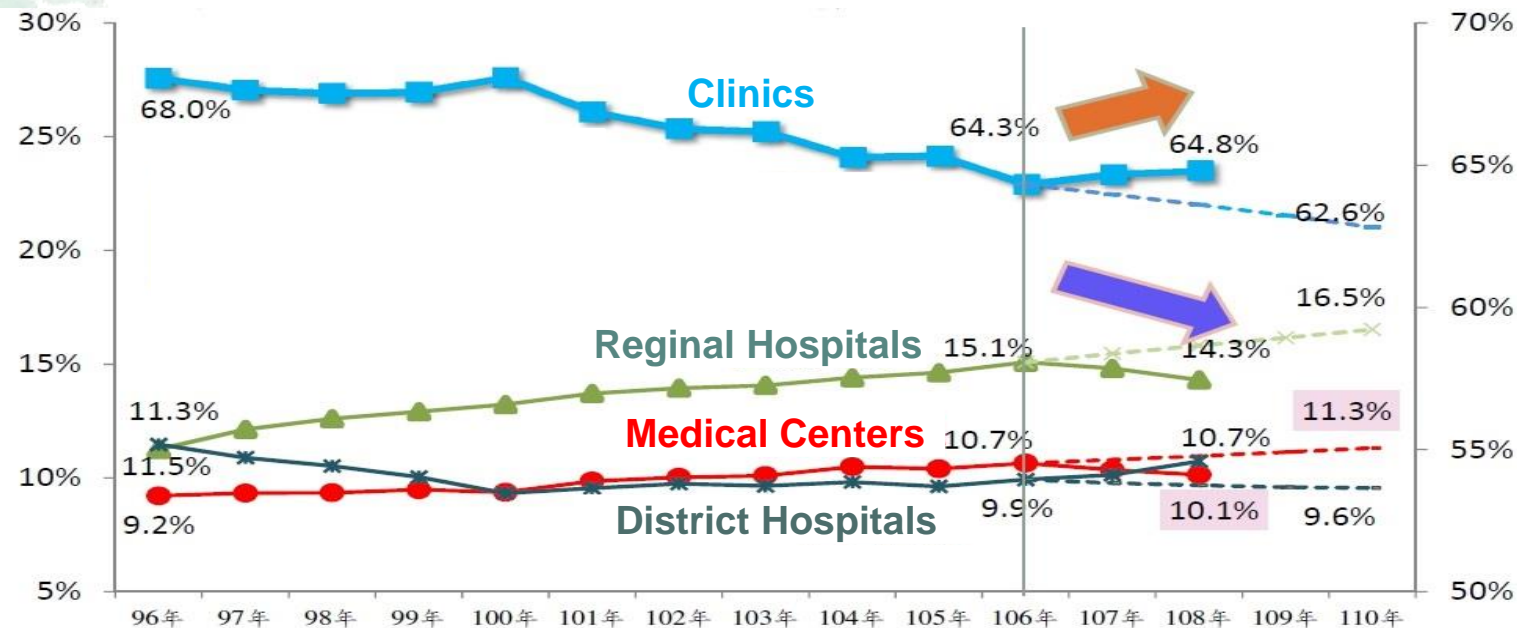
- Establishment of vertically-integrated alliance in every region
 - By May 2020, there has been 79 strategic alliances of 7,177 member facilities.

Type of medical care	No. of Institutions	Type of medical care	No. of Institutions
Medical center	24	Home care center	140
Regional hospital	82	Halfway house	10
District hospital	308	Birth center	1
Primary care clinic	6,608	home-based ventilation center	3
Pharmacy	1		

National Health Insurance

1. Hierarchy of medical care

- Since 2017 when the hierarchy system was introduced, the descending trend of primary care facility visits has slowed down and even slightly reversed.
- Regional hospitals reported a small increase of visits while visits to medical centers and district hospitals marginally decreased.



Note: The dotted line shows the estimated values

National Health Insurance

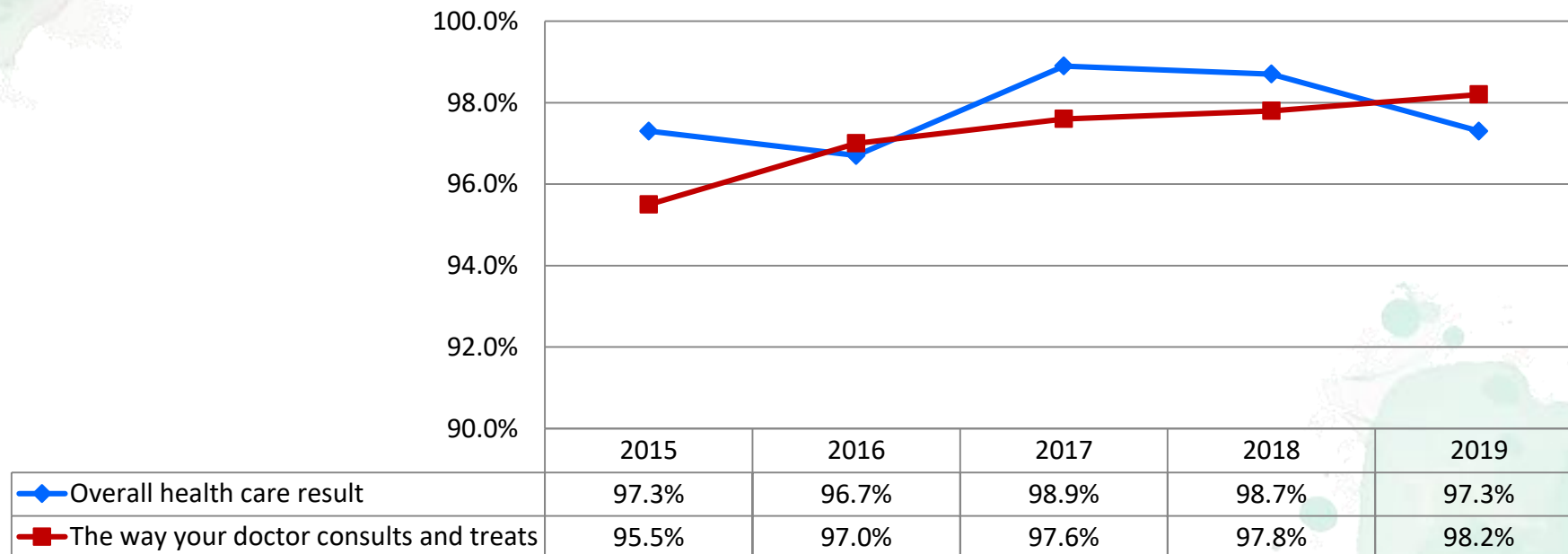
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- 85% satisfied with referral to primary care clinics
 - 2019 statistics show that around 30% of the cases referred to primary care clinics was made by physicians in district hospitals and medical centers.
 - Nearly 90% of referred patients acknowledged the referral service in the health care quality and accessibility survey.

National Health Insurance

2. High satisfaction in survey of primary care quality and accessibility

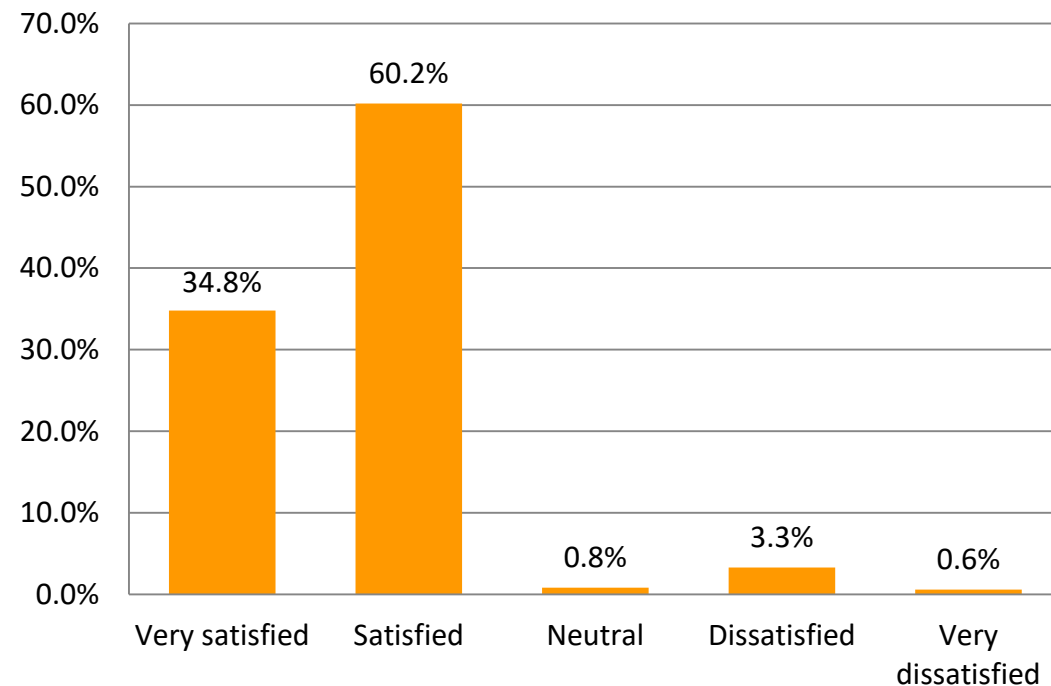
- “Overall health care result” and “the way your doctor consults and treats” have always maintained a good level of satisfaction at higher than 95% every year.



National Health Insurance

2. High satisfaction in survey of primary care quality and accessibility

- “Health care facility is in a convenient location” has also obtained 95% satisfaction, indicating high accessibility to medical care in Taiwan.



Governmental Programs

- Implementing “Primary care services review” project commissioned by the NHIA.

Publication

- Taiwan Medical Journal



- Statistics on Practicing Physicians and Healthcare Facilities in Taiwan 2018



International Relationship

**TMA held the Symposium on Primary Health Care
7th December 2019, Taipei, Taiwan**

WMA President Dr. Miguel Jorge, Chairperson of Council Dr. Frank Ulrich Montgomery and Secretary-General Dr. Otmar Kloiber were invited to give speeches



International Relationship

Participation in international conferences and events

**The 34th CMAAO General Assembly
5th-7th September 2019, Goa, India**



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2019 WMA General Assembly
23rd-26th October 2019, Tbilisi, Georgia



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**The 72nd Anniversary of Japan Medical Association and
7th International Congress of Person Centered Medicine
1st-2nd November 2019, Tokyo, Japan**



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Participation in international conferences and events

**The 94th National Annual Conference of Indian Medical Association
and 80th Annual Meeting of Central Council
26th -29th December 2019, Mumbai, India**



International Relationship

International Exchanges

Welcome Dr. Rajan Sharma's visit to Taipei, Taiwan
21st October 2019



International Relationship

International Exchanges

America Medical Association President Dr. Patrice Harris (2019-2020)
participated in TMA Annual National Doctors' Day Celebration
9th November 2019



International Relationship

International Exchanges

Japan Medical Association former executive director Dr. Mari Michinaga on behalf of WMA former President Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura participated in TMA Annual National Doctors' Day Celebration
9th November 2019, Taipei, Taiwan



International Relationship

International Exchanges

Visited the Okinawa Medical Association and donated 300,000 yen
for the reconstruction of Shuri Castle Okinawa
23rd December 2019, Okinawa, Japan



International Relationship

International Exchanges

Group of Physicians and professionals in Japan visited TMA
25th September 2019, Taipei, Taiwan



International Relationship

International Exchanges

**The Korean Inspection and Evaluation Institute visited TMA
14th November 2019, Taipei, Taiwan**



International Relationship

International Exchanges

TMA were invited by the Japanese Medical Association and the Tochigi Medical Association to visit the Shiobara Hot Spring Hospital 12th -14th February 2020, Okinawa, Japan



International Relationship

Donation of USD 10,000 to WMA JDN Travel Fund



International Relationship

35th CMAAO General Assembly and 56th Council Meeting

Hosted by TMA

September 2021, Taipei, Taiwan



The new date will be informed later