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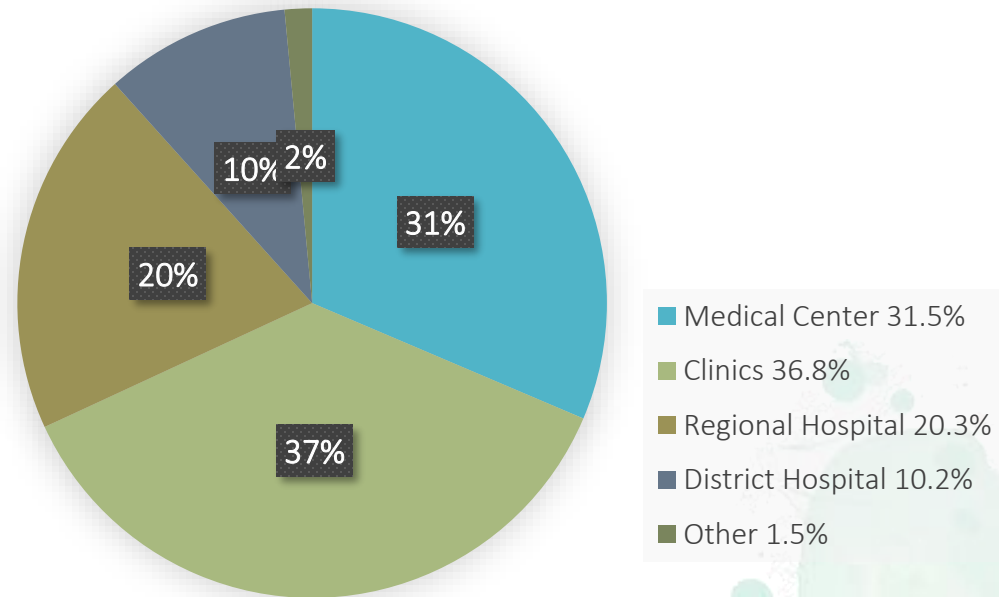
Taiwan Medical Association Country Report



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Distribution of Practitioners by Categories of Healthcare Facilities, 2024

- Number of practicing physicians: 56,823
- Physician population ratio: 1:422.86



Important Activities

Adherence to Total Enrollment Control for Medical Students

- The problem with Taiwan's physician workforce is 'not scarcity, but uneven distribution.' Taiwan's annual medical student enrollment quota is 1300, but the Ministry of Education plans to increase the enrollment quota for self-funded students in post-baccalaureate medical programs by 105.
- On June 29, 2025, the Taiwan Medical Association(TMA), together with various county and member medical associations, primary care medical association, primary care physician association, Taiwan Medical Clinics Association, and the Federation of Medical Students in Taiwan,, issued a joint statement rejecting the increase in enrollment quotas.
- June 30, 2025: The Premier of the Executive Yuan Taiwan convened a meeting with the Ministry of Health and Welfare(MoHW) and the Ministry of Education for consultation. The MoHW issued a press release stating, 'The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health and Welfare will maintain the current medical school enrollment quota of 1,300.'

Important Activities

Responding to Articles 206 and 208 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Regarding Medical Expert Testimony and Continued Inter-Ministerial Communication.

- Following the amendment of Articles 206 and 208 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in 2023, which require expert witnesses to provide verbal explanations in court, make affirmations before providing testimony, and sign their written reports, there has been an impact on medical expert testimony services.
- The TMA actively participated in inter-ministerial meetings with the Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Ministry of Justice, and the Judicial Yuan, emphasizing the need to address the potential decrease in physicians' willingness to participate in expert testimony due to the requirement for verbal debate in court and written affirmations. We requested that each agency continue to study related supporting measures.

Important Activities

Revising the Code of Medical Ethics in Accordance with the 2022 World Medical Association International Code of Medical Ethics

On June 3, 2024, in accordance with the additions and revisions to the 2022 World Medical Association International Code of Medical Ethics, the TMA revised and passed the amendments to the Code of Medical Ethics at the General Assembly.

Important Activities

Strengthening Prevention of Sexual Harassment: The TMA issues Related Statements and Revises the Code of Medical Ethics

- On December 26, 2024, the TMA issued a statement of zero tolerance for sexual harassment and sent a letter to each member associations urging them to supervise their members to implement the relevant regulations on sexual harassment and gender discrimination prevention as stipulated in the 'Sexual Harassment Prevention Act,' the 'Act of Gender Equality in Employment,' and the 'Gender Equity Education Act.
- In 2025, the Medical Ethics and Discipline Committee of TMA reiterated that harassment of physicians by physicians, medical personnel, students, and other personnel is unacceptable.

Important Activities

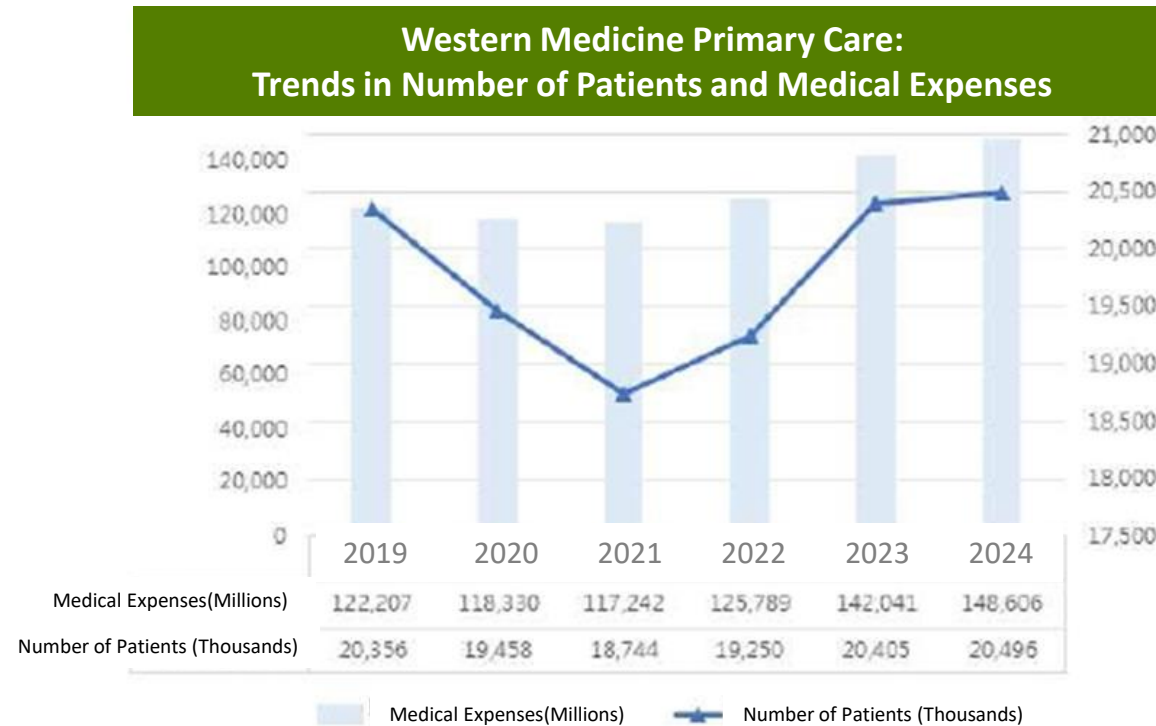
Continuing Medication Education

- The TMA regularly organizes continuing education courses to improve healthcare quality, including the following:
 - Medical Device Risk Management and Dispute Prevention
 - Suicide Prevention Training for Frontline Personnel
 - Education and Training for Healthcare Professionals on Dengue Fever, Chikungunya Fever, and Enteroviruses
 - Education and Training Course on Family Medicine 2.0 and Diabetes Kidney Disease (DKD) in Medical Groups.
 - Seminar on Sports Anti-Doping Prevention and Treatment

National Health Insurance

Primary Care Global Budget Implementation(1)

- Western medicine primary care clinics have experienced fluctuations in medical expenses and patient visits due to the impact of the COVID 19.
 - From 2019 to 2024, medical expenses increased from 122.2 billion points to 148.6 billion points, and the number of patient visits increased from 20.36 million to 20.50 million.



National Health Insurance

Primary Care Global Budget Implementation(2)

- Referral satisfaction from primary care clinics exceeds 80%, demonstrating the function of western medicine primary care clinics as accessible "neighborhood doctors" in chronic disease care.
 - Public opinion surveys on healthcare quality and accessibility show that 84.8% of people with referral experience affirm the referral service.
 - Referrals for chronic diseases remain stable, with a primary care acceptance rate of 35.14%. The most common diseases for which primary care accepts referrals are diabetes and hypertension.

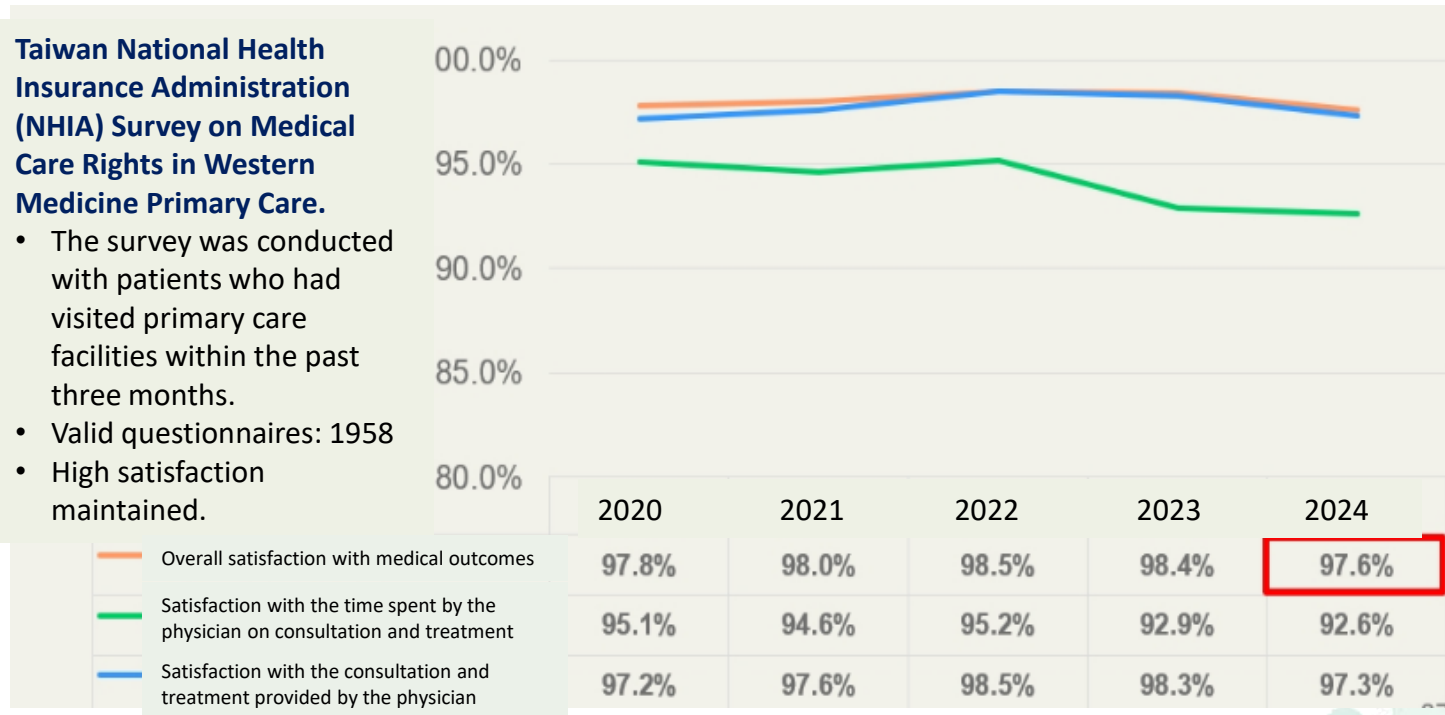
Referral rate from primary care for the top 5 chronic diseases

Diabetes Mellitus	87.40%
Hypertensive Diseases	80.70%
Diseases of Esophagus, Stomach, and Duodenum	87.12%
Acute Renal Failure and Chronic Kidney Diseases	40.09%
Thyroid Diseases	55.65%

National Health Insurance

Patient satisfaction surveys regarding western medicine primary care visits show high satisfaction among the public.

- Overall satisfaction with medical outcomes" and "satisfaction with the doctor's consultation and treatment process" have consistently exceeded 97% in recent years.



National Health Insurance

Family Medicine Program 2.0: Strengthening Chronic Disease Care

- Medical Groups are formed by five or more primary care clinics in the same area, working with partner hospitals to provide comprehensive, coordinated, and continuous community medical services through collective strength.
- In 2024, a total of 522 community medical groups (including 5,544 clinics and 7,949 physicians) participated, covering approximately 6.27 million people. Among them, 357 medical groups participated in Family Medicine 2.0, accounting for 68.4% of the total. Of the 6.27 million enrolled members, 975,000 have DM/CKD, with 720,000 being covered by Family Medicine 2.0 medical groups.

Distribution of medical groups



DM/CKD/DKD

Distribution of the number of enrolled patients



National Health Insurance

Advocating for a Reasonable Growth Rate in the National Health Insurance (NHI) Global Budget(1)

- The TMA annually deliberates on the growth rate items for the next year's National Health Insurance global budget for primary care physicians in Western medicine:

Proposes medical service items that enhance the quality of primary care, promote patient health, and include supporting measures that contribute to the rationalization of healthcare utilization and costs. These proposals are submitted to the Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW)'s NHI Committee for discussion at the annual global budget negotiation meeting in September.

National Health Insurance

Advocating for a Reasonable Growth Rate in the National Health Insurance (NHI) Global Budget(2)

- In 2025, efforts were made to secure new budget items to address the demand for primary care nursing staff, improve the quality of vision care for the population, accommodate medical expenses arising from policies (such as metabolic syndrome, hepatitis C care, and preventive healthcare), adopt UACR testing for DM/CKD in line with the DKD program, support the Family Medicine Program, and open up new service codes, etc.:

The MoHW approved a growth rate of 5.5% for both hospital and primary care global budgets in 2025, reaching the administrative ceiling approved by the Executive Yuan. Among these, primary care outpatient services (general services + earmarked funds) increased by approximately NT\$8.45 billion compared to 2024, with a total amount (excluding outpatient dialysis) of approximately NT\$152.36 billion, balancing the medical rights of the public and the reasonable operational needs of healthcare service providers.

National Health Insurance

Advocating for a Reasonable Growth Rate in the National Health Insurance (NHI) Global Budget(3)

- Regarding the approved content, the medical community advocated for the removal of items such as "rare disease drug expenses" and the "metabolic syndrome prevention program" from the NHI budget, to be funded by the government budget instead, and this was adopted:

This aims to secure greater financial protection for vulnerable populations and prevent general public from having their access to medical care affected due to insufficient NHI resources.

Digital Cloud Transformation of Primary Care Medical Institutions

- To strengthen the information resilience and information system robustness of primary care institutions, in coordination with the National Health Insurance Administration (NHIA), the "Subsidy Program for Cloud Transformation of Information Service Systems in Primary Care Medical Institutions" is being promoted to assist primary care institutions in migrating their existing on-premises healthcare operation systems (HIS) to a cloud service environment.
- Through the assistance of information service providers, primary care clinics are completing the establishment of HIS cloud systems, with the expectation of achieving the best benefits from digital healthcare transformation applications. The target for 2025 is to introduce this to 1,000 primary care clinics.

Governmental Programs

- 1. Implementing “Primary care services review” project commissioned by the National Health Insurance Administration(NHIA).**
- 2. Implementing “Promoting international exchange and collaboration on health” project supported by Ministry of Health and Welfare.**

Implementation of group insurance for members

Starting from July 1, 2023, the TMA has entrusted insurance company to handle the "Group Insurance for Members."

- For members under the age of 99, the claim amount for each deceased member is as follows: life insurance death benefit of NT\$ 250k, an additional NT\$ 250k for accidental death, NT\$ 250k for life insurance with additional coverage for 2-11 level disability, and NT\$10k for major burn or scald insurance.
- For members under the age of 105, there is a claim amount of NT\$ 250k for accidental death, NT\$ 250k for disability at the 2-11 level, and NT\$ 10k for major burn or scald insurance.

Publication

- Taiwan Medical Journal



- Statistics on Practicing Physicians and Healthcare Facilities in Taiwan 2024



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醫療統計

醫療統計說明 歷年統計年鑑

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- 2023年台灣執業醫師·醫療機構統計(PDF)
- 2022年台灣執業醫師·醫療機構統計(PDF)
- 2021年台灣執業醫師·醫療機構統計(PDF)
- 2020年台灣執業醫師·醫療機構統計(PDF)
- 2019年台灣執業醫師·醫療機構統計(PDF)
- 2018年台灣執業醫師·醫療機構統計(PDF)

International Relationship

The TMA Convened International Symposium on Universal Health Coverage and Integrated Health Care System-Engagement and Strategies on 7th December 2024 in Taipei, Taiwan(1)

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Meet With The Vice President, Minister Of MoHW, Vice Minister Of MoFA, Visit TSMC, And Dinner Banquet At Grand Hotel (3)



International Relationship

Participation in International Conferences and Events(1)

2024 CMAAO General Assembly
24th-26th August 2024, Manila, Philippines



International Relationship

Participation in International Conferences and Events(2)

2024 WMA General Assembly
16th-19th October 2024, Helsinki, Finland



International Relationship

International Exchanges(1)

Taiwan Medical Association Visited Korean Medical Association
24th September 2024.



International Relationship

International Exchanges(2)

**German physician and politician of the Free Democratic Party Dr. Andrew Ullmann visited Dr. Cheng-Hsu Wang, Legislator Taiwan and Dr. Brain Wang, Secretary General, TMA
1st November 2024**



International Relationship

International Exchanges(3)

Thai Medical Council Visited Taiwan Medical Association
21st February 2025



International Relationship

International Exchanges(4)

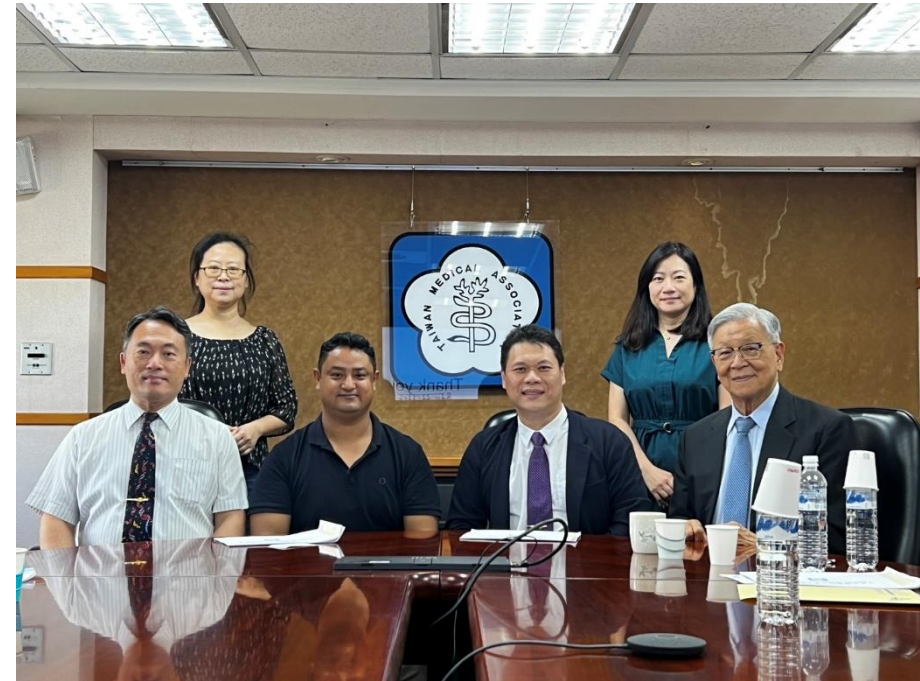
Japan Medical Association and Taiwan Medical Association
Signed Friendship Medical Association Agreement
8th August 2025



International Relationship

International Exchanges(5)

**Dr. Tejsu Singh Malla, Executive Committee Member of
Nepal Medical Association visited the TMA
26th August 2025.**



International Relationship

Donation of USD 10,000 to WMA Junior Doctor Network(JDN) Travel Fund

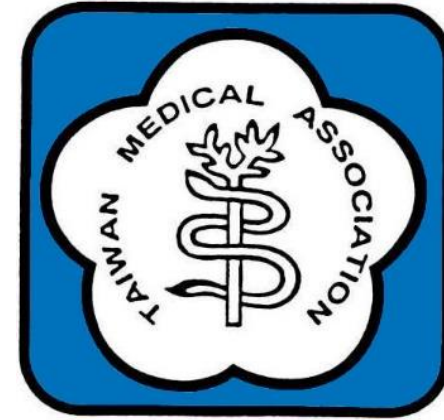


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**WMA Declaration of Taipei on Ethical
Considerations regarding Health
Databases and Biobanks
Expert Regional Meeting Pacific**

**Taipei Taiwan
from 4th December to 5th December
2025**



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