

Even Medical Human Right in Rural Areas: From Medical Care and Medical Education

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Abstract:

Protecting medical human rights is crucial to ensuring that every individual receives adequate and equitable healthcare. This encompasses the right to access the care cascade including medical treatment without discrimination, maintain patient confidentiality, and provide informed consent for medical procedures. Governments, healthcare professionals, and global organizations must collaborate to combat barriers such as discrimination, inadequate resources, and political interference. The residents living in remote villages such as the Indigenous people in Taiwan need special care for the difficulty in accessing medical care, due to not only the travel barriers but also the shortage of medical resources. The National Health Insurance in Taiwan covers more than 99% of the people, however, many obstacles to receiving medical care exist in Taiwanese aboriginal people. The Government has offered some projects such as the Intergraded Delivery System (IDS) to send specialists to the Public Health Center in the villages to provide health care for the residents. Also the adjustment of the reimbursement regulations to provide testing and treatment makes the greatest possibility for local management such as the Hepatitis C Micro-elimination Program has successfully been set up in Taiwan. In the School of Medicine of Kaohsiung Medical University, the students have received lectures and "hands-on courses" designed for active participation, where learners engage directly through practical activities in the aboriginal villages and the University Hospital. Strong legal and educational frameworks and continuous advocacy are essential for upholding human rights, ensuring that all people, regardless of background, can attain the highest possible standard of physical and mental health.

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