

PREFACE

Reformation of Health System in Indonesia

We're looking forward to reformation era of health sector in Indonesia since the declaration of Perkumpulan Dokter Seluruh Indonesia (Indonesian Doctors Association). The reformation process is starting with ongoing the revision of Medical Practice Act and Medical Education Act.

Reformation of health system needs to look at the big picture of all key aspects, not only about clinical aspects. Medical organization is one of the big picture keys because it has great power that manages all things, including certification and licensure. The power of private organization (including Non-Governmental Organization) must be limited because only Governmental Organization will be allowed as authorized stakeholder.

If our nation wants to empower people in our society, then we shouldn't give the power to only one organization. On contrary, we should open opportunity to other organizations to be established in order to ensure fair competition among organizations so that society will gain more benefits.

Furthermore, medical organizations among countries are trade unions which are focusing themselves on advocacy for legal aid and prosperity related matters of their members. Therefore, they are not behaving as regulator.

The key stakeholder as authorized regulator is the government, especially Ministry of Health. The government is helped by an independent medical council. Specialist colleges must be supervised by a medical council.

Based on these perspectives, there will be no double medical standard problems because of multi-trade union organizations because the authorized stakeholder will be the government (Ministry of Health and Medical Council). As regulator, medical council board members must not represent any private organizations to avoid conflict of interests.

Other reformation aspects will also about health financing, human resources, including primary care strengthening. Efficient and practical regulation will also be needed. The coincidence of COVID-19 pandemic together with other "old" infections and metabolic diseases should be managed in more practical and effective ways. Hopefully, the upcoming Medical Practice Act and Medical Education Act will reform many health aspects in forthcoming days. The coincidence of COVID-19 pandemic together with other "old" infections and metabolic diseases should be managed in more practical and effective ways.

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