Update on actions to counter telemedicine between doctors and patients
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- The Korean government put forward a motion to revise Medical Act in order to legalize telemedicine between doctors and patients.

- Its safety and effectiveness have not been proven, and there is no social consensus.

- The government is strongly pushing for the purpose of creating new jobs and driving industrialization.
Telemedicine between doctors and patients
Many Issues

- More dominance by big hospitals
- Risk of misdiagnosis due to medical device failure and ambiguity over who takes responsibility when there is a medical accident.
- Risk of medical treatment information leaking through poor security measures
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KMA’s Suggestions

- Korean Medical Association demands the Korean government to share everything about telemedicine between doctors and patients to officially win verification.
Update on actions to thwart use of modern medical devices by Oriental doctors
Use of modern medical devices by Oriental doctors?

- In Korea, we have modern medicine and Oriental medicine.
- Oriental medicine is traditional medicine passed down from ancestors.
- Oriental medicine served as the backbone of medicine in Korea until modern medicine came into the country.
- Today, Oriental doctors have to practice only Oriental medicine under the Korean current Act.
Use of modern medical devices by Oriental doctors?
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Modern medicine and Oriental medicine are different principles.
Use of modern medical devices by Oriental doctors?

- Oriental medicine is losing ground and falling behind modern medicine.

- Aware of this worrisome situation, Oriental doctors are trying to use modern medical devices.

- The Korean government is trying to let Oriental doctors use them by making market-oriented cases.
Problems

- One may be misjudgment of a patient’s illness, which could lead to the patient losing chance for timely treatment.

- It threatens public health and could legalize unlicensed medical practice.
KMA’s firm Oppositions and Campaigns
This is why Korean Medical Association is strongly against the idea of letting Oriental doctors use modern medical devices.