KMA’s Major Current Issues

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Recent Doctors' Strike in India
Korea’s Current Medical Situation & KMA’s activities for Medical Reform
KOREA’s Medical Service is Good?
# Health Check Price Comparison

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<th>Nation</th>
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Infrastructure of medical devices

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<th>KOREA</th>
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<td>Hospital Bed (per 1,000 population)</td>
<td>9.6</td>
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<td>CT (per 1 million population)</td>
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On the other hand..

**Unfair Government-Led Control System**

- Depriving Doctors’ & Patients’ rights for Best Treatment
- Excessive Working Hours of Doctors
- Undemocratic Negotiation Structures
- Low Government Medical Subsidy
The more..

President Moon’s Care
- Excessive Expansion of National Health Insurance Benefit as Populism
Examples of ignorance and unreason in government guide

Case1) Physical therapy / month
  Sprain : within 1week
  Arthritis : within 2weeks
  Herniation of disk : within 3weeks

Case2) Prescription of Medicine
  Pneumonia : levofloxacin (antibiotics) :
    750mg/day, only within 14days
KMA’S Medical Reform Struggle

20 May 2018

11 Nov 2018
KMA’S Medical Reform Struggle

8 Jul 2019

15 Jul 2019
KMA’s Medical Reform Struggle

18 Aug 2019

31 Aug 2019
The Objective of KMA's Medical Reform Struggle

- Establishing a sound medical system
- Priority of Public Insurance Benefit by Medical Need
- Total re-examination of comprehensive health insurance plan
- Enhancing working conditions
- Additional budget for patient safety
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