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Dear Dr. Chow,

I am a front line doctor. I have 2 points to make:

1. I read from news paper this morning and also previous comment that the Government is trying to raise revenue for health care but without consideration of cutting cost. It is at least the media views that the escalating cost in public health care is a result of inflation of Hospital Authority in terms of number of doctors and nurses and also the high pay of staffs. However, from staffs' point of view, we are already over exhausted and it is obvious that staff movement is increasing. If one believes in market force, this demonstrates that our pay is not excessive. I would like to know whether your Bureau would explain to the public that Hospital Authority is not overstaff and the pay structure is reasonable.

I agree that the cost can be cut if we can avoid preventive medicine. How can we convince the public to avoid unnecessary investigation or treatment?

2. At present, many patients are already adopting the user pay model. Imaging investigation working patient up for definitive treatment of malignant disease is so prolonged that we have to advise patients going to private sector for investigation (over 50% of such investigations are already done in the private). A good example is booking CT scan for tumor staging when histology proves malignancy. During the transition period to the new health care financing, it might be difficult for front line staffs to advise patients to have private imaging studies to speed up the management. This will add to the burden of front line and might also create further misunderstanding to our health care system.

The above are my concerns and hope that you can consider.

Best Regards

HT Luk

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