

EDITOR'S NOTE – About This Supplement

Since the National Health Insurance system was launched in 1977, the system has evolved successfully to cover almost all population in Korea. In addition to the insurance system as a skeleton of healthcare in Korea, there must be many other supplementary programs to boost or complement it. Also the whole Korea has evolved dynamically during the last 30 yr. Since most of the healthcare systems are strictly regulated and controlled by the government, some healthcare systems are very efficient but some are not. Therefore it is worth to academically evaluate the healthcare system in Korea. This supplementary issue of the *Journal of Korean Medical Science*, "The Present and Future of Healthcare Policy of Korea", was designed to introduce and review the status and to suggest improved management system of healthcare in Korea. I hope this issue will contribute scientifically to the global academic field of healthcare. I appreciate Dr. Myongsei Sohn for his role as Guest Editor and all authors of this issue for their professional contribution.

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