Long term care development and nursing progress connection in Taiwan

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Abstract: As with the population aging rapidly, long-term care (LTC) needs have increased remarkable all the way; however, related social value, scheme and coping policy & system seemed not very pertinent due. Based on the developing experiences from the advanced countries, in addition to policy planning & legislation, finance arrangement and insurance designing….etc. there be professional team and (semi-) professional care workers staying in first line practical service. Nevertheless, through more than 2 decades' development in Taiwan, we can't still keep the steps for granted, possibly ascribed to the cross-linkage with chronic medical care, long-term nursing, so no mandatorily progressing except nursing can be anticipated. The study be conducted via qualitative approaches, thru' multiple deeply interviews among 14 samples (12 LTC workers, 1 LTC recipient or resident, and 1 family). Naturally, the saturation has not been reach easily, unless introducing foreign advanced experiences. The study findings: 1. LTC & nursing discipline development intermingling, crossing, or running parallel, but never to be one issues; 2. Nursing practitioner as professional worker or further manager, rather than supervisors or leaders. We hope our study results can evoke much more deeply constructive thinking & discussion; rather, at heart, reviewing with self-criticism, to face the barriers and solving for the country.

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