



Explosion of Hospital Nursing Services in China

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Dear Editor-in-Chief

As one of the most populous country in the world, China's patients are also one of the largest in the world. China has emerged as the world's second largest economy after three decades of market transition (1), which has the largest number of ageing population and the aging population grows fastest in the world (2). Along with the social development, the human's physical life and spiritual life has been improved. More people are surviving cancer and chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke. They need more considerable, professional family accompanies to make their life alive with warm and fragrant with happiness. But, under the pressure of work and life, most of their family members have no choice but to be away from home to work into the community, create social value.

This is not their best choice, but they have no alternative which enable to catalyze a new and booming industry called hospital nursing services. Actually, it has existed in every hospital with inpatient ward in china. Some of the private nursing assistant have been received formal training, others not. For China's coastal regions close to the level of developed countries, the price of nursing services have risen to around 3500RMB per month equivalent to a month's salary of a doctor enjoyed a post of the public institution.

Looking after the elderly is a new and thriving industry in China, which has not been standardized, systematized in the practice.

It can be speculated that more and more patients with chronic health problems have to spend his later years with "family" not related by blood. The

relationship between the economy, responsibility and hospital nursing has walk into a strange circle (Fig. 1). The filial responsibilities have taken a pivotal position in traditional Chinese values for thousands of years.

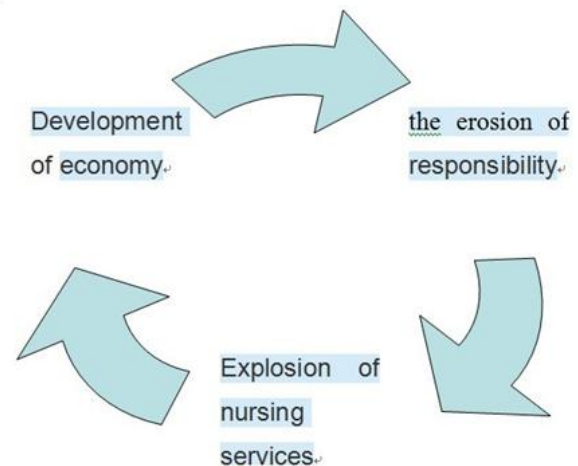


Fig. 1: The relationship between the economy, responsibility and hospital nursing has walk into a strange circle

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