

[Thailand]

## Task Shifting

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### Abstract

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Under limited resources, one might be faced with unavoidable difficulty and stress in practicing medicine. There might be an idea to delegate the overloaded work to other professional alliances. In fact, in medical profession, delegation of the physician's duties such as diagnosis, plan of treatment and prescription of medicine as well as surgery to those who had not been well trained is not practicable due to lacking of knowledge background and experience. Diagnosis and treatment in Medicine are integrated procedure and safety

of the patients lies in the hands of physicians.

In Thailand, the code of practice in Medicine does not allow other health professionals apart from physicians to treat the patient or replace the task of a physician.

Only for the specific circumstances such as in health emergency or mass casualties in natural disaster, nurses and paramedics can assist physicians in the field to provide medical treatment but all these activities are needed to be under supervision of physicians who will be the team leader.

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