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Creating a Gender-Friendly Medical Environment

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Abstract

This study assessed Taiwan's planned actions for gender mainstreaming, including its legislation, policies, and programs. Particularly, the discussion focused on how gender mainstreaming can be implemented, promoted, and practiced within the medical environment, which is heavily dependent on medical expertise, science, and technology. The medical environment's alignment with national gender mainstreaming policies is key for Taiwan to connect with the world. Furthermore, this study investigated how the existing medical environment can utilize the six major tools to achieve gender mainstreaming, namely gender statistics, gender analysis, gender budgeting, gender impact assessment, gender awareness training, and gender equality mechanisms. The investigation enabled this study to identify potential gender stereotypes or lack of gender awareness that could result in gender disparities in various medical environments. Additionally, we discussed how gender mainstreaming practices could help address gender blind spots in medical environments, thereby improving the health-care quality for patients and also increasing the disadvantaged groups' access to more convenient and friendly medical services. This, in turn, makes medical resources accessible to all and helps medical institutions achieve the ultimate goal of gender equality and of creating a gender-friendly environment.

Keywords: gender and health, gender mainstreaming, gender-friendly, gender awarene


建構性別友善的醫療環境

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摘要

本文主要探究如何藉由我國推動性別主流化政策，以性別觀點去評估立法、政策與方案等具計畫性的行動，尤以兼具醫學、科學、科技等專業領域的醫療環境中能夠去如何落實、推動、實踐性別主流化，皆為醫療場域配合國家重要政策，甚至這是與世界各國互相接軌過程與趨勢。再者，文中探討在現行醫療場域如何透過性別主流化的六大工具，包括性別統計、性別分析、性別預算、性別影響評估、性別意識培力與性別平等機制運作的執行，發現淺藏於不同醫療場域可能造成性別刻板印象或是欠缺性別意識的情況下而影響到醫療環境下出現性別差異。其次，若能夠思考透過性別主流化方式改善醫療場域中性別盲點，不僅能夠提升對於病人健康照護品質提升，也可以進一步能夠幫助弱勢族群能享有更加便利與友善的醫療專業服務，使醫療資源能成為全民共享的服務，甚至極力達成性別平等目標，讓醫療現場亦能成為性別友善的優質環境。

關鍵詞：性別與健康、性別主流化、性別友善、性別意識