Private Professional Nursing Practice in Indonesia, is it essential? : A case Study

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Background

• Yogyakarta Special Province has 2849 nurses.

• 80% of them are graduated from Nursing Diploma, 5% of them are graduated from Bachelor Nursing, and 15% are Nursing senior high school.
• In 2001, Ministry of Health had declare a regulation for private nursing practice in Indonesia

• This regulation described the inquiries of the nurses who could have their private nursing practice and who should stop it.
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Table 1. Private Nursing Practice in Yogyakarta

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<th>District</th>
<th>Number of Nurses</th>
<th>Private Practice</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<td>Kota Madya</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Sleman</td>
<td>1450</td>
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<td>Bantul</td>
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<td>Kulon Progo</td>
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<td>Gunung Kidul</td>
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• From the total number of Nurses in Yogyakarta, 10% of them have been conducting un-registered private nursing practice.

• Private nursing practice in Yogyakarta conducted in group, and several of them are supervised by a medical doctor.
Table 2. Physician – Nurse Competencies

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<th>General Clinical Competencies</th>
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<th>Nurse</th>
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<td>Diagnose</td>
<td>Medical Diagnose (based on sign and symptom of the disease)</td>
<td>Nursing Diagnose (based on individual response of the disease)</td>
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<td>Intervention</td>
<td>Medical Treatment (majority is curing, in order to treat the sign and symptoms of the disease)</td>
<td>Nursing Treatment (majority is caring, in order to treat the individual response of the disease)</td>
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<td>Indicator of achievement</td>
<td>The progress of healing process of the disease</td>
<td>The progress of solving the problem of individual response.</td>
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direct-care activities of nursing practice

Delegated activities;
Disease treatment,
Under order,
or protocol

Nursing diagnosis-related activities
Objective

• to describe the need of private professional nursing practice based on community perspectives.
Method

• This was a case study. In-depth interview and observations were done to 10 informants for finding out the perspective of the community about private nursing practice.

• The result was analyzed in descriptive analytic
Result

• Indonesian Nurses Association

– According to Health Ministry Decision in Private Nursing Practice, it has describe that the private nursing practice requires (1) minimum education background in Nursing Diploma, (2) nursing practice is based on nursing competencies, (3) medical intervention is based on delegation or ordered by medical doctor.
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– The Indonesian Nurses Association has important roles (1) protect the public from unsafe nursing practice, (2) law protection for the nurses and public, (3) maintaining and improving the quality of nursing practice, and (4) protect the safety and job risk of nurses
– Indonesian Nurses Association (2005) survey describe the private nursing practice; they were (1) determining the medical diagnoses (92.6%); (2) writing a prescription (93.1%); (3) conducting medical treatment (97.1%); (4) conducting prenatal care examination (70.1%); and (5) conducting intranatal procedures.
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• **Nurses**

  – All of the nurses said that private nursing practice is needed by the community; with or without the regulation from ministry of health.
• **Respondents who have been treated by nurse in private nursing practice**

  – They said that it is helpful for them, but sometimes they also went to the hospital or to the physician, to make them more confidence.

  – The financial problem also found as an important problem for the respondents to have the health services of the physician or hospital.
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• Respondents who are never attend the private nursing practice, but they understand about it

  – They said that it might be helpful for them, but also it might be harmful if they need a specific medical treatment, because they thought that nursing practice is not using a modern instrument for specific medical treatment
Discussion

Although the Indonesian Nurses Association and Ministry of Health have determine the rule of private nursing practice, the real condition is the nurse who conduct their private practice mostly doing some medical treatment.
Questions

• Why they are not doing their own competencies…???

• Why the regulation seems difficult to implemented by nurses in their private practice?
Argumentations

Community reasons why they consult to the private nursing practice are:
• Access to the private nursing practice is easier than to the doctors or to the hospital
• The clients feel free to consult with a nurse in private practice than a doctor; no time limitation
• The clients can go to the private nursing practice at anytime
• Private nursing practice is more affordable financially, by the clients.
Local condition reasons:

- The distribution of health provider is imbalance with the population
- Geographical condition in some areas which are difficult to access.
- Cultural impact
- Local wisdom
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**System and regulation:**
- Lack of law enforcement, regulation
- There are too many medical treatment which delegated to the nurses
- Lack of monitoring, supervision, and evaluation
Conclusion

• The need of private Professional Nursing Practice based on community perspective is depending on which part of community involved.

• The local wisdom and community needs are not considered as a base for arranging the system and regulation yet.

• The socialization of Ministry of Health Statement for private nursing practice to the community is very important as guidance for them choosing the appropriate health care services.
Suggestion

• It is important to have a system and regulation in private nursing practice which fit in with the community needs, protection from unsafe practice and consideration of local situation and condition.