Reorganization of the Medical Care Services for the Future
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Identification of Problems

• Medical services - Levels of care:
  1. Very Acute
  2. Acute
  3. Rehabilitation
     - in patient
     - outpatient
  4. Everyday outpatient medical care – GPs/Clinics/out-patient specialists

• Community services:
  5. Home help
  6. Institutional home care for those who cannot live at home
Solutions

1. Government sets number of beds
2. Prefectural governments set norms for bed capacity
3. Restructure:
   # 1 long-run visions and plans
   # 2 adjust beds to match optimal density
   # 3 correct the misdistribution of doctors, nurses, and other medical specialists (physical therapists, etc.)
4. -Merge acute care into larger units
   - Prioritize in-home care; subsidize
How to Go about Reform

1. National Commission – Political framework and empirical aspects of future demand and supply
   - present situation → desired situation
   - principle details of present and desired situation
   - framework legislation on political level responsibilities for accomplishing goals of the legislation

2. Processes
   - determination of budgets and priorities
   - monitoring quantity and quality of services