

Interpreting and adopting Government Guidelines in the Private Sector

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The private healthcare industry

A large domain

- Specialized hospitals, Clinics
 - Diagnostic centers
 - Wellness centers
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- Bangladeshi people spend **six times** more at private hospitals than on public ones [*The Financial Express BD*, According to reports]
 - MOH&FW guidelines and its effective implementation are necessary to ensure quality outputs

Arbitrary grades in private health sector

Corporate grade

- Only a few in number
- World class standard
- Arguably, unannounced leaders in health sector

Ordinary grade

- Huge in number: even in district and sub district levels
- Springing up everyday like mushrooms
- Below standard

Semi corporate grade:

- Status: In between
- Mostly through public private partnership (**PPP**) with help from social welfare ministry etc

Infection Prevention and Control

Corporate and semi-corporate grades:

Already practicing: Hand hygiene, PPE, Waste disposal, Isolation of infected patients

Attending: Educational conferences/ training sessions

Conducting: Infection control trainings

Giving special emphasis: COVID-19 as per guideline given by MOH&FW

Ordinary grades:

Yet to attain

NGO/UNICEF/WHO are trying to improve the situation

Another **two** important issues

National Patient Safety Strategic Plan

Strategic Planning on Quality of Care

Bangladesh is committed to

- Attain quality of health care
- Ensure universal health coverage
- Ensure patient safety
- Improve clinical practices

Public sector (Govt): Started

Corporate and semi-corporate grades: Almost there

Ordinary grade: Not yet

Public Private Partnership (PPP) in Bangladesh

Business venture: Government and Private companies: Success stories

- Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI)
- National Nutrition Program
- Tuberculosis Control Program
- Essential Service Package

Strengthening of PPP can significantly improve the scenario in Bangladesh

CONCLUSION: Huge room for improvement in **Ordinary grade** private healthcare