

The Politic of Religion in the Health Care: Examining the Recognition of Religious Traditions within the Hospital Setting in Yogyakarta

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ABSTRACT

The study addresses the current development of the chaplaincy services within the hospitals in Indonesia. Taking cases in Yogyakarta, there have existed different reasons, goals and justifications behind its establishment across different hospitals with regard of their affiliation to religious organizations/institutions (either Islam, Christian or Catholic) as well its public status linked to or owned by the government. In the beginning, the chaplain services, though not exclusive, were an integral part of the faith-based hospitals – being studied the Catholic *Panti Rapih*, the Christian *Bethesda* and the Islamic *PKU Muhammadiyah* Hospitals – with their mission to offer religious guidance for the sick. The service was imitated by other hospitals including the government owned *Dr. Sardjito* one, which was further endorsed as parts of the patients' rights that must be fulfilled under the 2012 National Accreditation Standards for Hospitals. Furthermore, the current trend of the hospitals to perpetuate a holistic care for patients has been a cause to the establishment of the chaplaincy services. The latest development has generated a further demands for the standardization of the services, required certain academic qualifications for chaplains and the clearly-defined roles in treating patients together with doctors and nurses, which eventhough most of them are not properly fulfilled yet.

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