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IMPACTS OF DIFFUSION OF HOME-VENTILATORS IN THE COMMUNITY

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Home-ventilators have been developing rapidly and have created the situational demand for family care givers' health literacy to intensify. This resulted in family-caregiver's burnout and/or technology-dependent children being abused, due to the lack of nurses in the community. In 2012, "Certified Social Care Workers and Certified Care Workers Act" was modified to improve accessibility of healthcare in Japan. Anyone who received the proper training is able to provide certain medical procedures, e.g. tracheal suctioning, without a nursing licenses. This research aims to discover the pros and cons of "social delegation" by law.

The pros are: 1) Availability of care providers will increase in the community after appropriate skill education systems have been created. 2) The burden on family-caregivers will be mitigated. 3) An established educational system for continuous technological development in society will contribute to the management and the implementation of new technology. 4) Community nurses can delegate tasks for adequate work sharing. While, the cons are: 1) conflict of interest from other medically related professions (the tragedy of the commons) may arise; 2) Unlicensed Care Providers carry excessive responsibility for their wages and may risk the patients' life; 3) It may widen the gap of care accessibility, depending on the patients' economic situation; 4) Nurses lose their care opportunity; 5) No arbitrary for nursing professional decision-making. Nurses must extend their competency immediately to catch up with the situational change in society.