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He said that doctors should be sensitive to their environment and be pro-active in providing services.

Dr Mahathir said that they should also bear in mind that quality service at the present time might not be regarded so in future.

Therefore, he said, there should be a self-regulatory mechanism to monitor the standard of service.

The Prime Minister also said that the government would spend five per cent of the GNP for health services in the year 2000 and this was expected to increase to seven per cent by the year 2020.

He said that the government would certainly not be able to afford the increasing expenses for health service without affecting the allocation or needs of other services.

The time had therefore come for the role of the private medical sector in assisting in providing services affordable by more members of the community be reviewed, he added. -- Bernama

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