

# Review of: "[Commentary] Decentralization — “The Fundamental Challenge in the Pakistan Is the Decentralization of Health Care”"

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This is an important area of health strategy, planning, and human resource mobilisation. Health care will always need to have some elements agreed at a federal level to avoid a lack of coordination between devolved regions. However, devolved or decentralised health care is also vital in order to ensure that regional and local issues are addressed and that local communities have a voice in their development and operation. Pakistan, with its large population, low investment in health, and poor attainment in health outcomes, requires particular attention, including through research, so that the health and wellbeing of the population can be improved.

This commentary identifies some important areas that need particular attention, and the title seems to suggest a basic problem. However, this is not stated in the article, so it is difficult to understand what the thrust of the argument is.

The statement of the constitutional amendment makes no sense without knowledge of the clauses mentioned, so it is not helpful in the commentary.

The description of the Pakistan health system needs further development. It needs to be clear what the government is responsible for and how that is currently delivered.

The description of some of the health problems in Pakistan is very important, but it needs to be expanded: social, cultural, administrative, economic, governance-related, etc. It is unclear, apart from in general terms, why the country has such poor health outcomes.

The conclusions do not follow the evidence presented.