

2 Hospital Report

(1) Objective

This report is to understand the state of use by patients of the country's hospitals and medical clinics with long-term care beds, and to acquire basic data for health care policy making.

(2) History

This report started in October 1945 as the "Weekly Hospital Report". In June 1948, frequency of the report was changed from a weekly basis to a monthly basis. Furthermore, the Ordinance for Enforcement of Medical Care Act (Ministerial Ordinance No.50 of 1948 by Ministry of Health and Welfare) was established to clarify the basis of the report in November 1948. Therefore, the report has been conducted in accordance with the Medical Care Act since 1949.

On revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of Medical Care Act in 1954, the report was renamed as "Hospital Report." Since 1998, medical clinics with long-term care type beds group (current "Beds for long-term care") have also been requested to submit the report.

Additionally, the basis of the report has become the Enforcement Order of the Medical Care Act (Cabinet Order No. 326, 1948) since March 2001. In 2006, the report on beds for long-term nursing care was added.

(3) Period of the report

From January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 (Monthly)

(4) Subjects of the report

Hospitals and medical clinics with long-term care beds in Japan

(5) Items surveyed

Numbers of existing inpatients, newly admitted patients, discharged patients, and outpatients

(6) Method and route of the survey

Managers of hospitals or medical clinics with long-term care beds answered the questionnaire and reported to the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare.

MHLW _____ Prefectures _____ Public Health Center _____ Hospitals and clinics
└── Cities and special wards ─┘
with Public Health Center

(7) Tabulation of the result

Director-General for Statistics, Information Policy and Industrial Relations at MHLW tabulated the results.