

Overview

Basic Act on Measures against Hepatitis

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Comprehensive formulation/enforcement of measures against hepatitis

- To stipulate basic principles for measures against hepatitis,
- To clarify responsibilities of the national government, the local governments, medical insurers, citizens and the medical profession,
- To formulate guidelines concerning promotion of measures against hepatitis,
- To promote measures against hepatitis comprehensively by stipulating basic articles for them.

Basic measures

Promotion of prevention and early detection

- Promotion of prevention by enlightenment and dissemination of knowledge about hepatitis prevention,
- Study on hepatitis test methods, evaluation of the hepatitis test service, and dissemination and enlightenment on the hepatitis test

Promotion of research

Promotion of equalization of medical service for hepatitis patients

- Training of physicians and other medical professionals to acquire the expertise
- Establishment and improvement of medical institutions
- Economic support for medical treatment costs on hepatitis patients
- Securing opportunities for hepatitis care
- Establishment and improvement of systems for collecting and providing information on hepatitis care

Measures must be taken with careful consideration of human rights of patients and elimination of discrimination against them

Formulation of basic measures against hepatitis

Promotion Council for Measures against Hepatitis

- Hepatitis patients and their families or representatives of bereaved families
- The medical profession engaged in hepatitis care
- Persons with relevant knowledge and experience

Related administrative organizations

Establishment

Advice

Request for documents etc.

Discussion

Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare

Formulation

Basic measures against hepatitis

- Announcement
- Review every 5 years at least
- Revise if necessary

Response to cirrhosis and liver cancer

- Creation of an environment for improving treatment level

- Review the patient support system if necessary taking into consideration of the situation of medical treatments