

# Outline of Survey

## 1 Survey of Medical Institutions

### (1) Purpose of the survey

This survey is to clarify the current improvement and distribution of medical care institutions (hospitals and clinics as defined by the Medical Care Act (Act No. 205 of 1948) in Japan, to perceive their clinical functions, and to gain basic grounds for health care policy making.

### (2) Background of the survey

This survey started in 1948 as the “Health Care Survey from the Institution Viewpoint”. In accordance with the Statistics Act (Act No. 18 of 1947), the Regulations for the Survey of Medical Institutions (Ministerial Ordinance No. 25 of 1953, the Ministry of Health and Welfare) were established in 1953 and this survey was positioned as a government-designated survey (No. 65).

The survey was conducted every year until 1972. In 1973, the Regulations for the Survey of Medical Institutions were revised. Since 1975, the Static Survey of Medical Institutions (hereafter, Static Survey) has been conducted every three years to find out the current status of medical care institutions in detail, and the Dynamic Survey of Medical Institutions (hereafter, Dynamic Survey) based on applications and notifications from medical care institutions has been conducted every month.

Until 1981, the “Static Survey” had been conducted as of 31 December. Since 1984, it has been conducted as of 1st October.

### (3) Type, period, and dates of the survey

Dynamic Survey  
(Every month)

One year from 1st October 2008

### (4) Subjects of the survey

Static Survey All medical care institutions in Japan that are in practice at the time of survey

Dynamic Survey Medical care institutions that have been established, abolished, etc.

Medical care institutions include clinics that specialize in home-visiting care and kaiho clinics of Okinawa prefecture, but exclude midwifery homes, health care facility for the elderly requiring long-term care, and public health centers

### (5) Items Surveyed

Name and address of the medical care institution, establishing organization, clinical specialties, machinery and equipment, number of health care professionals and their working conditions, number of beds permitted, social insurance medical practice, notification of emergency, medical practice and examination, and other related items

### (6) Method and route of the survey

In Static Survey, the manager of the medical care institutions filled in questionnaire themselves.

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└── Cities and wards with ──┘  
public health center

In Dynamic Survey, the Governor or Mayor of the cities and wards that places public health center filled out the questionnaire on the application and notification of establishment, abolition, etc. of the medical care institutions and reported to the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare.

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└── Cities and wards with .....┘  
public health center Clinics

### (7) Tabulation of the results

Statistics and Information Department, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare tabulated the results.

## 2 Hospital Report

### (1) Purpose of the report

This report is to perceive use by patients and current status of medical care professionals at hospitals and

medical clinics with beds for long-term care nationwide, and to gain basic grounds for health care policy making.

**(2) Background and history of the report**

This survey started in October 1945 as the “Weekly Hospital Report”. In June 1948, frequency of the report was changed from weekly basis to 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 report in November 1948. Thereafter, the report was conducted in accordance with the Medical Care Act.

On revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of Medical Care Act in 1954, the report was renamed as “Hospital Report” and became an approved statistical survey in accordance with the Statistical Reports Coordination Law (Law No. 148 of 1952). Furthermore, health care professional questionnaire was added in 1973 and since 1998, medical clinics with long-term care type beds group (current “Beds for long-term care”) were also requested to submit the report.

Additionally, basis of the report has become Enforcement Order of the Medical Care Act (Cabinet Order No. 326, 1948).

**(3) Type, period, and dates of the report**

<u>Patient questionnaire</u> (Monthly)	01 Jan 2009 - 31 Dec 2009
Medical care professional questionnaire (Annually, Hospitals only)	as of 1st Oct 2009

**(4) Subjects of the report**

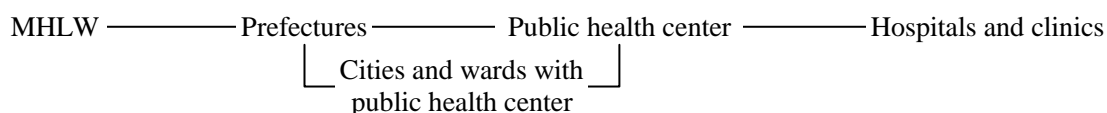
All hospitals nationwide (Patient questionnaire and medical care professional questionnaire) and medical clinics with beds for long-term care (Patient questionnaire)

**(5) Items reported**

<u>Patient questionnaire</u>	Number of existing inpatients, newly admitted patients, discharged patients, and outpatients
Medical care professionals questionnaire	Numbers of medical doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, etc.

**(6) Method and route of the report**

<u>Patient questionnaire</u>	The manager of the hospitals or medical clinics wrote out the questionnaire and reported to the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare
Medical care professional questionnaire	The manager of the hospitals wrote out the questionnaire and reported to the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare



**(7) Tabulation of the results**

Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare tabulated the results.

**3 Notes**

**(1) Symbols used in the tables**

Quantity zero	—
Data not available or applicable	...
Item/Category not applicable	•
Data not zero, but less than 1 in the last digit	0.0
Decreased number or percentage	△

(2) Values presented in the outline of survey results are rounded and the sums of the items do not always make up the totals.

(3) The population used to calculate the rates per 100,000 population in the outline of survey results is the “Current Population Estimates on 01 Oct 2009” by the Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications. For the 19 major cities and core cities, estimates by each city on 1st Oct 2009 are used.