

# Outline of the Survey

## 1. Survey of Medical Institutions

### (1) Objective

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

### (2) History

This survey started in 1948 as the “Health Care Survey from the Institution Viewpoint,” and has been conducted under the name of “Survey of Medical Institutions” since 1953.

The survey today has two parts. The Dynamic Survey of Medical Institutions (hereafter, Dynamic Survey) has been conducted every month since 1973 based on applications and notifications of establishment/closure from medical care institutions. And the Static Survey of Medical Institutions (hereafter, Static Survey) has been taken every three years since 1975 to find out the current status of medical care institutions in detail.

The Static Survey was based on the status as of December 31 of that year until 1981. Since 1984, it has been based on the status as of October 1 of that year.

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

Static Survey (Every three years) ..... As of October 1, 2023

Dynamic Survey (Every month) ..... From October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023

### (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, closed, etc.

- \* Medical care institutions include clinics that specialize in home-visiting care but exclude maternity homes, healthcare facilities for the elderly requiring long-term care, rehabilitation facilities for the elderly 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 professionals and their working conditions, number of beds permitted, social insurance medical practice, emergency care systems, medical practice and exams, and other related items

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

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

MHLW ————— Prefectures ————— Public Health Center ————— Medical care institutions  
└── Cities and special wards ─┘  
    with Public Health Center

In the Dynamic Survey, governors or mayors of the cities and special wards that have a public health center filled out the questionnaire based on the application and notification of establishment, closure, etc., from medical care institutions, and reported to the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare.

MHLW ————— Prefectures ..... Hospitals and clinics  
└── Designated cities ..... Hospitals and clinics  
    └── Cities (excluding designated cities) and special wards with Public Health Center ..... Clinics

### (7) Tabulation of the result

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

\* Survey of Medical Institutions is statistical research used to create “Medical Institutions Statistics”, fundamental statistics in accordance with the Statistics Act.