

## Special Functioning Hospitals

### Purpose

As part of efforts to systematize medical facility functions, the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare approves individual hospitals having capabilities of providing advanced medical care, development of advanced medical technologies, and conducting advanced medical care training.

### Roles

- Provide advanced medical care
- Develop/evaluate advanced medical technologies
- Conduct advanced medical care training

### Requirements for Approval

- Having capabilities of providing, developing, evaluating, and conduct training of advanced medical care
- Providing medical care to patients who are referred to by other hospitals and clinics
- Number of beds ..... Must have 400 or more beds
- Staff deployment
  - Doctors ..... Twice as many as ordinary hospitals, etc.
- Facilities ..... Must have intensive care units, sterile rooms, and drug information management rooms  
etc.

\* The number of approved hospitals (as of March 31, 2007) ... 81 hospitals