

## Regional Medical Care Support Hospitals (from 1997)

### Purpose

Prefectural governors approve individual hospitals that are competent enough to secure regional medical care having capabilities of supporting family doctors who are taking roles of providing regional medical care.

### Roles

Provide medical care to patients on referral (including the reverse case in which patients are referred to family doctors)  
Implement joint use of medical devices  
Provide emergency medical care  
Conduct training for regional medical professionals

### Requirements for Approval

[Establisher]

In principle, national government, prefectures, municipalities, special medical corporations, public medical institutions, non-profit medical corporations, etc.

Provide medical care mainly to patients on referral

- Percentage of patients on referral exceeds 80%, etc.

Capable of providing emergency medical care

Secure a system in which regional doctors, etc. can use buildings, facilities, and devices

Provide education to regional medical professionals

In principle, have 200 or more beds and facilities that are considered sufficient for a regional medical support

\* The number of approved hospitals (as of March 31, 2007) ... 135 hospitals