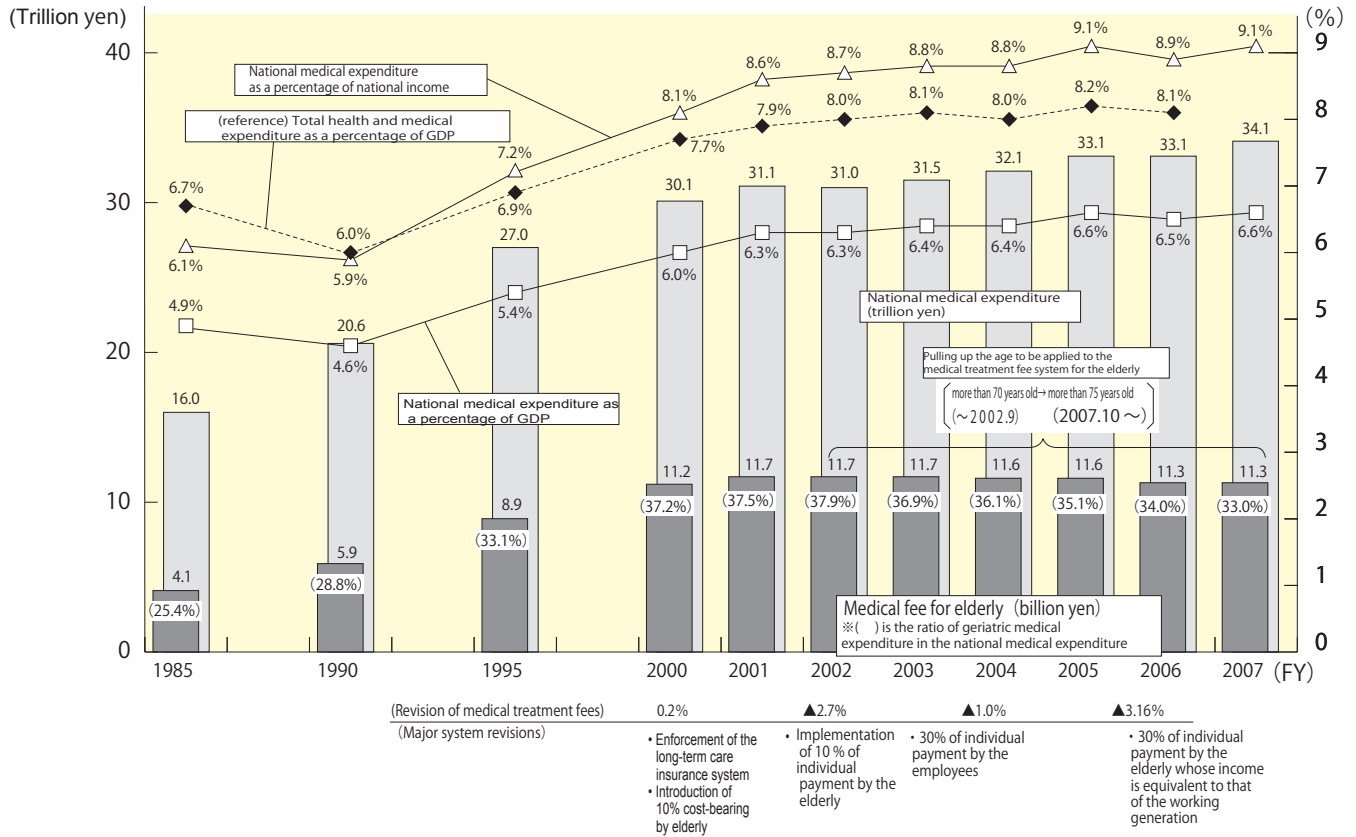


Overview

Changes in Medical Care Expenditure



Year-on-Year Increase of National Health Expenditure (%)

	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
National health expenditure	6.1	4.5	4.5	▲1.8	3.2	▲0.5	1.9	1.8	3.2	0.0	3.0
Health expenditure for the elderly	12.7	6.6	9.3	▲5.1	4.1	0.6	▲0.7	▲0.7	0.6	▲3.3	0.1
National income	7.4	8.1	0.1	2.1	▲2.8	8.1	0.7	0.7	0.5	2.1	0.3
GDP	6.7	8.5	1.8	0.9	▲2.1	6.1	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.5	1.0

(Note) The national income and GDP are based on the national accounting announced by the Cabinet Office (Dec.2008). Total health and medical expenditure is the item used to compare the medical expenses among OECD countries including preventative service and others and has a wider range than national medical expenses. The average ratio of medical expenditure of OECD allies in 2007 was 8.9% of GDP.