



General Incorporated Association Japanese Society of Hospital Pharmacists

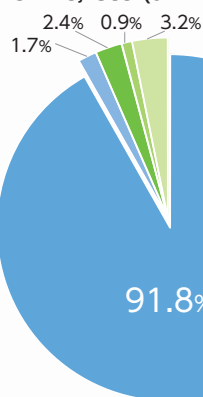
The Japanese Society of Hospital Pharmacists (JSHP), is an organization whose membership comprises pharmacists and other professionals who work at hospitals, clinics and long-term care facilities. The JSHP carries out a variety of activities with the aim of contributing to the promotion of the health and welfare of patients and the general public, not only through the members' voluntary efforts to enhance their professional skills and knowledge, but also through the provision of high-quality pharmacotherapy. As a member of the health care team, hospital pharmacists currently make use of their professional expertise to ensure that proper pharmacotherapy is being provided and to actively promote the safe use of medicines. Each month, the JSHP publishes *The Journal of Japanese Society of Hospital Pharmacists*, and introduces academic papers written by members, as well as the latest information on medicine use, and hospital pharmacists such as the JSHP Newsletter and training reports.

The JSHP website features a broad range of information on medicine and medical treatment, including an overview of the Society, news on upcoming academic meetings and training sessions, information on board certified pharmacy specialist programs, and news and information targeting medical institutions and members.

Approximately 80% of 55,000 pharmacists who work at hospitals and clinics nationwide are enrolled as members of the JSHP.

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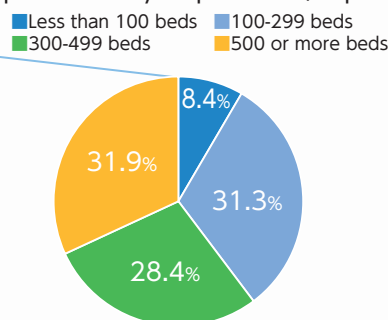
Ratio of member in hospital, clinic, etc (all members)



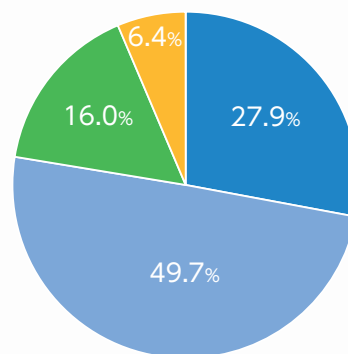
- Hospitals
- Pharmacies
- Pharmaceutical colleges/departments
- Other or independent
- Clinics/long-term care insurance facilities

Total members: Approx. 46,000

Ratio pharmacists by hospital beds (hospitals)



Ratio of institution* by beds (hospitals)



* Institutions with at least one JSHP member

Message from the President

The role of the Japanese hospital pharmacist has evolved dramatically over the last quarter century. One particularly noteworthy change is our shifted focus from "medication" to "medication management." A decade has passed since the Japanese pharmacy school curriculum transitioned from four-years to six-years. We have always been driven to advance pharmacy practice and improve patient's QOL by applying the principal of pharmaceutical care – safe and effective use of medication. Some of the practices adopted over the years include the participation in team-based medical care in hospital wards, proposition of optimal therapy by performing therapeutic drug monitoring of individual patients, and prevention of adverse drug reactions or significant side effects. We have also initiated a variety of new services such as management of chemotherapy regimens, aseptic preparation of antineoplastic drugs, and the collection and provision of drug information. These accomplishments have made a profound impact on public and patient perception of pharmacist's roles and values. As a result, demand for expanded pharmacist practice sites – at hospitals and clinics, long-term care insurance facilities, and other healthcare facilities – has continued to grow significantly.

As Japan's population ages, our healthcare system is being challenged to undergo major transformation. There are many efforts underway to transit the healthcare model from "hospital-based" to "community-based". This concept aims to provide more comprehensive care to patients, minimize lack of connectivity in our health care system and provide better social support. Furthermore, many healthcare facilities are expected to enhance specialty care services in the near future. Without a doubt, it is essential to strengthen communication across health care settings and professions. In response to such changes, Japanese Society of Hospital Pharmacist continues to advocate for a pharmacy practice of the highest standard and pursue our mission to provide pharmaceutical care that is safe, effective and secure.

Kenji Kihira, Ph.D., President, the Japanese Society of Hospital Pharmacists

To ensure the optimization of pharmacotherapy and promotion of medical safety

Pharmaceutical management in wards

To provide optimal pharmacotherapy to individual inpatients, pharmacists are expected to continuously participate in working not only in general wards, but also in convalescent wards, psychiatric wards, as well as in wards inside facilities for disabled people and clinics. To improve the quality and safety of pharmacotherapy, we promote pharmacy practices such as the proper use of drugs and adverse reaction monitoring at larger number of institutions.

Rigorous pharmaceutical management for all medicines

Patients who take drugs that especially require safety management (high-risk medicines) must receive rigorous pharmaceutical management. With medical treatment becoming increasingly advanced, the Japanese Society of Hospital Pharmacists promotes meticulous involvement of pharmacists with an even greater number of drugs.

Expansion of pharmacists serving as drug safety management supervisors

We encourage pharmacists who are medical professionals to serve as full-time drug safety management supervisors, and aim to strengthen the organizational drug safety management setup.

Our activities to assist in great disasters

We coordinated the deployment of pharmacists for medical support during the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake.

- (1) We dispatched numerous pharmacists to hospitals and other institutions as volunteers in disaster-affected areas.
 - (2) We provided assistance by having pharmacists take part in medical teams dispatched to disaster-affected areas.
- † In addition to assisting in fundraising efforts, our organization played a vital role in disseminating “personal medication record books” - which helped patients keep record of home medications during public health emergencies.

Website

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