

## For patients treated at a medical institution during a temporary stay in Japan

At Department of Healthcare Economics and Health Policy, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, we will conduct a "Research on Improving the Acceptance Environment for Foreign Patients (Study on Appropriate Medical Price for Foreign Visitors to Japan)" as Welfare and Labor Administration Promotion Research Project (Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare).

### [Research project]

"Study on Appropriate Medical Price for Foreign Visitors to Japan" (Approval number 2019307NI)

[Research institution name and Principal investigator name of The University of Tokyo]  
The research institutes and principal investigators that conduct this study are as follows.

- Research Institute: Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo
- Principal investigator: Tomoyuki Takura, Department of Healthcare Economics and Health Policy, Project Professor
- Responsibilities: Data analysis

### [Research period]

The study period is from approval of the Ethics Committee to March 31, 2021.

### [Research patients]

Foreign patients visiting Japan who have been treated at a Japanese medical institution participating in this study since April 1, 2018, and patients who have been treated for Japanese national insurance.

### [Significance of the research]

As the number of foreign visitors to Japan is expected to increase in the future, foreign visitors to Japan may visit medical institutions in unexpected situations, and it is urgently necessary to establish a medical provision system for foreign visitors to Japan. This study is thought to be useful for setting the medical treatment pricing for foreign patients visiting Japan.

### [Purpose of Research]

We conduct medical cost surveys and examine medical treatment prices for foreign visitors to Japan with the aim of contributing to the sound management of medical institutions, and, above all, the medical institutions will set medical treatment prices for foreign tourists appropriately.

### [\[Research Methods\]](#)

This study was approved by the Ethics Committee of Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo and conducted with the permission of the Director of The University of Tokyo Hospital. This study collects medical expenses (medical claims: receipts, medical costs: labor expenses, material costs) and medical hours survey data necessary for calculating the medical price of treatments (services). There is no additional burden on the patient.

The information (data) will be collected at the Japanese medical institutions participating in the study and provided to Department of Healthcare Economics and Health Policy, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo. The data used for the analysis will be anonymized and it be mailed or provided with a password-protected USB, etc., for the purpose of conducting a medical cost survey, and will be managed in Department of Healthcare Economics and Health Policy, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo.

### [\[Protection of personal information\]](#)

The samples, information and data collected in connection with this research must be handled carefully so as not to leak to the outside. Before analysis, your information and data will not be linked to your personal information at all, and Tomoyuki Takura (administrative manager) will keep the CD-ROM securely in a locked safe of this laboratory.

Therefore, we cannot revoke your consent or inform you of your personal results.

The results of the research will be publicly disclosed in a form that cannot be identified individually as a report of Welfare and Labor Administration Promotion Research Project.

The collected data will be kept under strict control for 5 years after the completion of the study.

The funding for this study is a subsidy for Welfare and Labor Administration Promotion Research Project (Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare). There is no conflict of interest to disclose regarding this study.

This research has been reported to Conflict of Interest Advisory Agency of Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, and the Conflict of Interest Management has been conducted appropriately.

### [\[Research participating medical institutions \(research cooperating facilities\)\]](#)

NTT Medical Center Tokyo  
Aizawa Hospital  
Okinawa Chubu Hospital  
Okinawa Prefectural Yaeyama Hospital  
KEIJU Medical Center

Japanese Red Cross Takayama Hospital  
Koseikai Takeda Hospital  
Hakodate Goryoukaku Hospital  
Yonemori Hospital  
Rinku General Medical Center

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