

10-Year Strategy for Cancer Research

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Strategic goal

To achieve the overall goal of the Basic Plan by realizing the aims of radical cure, prevention of cancer, and improved life with cancer, through comprehensively and systematically promoting research on cancer, the leading cause of mortality in Japan, in collaboration with patients and society as a whole.

Specific research concerns

1. Elucidation of the etiology of cancer
2. Development of novel drugs to address unmet medical needs
3. Development of novel medical technologies for patient-friendly care
4. Establishment of novel standard cancer therapies
5. Key research areas focusing on cancer in different life stages or with different characteristics
 - (1) Cancer in children
 - (2) Cancer in the elderly
 - (3) Refractory cancer
 - (4) Rare cancer, etc.
6. Investigation of tools for the prevention and early detection of cancer
7. Building a society that appreciates cancer survivorship
8. Effective implementation and evaluation of cancer control

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