

About US

Since its establishment in 1958, the Japan Cancer Society has worked as a private-sector organization dedicated to conquering cancer. Our key activities include promoting cancer prevention and screening, supporting patients and their families, and raising public awareness through dissemination and promotion of correct knowledge.



We Want to Eliminate People's Suffering and Grief Caused by Cancer

Through a wide range of cancer control activities, we strive to create a society in which people can live with hope even after being diagnosed with cancer.



Promotion of Cancer Prevention and Screening

We are promoting smoking cessation to prevent cancer, while working to increase screening rates and improve quality control for early detection



Cancer Screening Free Digital Coupon

We distribute free coupons for cancer screening to individuals who want to get screened but face barriers—such as those from low-income households, single-parent families, and non-regular workers—and actively encourage their use. These coupons also serve as an important trigger to motivate people to attend screenings.



Cancer Screening Research Grant Program

We provide grants for a wide range of research—from basic efforts to develop cancer screening technologies and verifying quality control issues to analyzing the social factors that hinder screening uptake.



Information Provision for Cervical Cancer Prevention

We provide information on cancer prevention and screening through our official website, including routine vaccination against the human papillomavirus (HPV)—the cause of cervical cancer—and cervical cancer screening.



Support for Cancer Patients and Their Families

We are dedicated to building a supportive society in which individuals can lead fulfilling lives even with cancer.



Free Cancer Consultation

Certified counselors are available every day (except during the year-end and new year holidays) to listen to your concerns and anxieties about cancer, offering a compassionate ear over the phone. Through our “Cancer and Employment” phone consultation, we also provide support for balancing work and medical treatment.



Relay For Life

We hold community-based charity events to support cancer patients and their families. In fiscal year 2025, these events took place in 51 regions across the country, organized alongside local volunteers. All donations received are used to fund scholarships for young oncologists and provide grants for cancer research.



Cancer Patient Advocate Grant Program

We hold the “Cancer Advocate Seminar” for individuals and organizations aiming to address the challenges faced by cancer patients and their families. For seminar graduates, we provide grant support and work alongside them—offering ongoing guidance and partnership—to help achieve meaningful outcomes.



Dissemination and Raising Awareness of Correct Knowledge

We are dedicated to disseminating accurate information about cancer and supporting surveys and research to broaden public knowledge.



Cancer Education

We provide cancer education for children so that they can understand the importance of health and life without fearing cancer unnecessarily.

We also support schools by sending staff members who are cancer survivors, as well as specialists, to serve as guest lecturers and assist with classroom lessons



Pink Ribbon Festival

Since 2003, we have been conducting one of the leading Pink Ribbon campaigns in Japan to promote the importance of early detection and appropriate treatment of breast cancer. We work to increase screening participation rates and support patients and those around them.



Cancer Literacy Improvement Project for the Working Population

About 30% of cancer patients are diagnosed during their working years. We hold public seminars to enhance knowledge about cancer and support the spread of cancer literacy in the workplace. Additionally, videos of past lectures are available on the association’s website.

Since its establishment in 1958, we have been working in the private sector to promote cancer prevention and screening, support patients and their families, and disseminate and promotion of correct knowledge with the goal of conquering cancer.

We express our sincere gratitude to all of you who support us on a daily basis.

Cancer has changed from a deadly disease to a normal disease that anyone can get. As a result, new issues are emerging, such as balancing treatment with employment and improving the quality of life (QOL) of cancer patients. Smoking cessation is also becoming increasingly important from a cancer prevention perspective. We will also focus on research grants.

We will continue to do our utmost to eliminate the suffering and grief caused by cancer while responding to the changing times.



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