Reducing the number of patients who suffer from cancer
In 2018, the Japan Cancer Society reached its 60th anniversary. During these 60 years, the situation surrounding cancer has greatly changed. There has been an increase of the number of people who have been diagnosed with cancer, as well as an increase of people who have died from cancer. However, the 5 years survival rate has increased from 40% to over 60%. Today, cancer has changed from a disease that people die from to a disease that can be cured. JCS has to keep up with these changes. To prevent cancer, we encourage quitting smoking, and we work with 46 JCS group affiliates to increase screening. In 2019, we started new projects in order to support cancer survivors and their families. Our activities depend on donations. To create a society that is filled with hope, we must continue to support cancer survivors and families. We greatly appreciate your warm support.

President of Japan Cancer Society
Tadao Kakizoe

Since 1981 cancer has been the principal cause of death in Japan. The cancer death toll is 373,334 people (220,398 men/woman 152,946) *1
Aging of the population has become the main factor and the number of people dying of cancer continues to increase. In addition, the number of people diagnosed with cancer increases at the pace of approximately one million per year. *2

*1 Annual Vital Statistics Report 2017(Final)
*2 Number of cancer cases nationally (Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare 2016 preliminary figures)

One in two people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. *(male 62%, woman 47%)
Source: Center for Cancer Control and Information Services estimated value 2014

Cancer accounts for 30% of deaths annually.
[percentage of cancer deaths compared to total deaths]
Source: 2017 vital statistics

2017
- Cancer 27.9%
- Heart disease 15.3%
- Cerebrovascular diseases 8.2%
- Other 30.8%
- Accident 3.0%
- Pneumonia 7.2%
- Aging 7.6%
We want to reduce the number of people suffering from cancer to zero.

The Japan Cancer Society exerts every effort towards the prevention and early detection of cancer. We walk hand-in-hand with cancer patients, cancer survivors and their families. Our role includes widely disseminating accurate information and deepening understanding of cancer. Since 1958, we have been working to highlight cancer on a non-governmental basis. Through broad activities, we aim to construct a society where people help each other to enable every cancer patient to lead a life with hope and dignity.

Three missions of Japan Cancer Society are to:

- **Support cancer survivors and their families.**
  
  We aim for a society in which people with cancer can lead fulfilling lives.

- **Create Society Undefeated by Cancer**

- **Promote cancer prevention and cancer screenings.**
  
  The key to cancer prevention is promotion of tobacco control. Moreover, fast high-accuracy cancer screening and a higher number of people going for screening ultimately reduces the cancer mortality rate.

- **Disseminate correct knowledge and raise awareness of cancer.**
  
  In the information society, we provide nationwide cancer education, so that people have correct up-to-date knowledge of cancer to create a society that is not in fear of cancer.
Tobacco is the cause of cancer and disturbs effective treatment. In addition, there is the problem of novel tobacco products which has suddenly developed. Immediate counter-actions are necessary. JCS announced the ‘Tobacco Zero Mission’ in 2018. We carried out an appeal to society to highlight the importance of smoking cessation, and simultaneously, through our other activities, we pushed forward the idea of a tobacco free policy aiming at zero smokers.

Promotion of cancer screening

To increase the number of people who can survive cancer, we must conduct early detection and treatment. To do so, it’s important to make regular visits and screening a habit. Over 46 JCS group affiliates across Japan carry out screenings (stomach, colon, lung, breast, and cervical cancer). The JCS Group has grown to be Japan’s largest cancer screening organization, screening more than 10 million people each year. JCS has sponsored the screening of over 380 million people in total. JCS pursues a less burdensome and accurate screening method working alongside the National Cancer Center and university researchers.

Performance in 2017

Number of examinees: **11,267,511**

Cancer detection number: **13,712** (about 0.1%)
Relay For Life (RFL) is a community based fundraising walk event to raise funds to support people affected by cancer and their care takers. RFL began in 1985, when Dr. Gordon Klatt (a colorectal surgeon) ran for 24 hours continuously to raise money as support. Today RFL is held in over 4,500 events across 30 countries. Since 2006, JCS has hosted this activity in Japan from the pre-events stage in Tsukuba. In 2019, around 50 locations across Japan will participate in RFL activities.

2018 RFL Japan report:
Took place in 48 communities
Raised 61,340,000 yen
74,885 people took part in the event

Free cancer consultations

Cancer hotline

JCS provides telephone-based consultations to cancer patients and their family members by qualified expert consultants such as nurses and social workers. Consultations cover topics such as symptoms, side effects and after effects, relationships with doctors and family members, and job issues. JCS has responded to 9,611 consultation requests in 2018. Reservations are unnecessary and consultation is anonymous.

Content of consultation

- Cancer screening: 1.1%
- Other: 4.8%
- Symptoms, side effects, sequelaes: 26.5%
- Treatment: 20.5%
- Anxiety and other mental problems: 19.9%
- Change hospital: 3.1%
- Diagnosis: 3.1%
- Employment, financial burden: 2.7%
- Second opinion: 1.8%
- Relationship with medical staff: 4.3%
- Relationship with people around the family: 4.4%
- Examination: 6.5%
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Doctor give advice to patients

An ongoing service provided by JCS for many years whereby well-experienced medical specialists provide consultation on specific cancers to around 700 people each year, either via phone or face to face.

Telephone-based Consultations Relating to Cancer and Work by Social Insurance and Labor Advisers

Advisors offer advice to patients and cover topics such as how to tell one’s employer after being diagnosed with cancer, schemes available to cancer patients, and whether or not financial support, such as sickness allowance or disability pension, is
The Cancer Survivor Club was established in 2017 with the goal of supporting cancer survivors who have been diagnosed with cancer. It empathizes with people’s thoughts of “I want to get well” and “I want to lead a normal life” as well as the feeling of wanting support from family and friends.

Performance in 2018

Distribute news about cancer: more than **800 times**
Published patients’ association information: **362 times**
Event participants: **715**

**[Transmission of information]**
Through our dedicated website, e-mail magazine and SNS we offer information in the form of patients’ advocacy groups and cancer-related news, as well as holding Japan Cancer Survivor’s Day that is an event which provides information on the activities of organizations that support cancer survivors and their families.

**[Patient and family support]**
We offer the Cancer Survivor Café where survivors can communicate with each other while learning, and the Beauty & Talk program where female survivors can find out about how to do make-up for their condition well.

Two new projects are called the “Survivors’ Net” and the “Cancer Survivors’ Kitchen”, which both started in 2019.

**Cancer Survivors’ Kitchen**
A website was launched to offer support about cancer patients‘ nutrition issues. Site visitors can post recipes and registered dietitians review them.
*common enterprise with (Oisi kenko Inc.)

www.gsclub/recipes

**Survivors’ net**
SNS to connect cancer survivors and family to make groups such as the patients’ society on line.

sns.gsclub.jp
Disseminate correct knowledge and raise awareness of cancer

Pink Ribbon Festival

JCS held a 16th Pink Ribbon Festival in 2018. The goal of the Pink Ribbon Festival is to raise awareness of the importance of early detection, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer to as many people as possible. In recent years, there is a growing interest more than ever in breast cancer as some famous people have came out about their own disease. However, as of now there are few people receiving examinations regularly. We will convey our message by various means in the future. JCS engages in many kinds of awareness raising events and seminars, including a the symposium called “The latest treatment for breast cancer and mind”, and the Smile Walk that participants wear pink goods and walk around town to call for breast cancer screening, and so on.

Cancer Education

Despite the high number of people who have developed cancer, there are very few opportunities to acquire accurate knowledge on the subject even for adults. JCS believes it is vital to educate people about cancer from a young age particularly junior and senior high school student and that is why we moved to establish the Cancer Education Fund in 2009. JCS produces four different types of educational materials such as DVDs and supplemental readers, as well as support of school visits by doctors and cancer survivors. In the future JCS is preparing to dispatch cancer survivors as outside lecturers and educators.
Overseas Medical Scholarships

Training of cancer treatment specialists
JCS provides motivated young medical practitioners with the opportunities and scholarships to train at dedicated medical institutions overseas in order to develop cancer experts. These excellent doctors are sent to either MD Anderson Cancer Center at the Universality of Texas, or the department of medicine, University of Chicago. A prize called ‘Relay for life my oncology dream’ was established for encouragement. This scholarship of 2,500,000 yen per person, is funded by donations raised through RFL activities. 18 people won it from 2010 through 2018 and an award ceremony for three doctors was held in 2019.

RFL projects Mirai Research Grants
JCS cooperates with the Japanese Cancer Association by utilizing donations from RFL research grants to develop new treatments drugs, and to improve the quality of life of patients. Up to 3 million yen per study is provided. 20 projects including the study of psychological social support for the child, leukemia prevention and study of new cancer immunity therapy were chosen in 2018.

Training for public health nurses, and other professionals
JCS holds various workshops for professionals involved in cancer screening. We are providing workshops including lectures on breast, ultrasound technology and mammography technology in 2019.
Activities of JCS are funded entirely by donation

All the contributions are used for cancer control. We appreciate your warm support for people suffering from cancer.

Donations in 2018

407,860,321 yen

58.01% Corporations
41.99% Individuals

Contribution Method

The particular activity that you want to support can be appointed by choosing each fund in addition to cancer control in general.

Account name Public interest Foundation Japan Cancer Society

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  - Savings account.0518150
- Japan Post Bank
  - All funds. 0180-1-5140

Hohoemi Fund
- MIZUHO BANK, LTD. Ginza branch (035)
  - Saving account 2418773

Protecting women from cancer fund
- MUFG Bank, LTD. Kyobashi branch (023)
  - Savings account 0067244

Fund for cancer education
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Donate online here
- Cancer control in general
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