### Japan

**Country indicators**

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<th>Population (000s)*</th>
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<td>Internet users (%)</td>
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<th>Life expectancy at birth (years)*</th>
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<td>Per capita total health expenditure (PPP Int $)*</td>
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<th>World Bank income group</th>
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<td>GNI per capita (US$)*</td>
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### National policy on health technology

**Health technology (medical device) national policy:** Yes, and it is part of the National Health Program/Plan or Policy

**Web site:** —

**Language(s):** Japanese

**MOH responsible for health technology policy implementation:** Economic affairs division, Health Policy Bureau

### Regulatory agency

**Authority responsible for implementing and enforcing regulations in your country:** Yes

**Name of principal institution:** Compliance and Narcotics Division, Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau

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### National health technology assessment unit

**Unit/department:** Office of Medical Device Evaluation, PFSB, MHLW

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### National health technology management units

**National health technology unit(s):** Yes

**Development of technical specifications for procurement process:**

**Unit/department:** —

**Web site:** —

**Contact:** —

**E mail:** —

**Other:**

**Unit/department:** —

**Web site:** —

**Contact:** —

**Email:** —

**Other:**

**Unit/department:** —

**Web site:** —

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### Medical device nomenclature system

**Official nomenclature system for medical devices:** Yes

**Type:** Nationally developed

**Use:** For regulatory purposes

**Nomenclature system name:** Japanese Medical Device Nomenclature was developed from GMDN2003 version

**Web site:** —

### Medical device incorporation

**Procurement**

**Policy or guideline:** No

**Web site:** —

**National level procurement:** No

**Web site:** —

**Donations**

**Policy or guideline:** No

**Web site:** —

**Technical specifications**

**Technical specifications to support procurement or donations:** No

**Web site:** —

**Medical device incorporation comments:** —
Inventory and maintenance

Type of inventories available: None
Comments: —
Medical equipment management unit: No
Management software: No
Software and comments: —

Lists of medical devices

Lists of approved medical devices for public procurement or reimbursement:
Lists available: Yes
Unit: Medical Economics Division, Health Insurance Bureau
Web site: —

National lists of medical devices for different types of healthcare facilities or specific procedures:
Lists available: No list available
Web site - facilities: —
Web site - procedures: —

National list for diseases and situations:
Lists available: No list available
Web site: —

Healthcare facility

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Additional information and comments:

New Medical Devices which begin to be reimbursed have been published by the Central Social Insurance Medical Council.

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