



# **Development Environment for medical devices in Japan and the United States: Impact on current activities and the roles of clinical engineering (CE)**

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# Agenda

- Introduction of clinical engineer system in Japan
- Recent movement of medical device development in Japan
- Intellectual properties and medical professions
- JACE Medical-Academia-Industrial Collaboration Committee

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# Introduction of Clinical Engineer System in Japan



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# Clinical Engineers : Japan

- Clinical Engineer License System
  - Established in 1987
  - National License
- Education
  - 4 years education in university
  - or
  - 3 years education at a polytechnic college



# The Facts

## **Operating Equipment in the Clinical Environment 40%**

- Respiratory therapy
- Perfusion (HEART-LUNG machine)
- Dialysis (Dialysis equipment)
- Operative treatment (Surgical equipment)
- Intensive care units
- Cardiac catheterization
- Hyperbaric oxygen therapy
- Other treatment (defibrillators)
- Pacemakers
- Implantable cardioverter defibrillators (including CRT-D)

Service Delivery Management 20%

Patient Safety 20%

Healthcare Technology Management (HTM) 20%



# Our Clinical Fields *(a case of Aso Iizuka Hospital)*



**HTM**



**Haemodialysis**



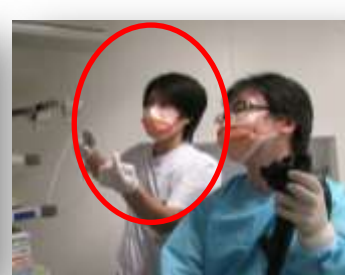
**Operation Room**



**Perfusion**



**Intensive Care**



**Endoscopy**



**Cardiac Catheter  
(intervention)**



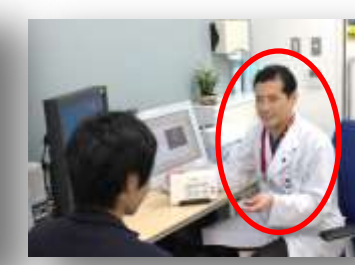
**Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy**



**Operation Assistance**



**Capsule Endoscopy  
(Interpretation)**



**Pacemaker Clinic**



**Staff Education**



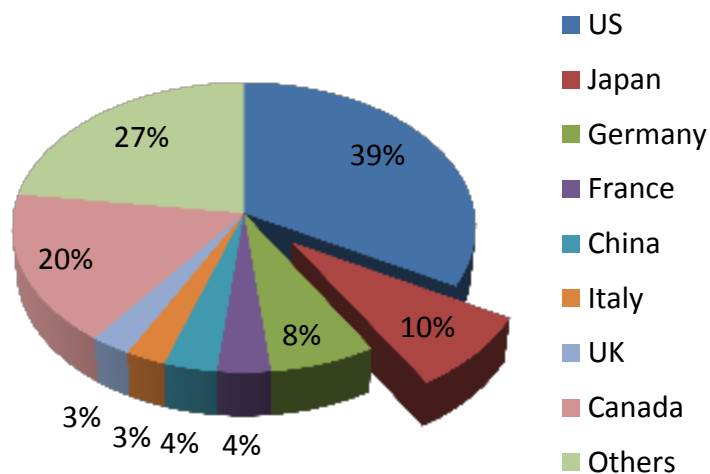
# Recent Movement of Medical Device Development in Japan



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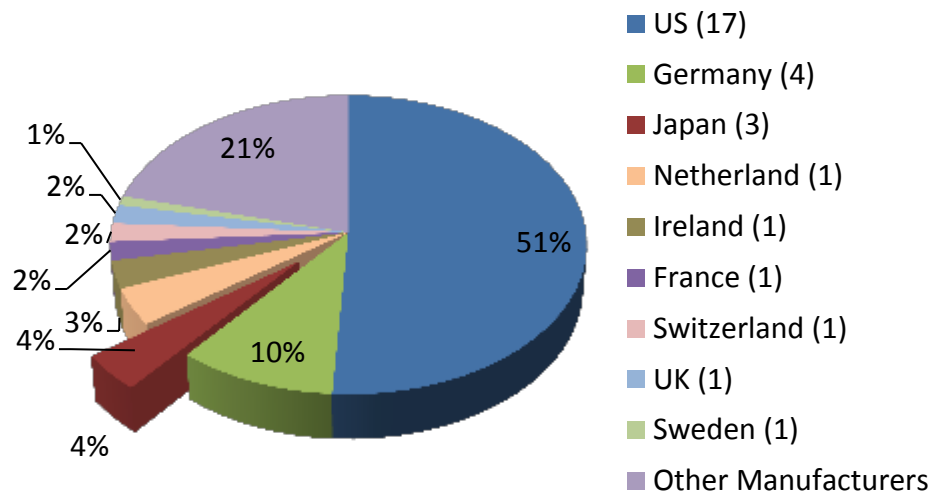


# Japanese Medical Device Market



**Market Size of Medical Device**

*espicom "Medistat Worldwide Medical Market Forecasts to 2017"*



**Market Share of Top 30 Device Manufacturers**

*Rodman Media "TOP 30 MEDICAL DEVICE MANUFACTURERS (by FY12 revenue)"*

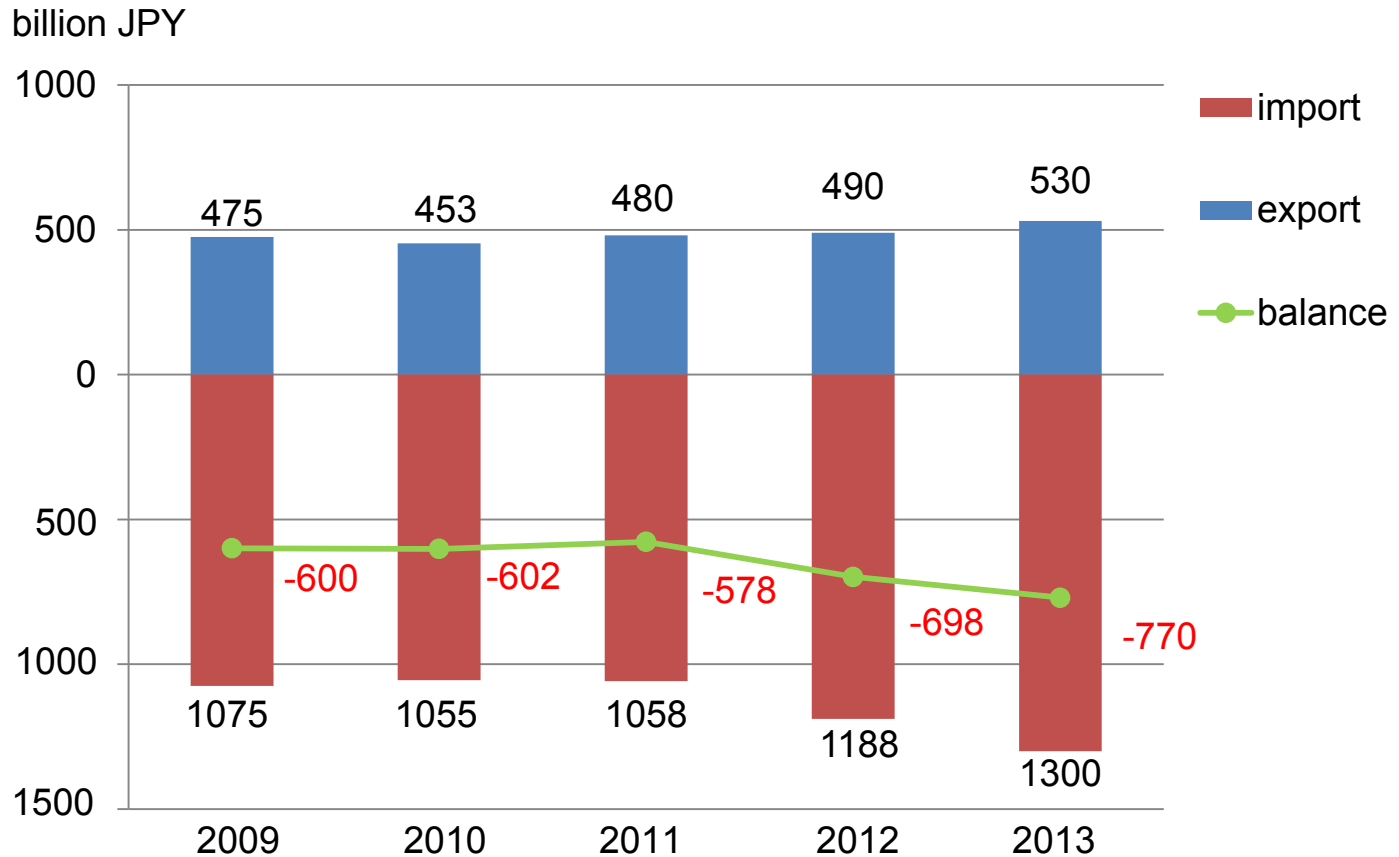
## Japanese Market Size of Medical Device and the Import Rate

	Domestic Market (billion JPY)	Import Rate (%)
Therapeutic	1256.4	51
Diagnostic	612.6	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>2386.0</b>	<b>44</b>

*MHLW "Annual Report on Statistic of Pharmaceutical Industry"*



# Japanese Trade Balance of Medical Devices



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Data from: MHLW "Annual Report on Statistic of Pharmaceutical Industry"



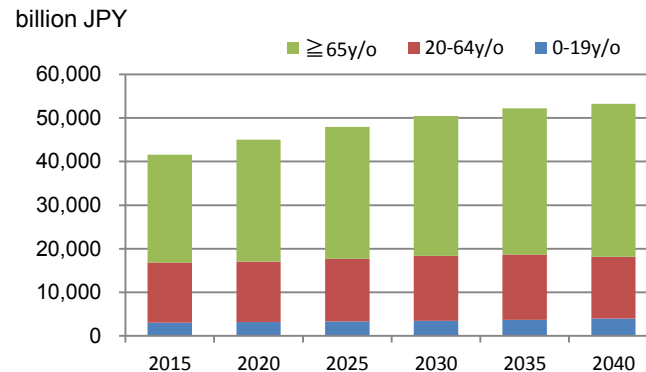
# Recent Movement

Japanese government issued New Growth Strategy  
“Japan Revitalization Strategy - Japan is Back -”

The policy is a mix of the “three arrows” for reviving the Japanese economy:

- (1) Aggressive monetary policy
- (2) Flexible fiscal policy
- (3) A growth strategy that encourages private sector investment

*From: The office of the Prime Minister of Japan*



**Estimating Future Medical Expense in Japan**

*Data from "Japan Medical Association Research Institute"*



# Barriers of Device Development

**Strict regulatory and time consuming approval process**

**Difficulty of fundraising**

**Seeds or academic oriented development**

**Lack of human resources in project management**



# The Situation is Changing

## **Strict regulatory and time consuming approval process**

Central and local governments are implementing variety of aggressive measures and taking strong actions

## **Difficulty of fundraising**

Variety of public subsidies

Increasing public and private financing institutions

## **Seeds or academic oriented development**

Some movement of shifting to needs oriented development

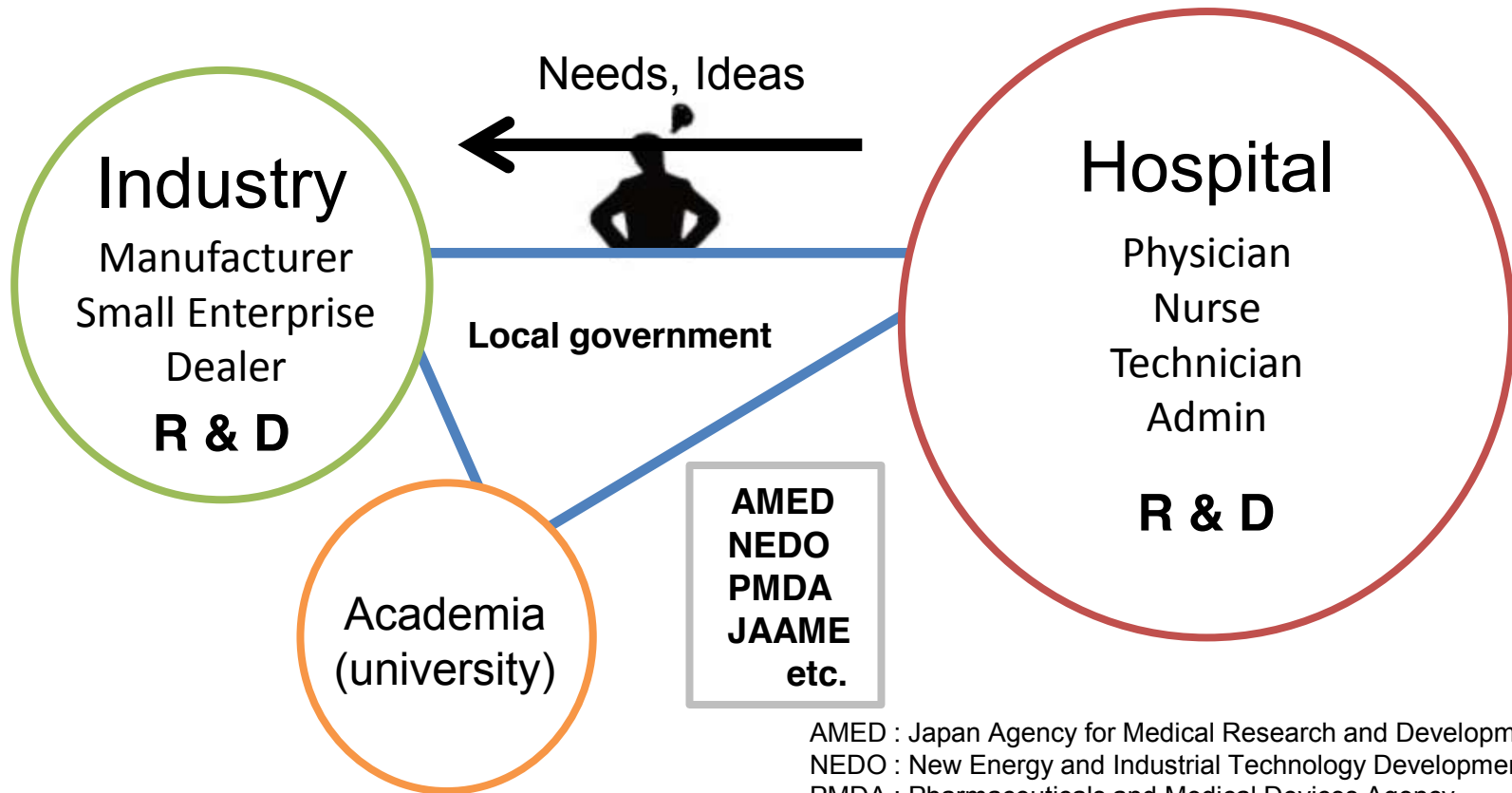
## **Lack of human resources in project management**

Education courses in some universities

e.g. Biodesign course in three universities



# Medical-Engineering Collaboration



AMED : Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development  
NEDO : New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization  
PMDA : Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency  
JAAME: Japan Association for the Advancement of Medical Equipment

- Poor evaluation of needs and ideas (clinical perspective)
- Lost in translation between the industry and clinical field



# Expected Roles of Clinical Engineers in Device Development

- Evaluation of needs and ideas
- Translation between industry and the medical field
- Promotion of the activities
- Gathering information and summarization



# Intellectual Properties and Medical Professions



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# Intellectual Properties

- **Patent** (Patented invention)
- **Utility Model**
- Design
- Trademark

**Not many medical professions including physicians and CEs are involved in medical device development especially with IP strategies.**





# Cultural Background

- ・ 医は仁術 i-wa-jinjuryutsu

Medicine is benevolent act or humanitarian profession.

- ・ Japanese Medical Law

Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the permission set forth in paragraph (1) may **be refused to a person who wishes to establish a hospital, clinic or birthing center for profit.**

*Article 7-4 of the Medical Care Act (Act No. 205 of 1948)*

Medicine  Money

# Other Factors

- Most of hospitals, clinics don't have any rules, regulations or policies concerning IP.  
(except university hospitals, national centres, etc.)
- Medical professions serving for public institutes may not be allowed to receive extra income  
(side job prohibition rule ) Article 103 of the National Public Service Act (Act No. 120 of 1947)  
Article 38 of the Local Public Service Act (Act No. 261 of 1950) etc.

**Need to establish rules or policies concerning IP**



# Other Factors

- Medical staff are busy especially physicians.  
(The average Japanese physician's work week : 63.3-70.6 hours)

	No. of Dr/1000	No. of Ns/1000	No. of beds/1000	length of hospital Stay (days)	No. of Dr/100beds (estimated)	No. of Ns/100beds (estimated)	
Japan	2.3	10.5	13.3	17.2 * <sup>1</sup>	17.3	78.9	
US	2.5	11.2	2.9	6.1	86.2	386.2	(2012)

\*<sup>1</sup> general ward only

Data from: OECD "Health-Statistics 2015"

- Poor environment of medical device development for medical professions. (e.g. consultation, agent)

**JACE supports to improve the environment**



# JACE Medical-Academia-Industrial Collaboration Committee

(established in 2016)



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# Roles of the Committee

- 1) To promote medical device development based on clinical needs
- 2) To support our members in device development
- 3) To expand CEs' fields and opportunities



# Activities of the Committee

- 1) To promote medical device development based on clinical needs
  - Idea posting system on the web site of JACE

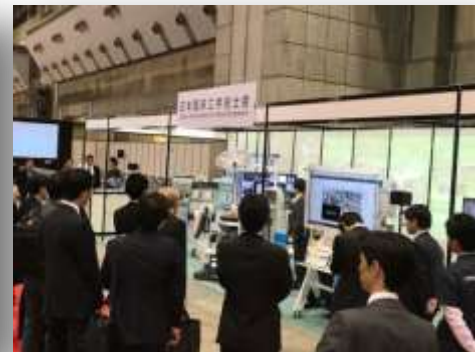


- Needs/idea evaluation service by committee members and observers.

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## 2) To support our members in device development

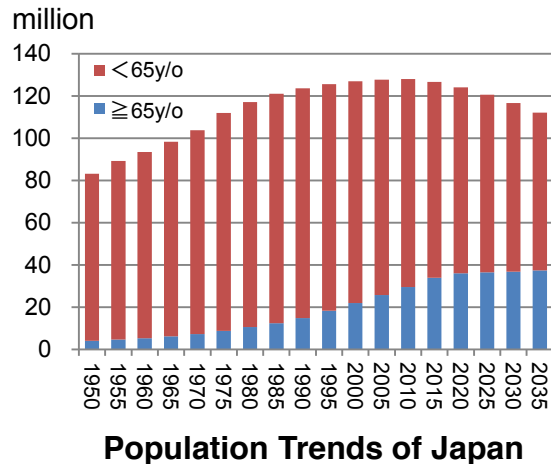
- Introducing CEs' needs and ideas at medical-industrial matching events.
- Introducing needs and ideas by CEs at exhibitions, expos, trade shows



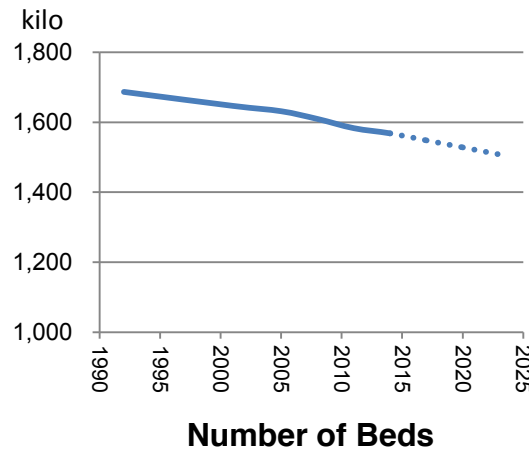
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## 3) To expand CEs' fields and opportunities

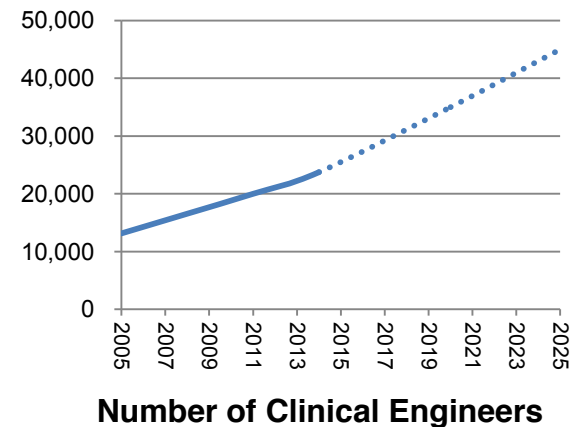
- Medical device development could be a new field to use CEs' engineering skills and their medical knowledge.



Data from "Bureau of Statistics of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications"



Data from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare





# Conclusion

Majority of Japanese clinical engineers work in active medical fields

Japanese government encourages and promotes medical device development under the new growth strategy.

Not many medical professions are involved in medical device development especially with IP strategies.

Clinical engineers are expected to play their roles in medical device development especially in medical-engineering collaboration.

JACE established the “Medical-Academic-Industrial Collaboration Committee” to support the members in medical device development.



# Thank you for your attention



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