

高度医療評価制度について**

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Evaluation System of High-level Medical Technology**

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Summary

In recent years, there have been tremendous advances in human medicine and medical care. In response to this, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare revised part of the universal medical care insurance system so that physicians can use new medical supplies and medical equipment under the national health insurance system without specific approval of the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare in according to the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law.

Physicians are required to take certain measures in connection with such supplies and equipment. In order to accelerate the collection of high-quality data enabling scientific evaluation, we have put into operation the “Evaluation system of high-level medical technology” from April, 2008. This system is expected to promote the safe and expeditious introduction of high-level medical technology for the benefit of patients.

Key words

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