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Country Report

Japan Medical Association

JMA



The 21st JMA President Dr. Kichiro Matsumoto



Dr. Kichiro Matsumoto was elected as the 21st JMA President at the Presidential Election held in the 149th Regular General Assembly of the JMA House of Delegates on June 25th, 2022.

The 149th Regular General Assembly of the JMA House of Delegates

With his background of 20 year-activities at the Regional Medical Association and 6 year- activities at the JMA, Dr. Matsumoto proposed four pillars-“from the region to the center”, “to be a medical association that earns Public trust,” “to be a medical association that meets the expectations of physicians,” and “to be a strong medical association that unites together”- as the mainstay in managing JMA.



**The 149th Regular General Assembly
of the JMA House of Delegates
June 25th, 2022
JMA Auditorium**

Three Vice Presidents Supporting the President

Dr. Shigeto Shigematsu, Immediate-past President of the Osaka Medical Association.

Dr. Tohru Kakuta, Vice-President of the Tokyo Medical association.

Dr. Yuji Inokuchi, President of the All Japan Hospital Association (AJHA), mainly privately-owned hospital organization, with roughly 2,500 membership.



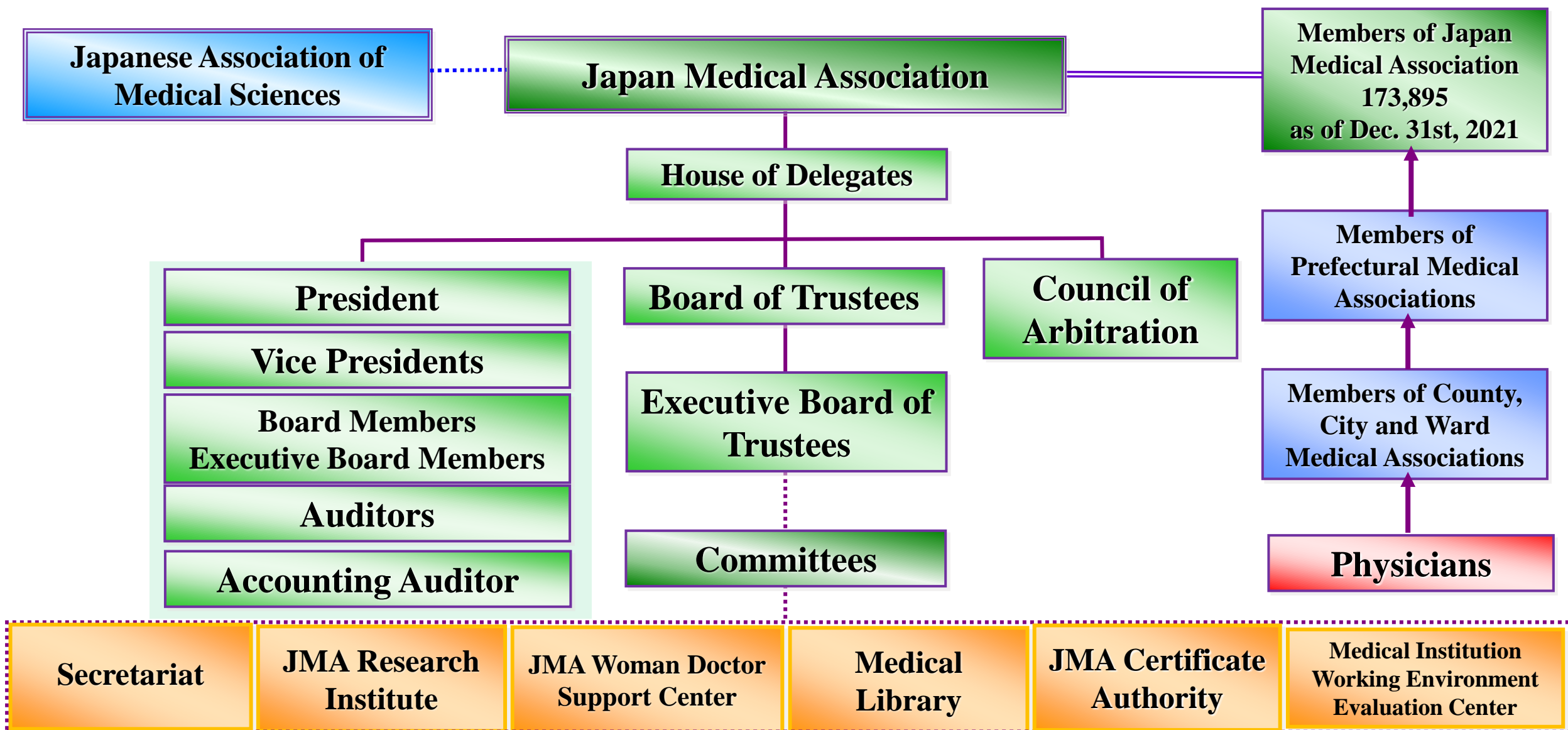
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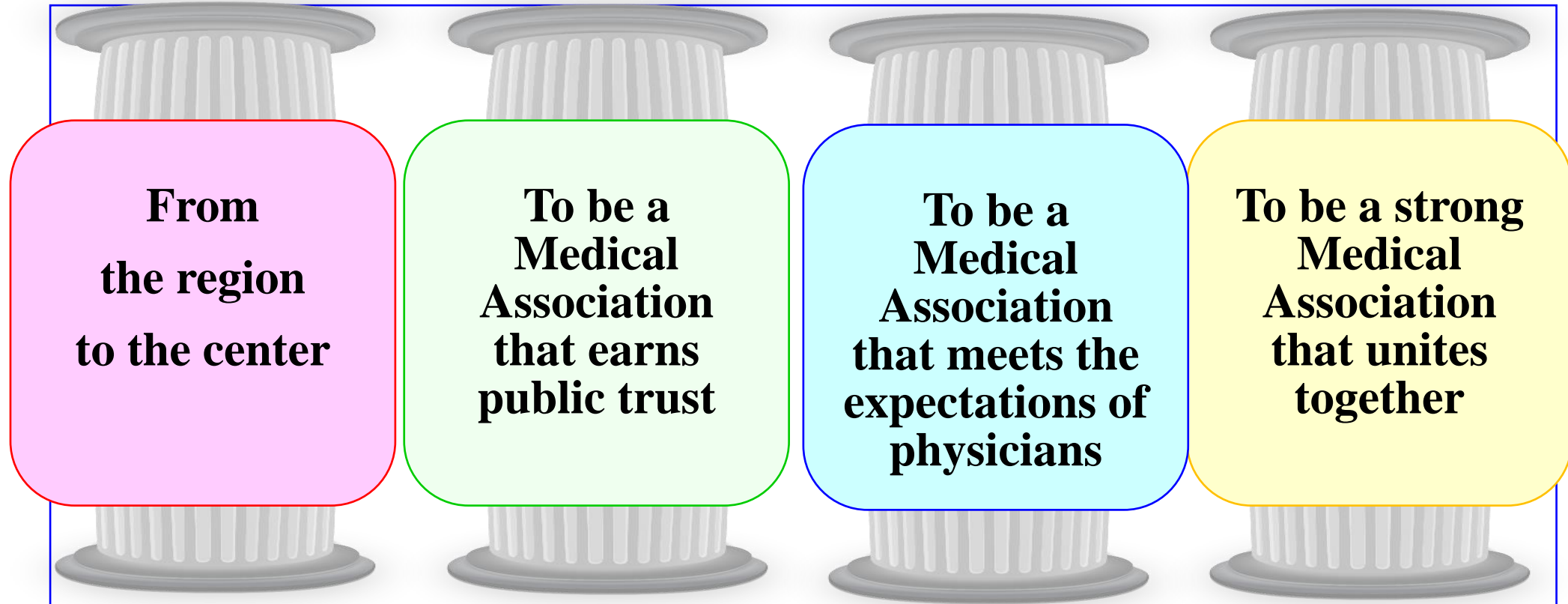
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Organizational Chart of Japan Medical Association



1. Four Pillars of Medical Association Management



2. Specific Items Related to Medical Association Management

1. Protect the health and lives of the people



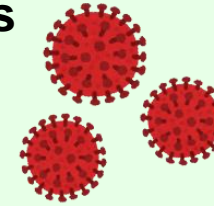
2. Gather Information from clinical practice and collaborate



3. Strengthen organizational capacity



4. Respond to COVID-19 and emerging infectious diseases



5. Protect and ensure sustainability of UHC and healthcare delivery system



6. Respond to a super-aging society



7. Work Style Reform for physicians



8. Disseminate information to restore public trust



9. DX in the medical community



2.1 Protect the health and lives of the people

- **We believe that the role of the JMA is to protect the health and lives of the people.**
- **This is the mission of a physician, and we will do our best to meet it. To that end, the understanding and cooperation of all physicians and medical personnel, as well as cooperation with the government and other relevant organizations, are essential.**
- **The JMA will cooperate with regional medical associations and strive to become a medical association that is trusted by people.**
- **Looking further into the future, we will protect the health and lives of the people, no matter what the circumstances.**

2.2 Gather Information from clinical practice and collaborate

- **The most important thing in the activities of the medical association is to fully collect information from the field through cooperation with the regional medical association and reflective meetings.**
- **Based on the local administration and information exchange and cooperation with the national government, the establishment of a flow creation from the region to the national government is required.**
- **Then, the JMA will make policy proposals based on the voices of the region, meet physicians' expectations, and lead to a medical association that earns the trust of the people.**

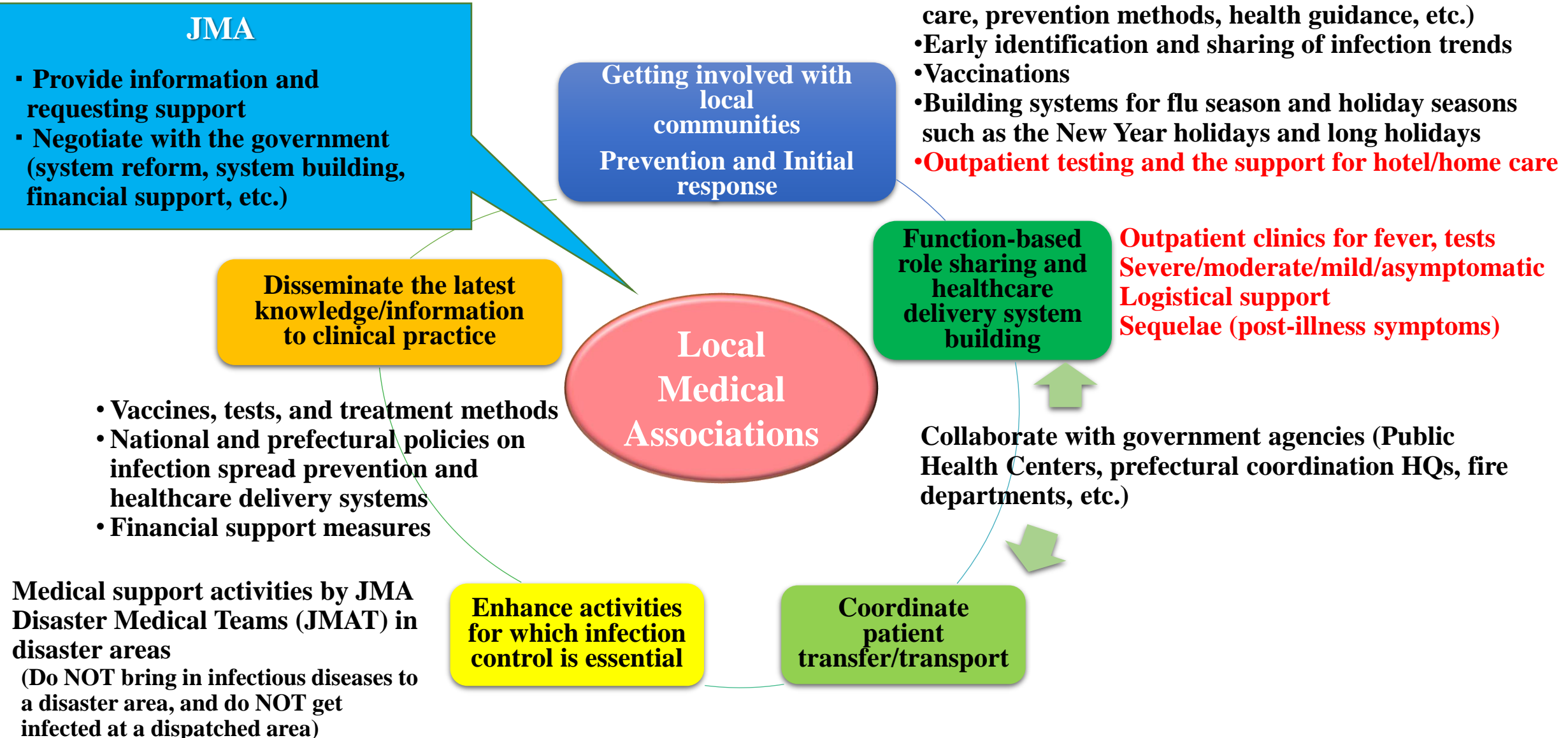
2.3 Strengthen organizational capacity

- **With regard to enhancing organizational strength, it is also important to raise the external significance of JMA's existence by collaborating with the political and business circles as well as enriching discussions and negotiations with the administration.**
- **In order to encourage young physician who will form the future medical community to join us, JMA will extend them a free membership period of 5 years starting FY2023. This proposal targets the ones in clinical training after graduating a medical school. The JMA will also take measures to motivate them to retain their membership post hoc.**

2.4 Respond to COVIT-19 and Emerging infectious diseases

- **The COVID-19 pandemic has not yet settled, even at its third year. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has announced that the government will create a Japanese version CDC, which the JMA has long requested.**
- **In order to secure healthcare delivery system in the event of an infectious disease, it is important to have discussions from ordinary times according to the actual conditions of the region in preparation for an emergency during the spread.**
- **Emerging infectious diseases that are expected to occur in the future.**
- **Based on the COVID-19 experiences, the JMA will promote various preparations including thorough prevention, establishment of treatment methods, enhancement of testing system, establishment of initial response system, strengthening of hospitalization system, and securing of beds.**

Activities of Local Medical Associations - Infectious Disease Control



Measures to Improve the Situation Following the Rapid Spread of COVID-19

July 27, 2022

Build systems with a triage function in a community	In collaboration with local governments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• enhance the functions of telephone consultation centers and provide triage for those who require professional attention to ensure that they receive medical care• build a system for patients under home care to provide points to note
Work assignment at community outpatient/test centers	Members work at outpatient/test centers to contribute to increasing the testing capacity in a community
Follow-up for the home care patients	Clinical practice-clinics and hospitals alike- are under extreme pressure with limited capacity to space; however, they will attempt their best to respond to requests from home care patients.
Collaboration between elderly facilities and cooperating medical institutions	Initial response is important in order to prevent large clusters. Governments should prepare emergency support medical team dispatch systems. Cooperating medical institutions should collaborate and share information with the facilities in advance.

2.5 Protect and ensure sustainability of UHC and Healthcare Delivery System

- **The world-renowned Universal Health Insurance System of Japan, which we take pride in, must be maintained.**
- **There are many issues to be solved in establishing healthcare delivery system for “with-Covid” and “post-Covid” times.**
- **It is important for the JMA and local medical associations to work together to enhance community medicine and secure and firmly protect healthcare delivery systems for communities.**

2.6 Responding to a Super-aging Society

Terminal Care

Think from Advanced Care Planning (ACP)

ACP (Advance Care Planning) とは？

将来の変化に備え、将来の医療及びケアについて、患者さんを主体に、そのご家族や近しい人、医療・ケアチームが、繰り返し話し合いを行い、患者さんの意思決定を支援するプロセスのことです。患者さんの人生観や価値観、希望に沿った、将来の医療及びケアを具体化することを目標としています。



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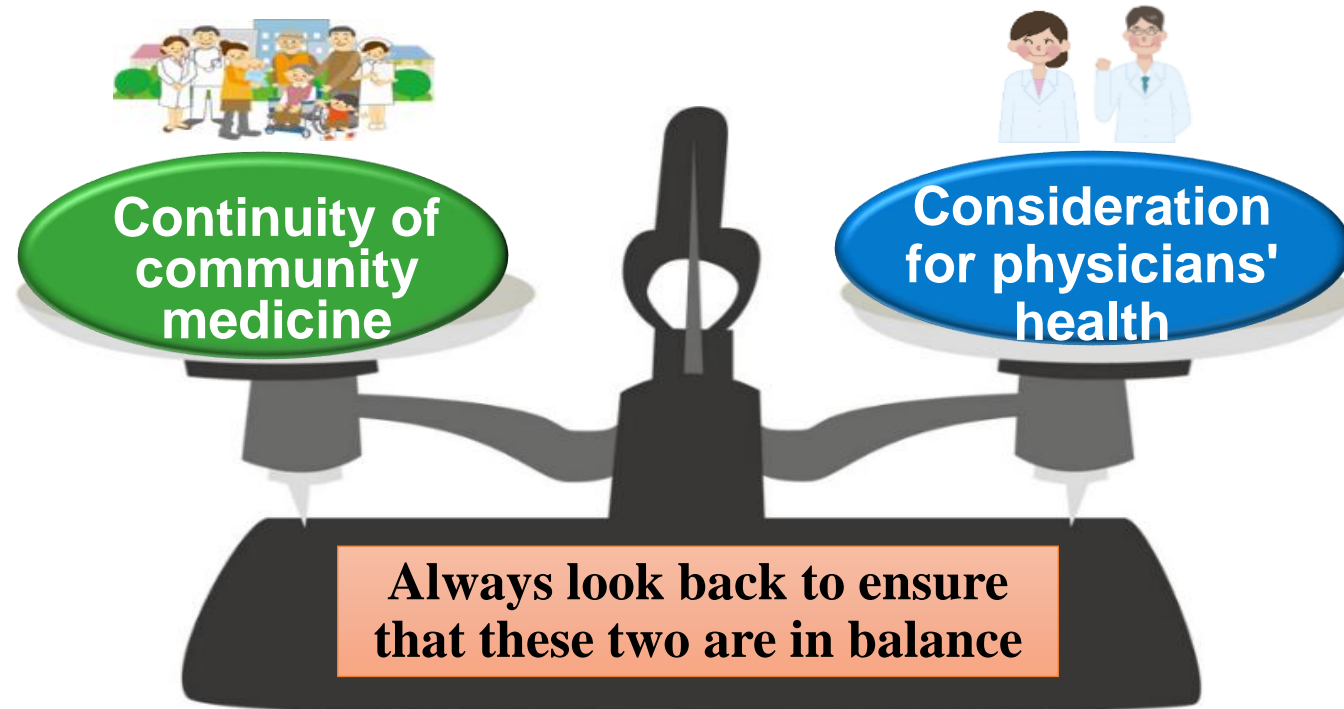
Summary of Advanced Care Planning (ACP)

- **The purpose of ACP** is to provide medical service and care that respect the patient's will **to realize a dignified way of life.**
- The **patient's will** affects the delivery of medical service and care. The practice of ACP is necessary to confirm it.
- It is important to **repeatedly discuss and share the patient's will** while clear headed.
- **The patient's will can be inferred** based on the previous ACP even when **no longer able to be confirmed.**
- Collaboration of **multi-disciplinary professions with kakaritsuke physicians** at the center and **community support to the patient is the main viewpoint.**

2.7 Workstyle Reform for Physicians

Basic Philosophy of Workstyle Reform for Physicians

In reforming the workstyle of physicians, it is important to balance both aspects of "continuity of community medicine" and "consideration for physicians' health"



2.8 Disseminate Information to Restore Public Trust 1/2

JMA's Official YouTube Channel

Examples of videos open to the public



- A video that answering questions from the people about COVID-19
- JMA Online Seminar "Let's continue! Infectious prevention measures: health problems in COVID-19 crisis"
- JMA Symposium "For All Children to Grow Up Healthy: For Promoting Pediatric Home Care"
- Anti-smoking awareness video "Tell me! *Nichii-kun*! Don't smoke either!"
- JMA Symposium "Ten years from the Great East Japan Earthquake: Never forget the lessons learned – medical assistance of continuing *kizuna* [bond]"

2.8 Disseminate Information to Restore Public Trust 2/2

Regular Press Conferences on COVID-19



Dr. Satoshi Kamayachi, Executive Board Member, Infectious disease crisis management measures



President Kichiro Matsumoto

The JMA has held regular weekly press conferences. We face COVID-19 together with the people of Japan. We continue to answer questions and inform the incidence status and outlook of the infection in a comprehensive manner to the people.

2.9 DX in the Medical Community

JMA's Ideas

- Should be utilized for safe, secure, and high-quality healthcare delivery
- Challenges and Solutions
 - **Cost burden (for introduction and maintenance)** → minimum necessary
 - **Work burden** → minimum necessary
 - **Guarantee of authenticity and reliability** → Utilization of HPKI
 - **Coordination between medical institutions and dispensing pharmacies** → To avoid confusion
 - **Response of e-record vendors and the industry** → Lobbying from the Government
 - **Short preparation period** → Avoid confusing medical workplaces due to unreasonable pushing
 - **Patient understanding** → Careful publicity from the Government

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- Will actively cooperate to resolve challenges
- Will ask the Government to take measures to avoid burden and confusion at medical workplaces

Corporation with Government and Administrations to protect Health of people 1/2

On July 22nd, at the request of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Dr. Matsumoto made a hasty visit to the Prime Minister's official residence for a meeting. During that session, Mr. Kishida explained that the government would provide antigen qualitative test kits to people with symptoms - such as fever - so that they could receive necessary health observations while avoiding the confusion that might be occurring during their visit to the fever outpatient clinic.

He explained his intention to establish a system for self-inspection by the government and requested cooperation. Dr. Matsumoto conveyed his intention to "cooperate as much as possible." In addition, Mr. Kishida expressed his concern about the recent difficulties to visit said fever outpatient clinic and the need for a situation improvement. To which Dr. Matsumoto responded by reaffirming his cooperation.

Nevertheless, Dr. Matsumoto kindly asked Mr. Kishida for his understanding regarding the pressure some areas of the medical care system were under. Accordingly, in response to this request from Mr. Kishida, the Japan Medical Association sent a letter on the same day to prefectural and municipal medical associations entitled "Further cooperation against the rapid spread of new coronavirus infection", asking for further cooperation.



**Dr. Kichiro Matsumoto & Prime Minister Fumio Kishida
Jul. 22, 2022
Prime Minister's Office**

Corporation with Government and Administrations to protect Health of people 2/2



**Minister in charge of Measures for Novel
Coronavirus Disease and Health Crisis
Management Daishiro Yamagiwa, Jul. 11, 2022**



**Minister of MHLW Katsunobu Kato
Aug. 19, 2022**

*MHLW: Ministry of Health, Labour & Welfare



**Minister of State, Chief Cabinet Secretary
Hirokazu Matsuno
Aug. 25, 2022**



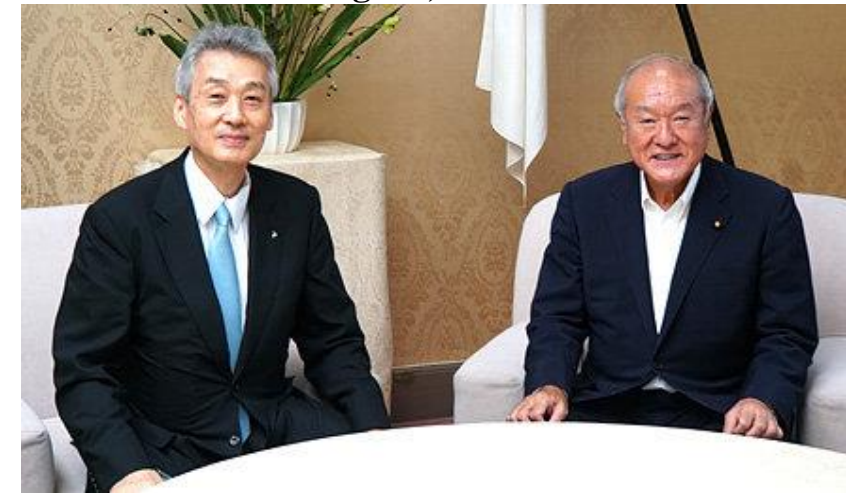
**Minister of METI Yasutoshi Nishimura
Aug. 30, 2022**

*METI: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry



**Minister of MEXT Keiko Nagaoka
Sept. 12, 2022**

* MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology



**Minister of Finance Shunichi Suzuki
Sept. 14, 2022**



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Thank you for your attention!