

Japan's Latest Health Milestones: AI in Medicine, New Therapies, and Policy S

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1. What key area of healthcare is Japan reforming between December 2025 and April 2026, involving amendments to several acts?

- A) Pharmaceutical pricing strategies
- B) Health data, AI, and clinical research**
- C) Emergency medical services for natural disasters
- D) Overseas medical tourism promotion

2. Japan plans to establish a Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Knowledge Hub by what year to support developing countries?

- A) 2027
- B) 2030
- C) 2025**
- D) 2028

3. In recent medical news from Japan, human trials began in September 2024 for an experimental drug designed to achieve what?

- A) Cure all types of cancer
- B) Regrow human teeth**
- C) Reverse the aging process
- D) Prevent infectious diseases

4. What new policy regarding childbirth is planned to be implemented in Japan by Fiscal Year 2026?

- A) Mandatory home births
- B) Increased maternity leave benefits
- C) Standard childbirth to be made free**
- D) Introduction of a childbirth tax

5. A national student mental health campaign, the 'STEP UP Challenge', was launched in Japan in the fall of 2025, encouraging participants to complete a specific number of steps. What was the number of steps?

- A) 10,000
- B) 5,000
- C) 20,320**
- D) 15,000

6. A health ministry panel in Japan approved an average increase in medical service fees in February 2026, set to take effect in June of which year?

A) 2027

B) 2026

C) 2025

D) 2028

7. In May 2026, Japanese scientists announced efforts to deploy AI-powered robots for what purpose in medical research?

A) Conducting patient consultations

B) Performing complex wet-lab experiments

C) Manufacturing medical devices

D) Administering vaccines

8. Japan's Shionogi developed an experimental COVID-19 pill named ensitrelvir. A May 2026 study published in The New England Journal of Medicine showed it cut the risk of infection among which group?

A) Elderly patients in nursing homes

B) Healthcare workers on the front lines

C) People exposed to the disease at home

D) Children in schools