

Japan's Latest Health Landscape: From Stem Cell Breakthroughs to Infectious

Japan Health · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What significant medical breakthrough did Japan achieve regarding Parkinson's disease treatment?

- A) Approval of a new vaccine for Parkinson's
- B) World's first approval of a stem-cell treatment for Parkinson's**
- C) Development of a gene therapy for Parkinson's
- D) Discovery of a cure for Parkinson's through diet

2. Which infectious disease has seen a notable surge in cases in Japan, prompting health concerns, particularly during holiday travel periods?

- A) Influenza
- B) Dengue Fever
- C) Measles**
- D) Tuberculosis

3. Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) introduced a new Global Health Vision in August 2024. What is a key component of this vision aimed at supporting Universal Health Coverage (UHC) initiatives globally?

- A) Establishing the UHC Knowledge Hub in Japan**
- B) Funding vaccine research in developing countries
- C) Sending medical missions to low-income nations
- D) Creating a global health insurance database

4. What is a major demographic challenge Japan is facing, leading to increased medical costs and strain on its health insurance system?

- A) A rapidly declining birth rate and an aging population**
- B) A sudden influx of young immigrants
- C) An increase in infectious diseases among children
- D) A decrease in life expectancy

5. Japan recently approved a regenerative medicine product, ReHeart, for which condition, using iPSC technology?

- A) Severe Heart Failure**
- B) Alzheimer's Disease
- C) Diabetes
- D) Kidney Disease

6. According to recent reports, which disease has emerged as a moderate-priority, rising surveillance signal in Japan, with a significant increase in cases?

A) Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease

- B) Ebola Virus
- C) Zika Virus
- D) West Nile Virus

7. Japan's aging population is a significant concern. What percentage of the population is projected to be aged 65 or older by 2045?

A) Approximately 29.1%

B) Approximately 36.3%

- C) Approximately 20.5%
- D) Approximately 45.8%

8. What is one of the key areas of focus in Japan's Third Health and Medical Strategy, updated to reflect lessons learned from recent global health events?

A) Infectious Diseases and Clinical Trial Acceleration

- B) Rare Tropical Diseases and Disaster Medicine
- C) Geriatric Care and Mental Health Services
- D) Traditional Medicine and Acupuncture

9. Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) issued a recall notice for a snack product due to what contamination issue?

A) Salmonella

B) Mould

- C) E. coli
- D) Heavy Metals

10. In the context of global health, Japan is recognized as a significant supporter of the World Health Organization (WHO). For the 2022-2023 biennium, what was Japan's overall contributor ranking to WHO?

A) 10th

- B) 3rd
- C) 1st
- D) 25th