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Category	Subcategory	Organization	What they do	Website (EN)
Advocacy groups	Industry policy	ACCJ Healthcare Committee	American Chamber of Commerce in Japan policy forum on healthcare.	https://www.accj.or.jp/committees/healthcare/
Advocacy groups	Industry policy	EBC Pharmaceuticals Committee	European Business Council’s pharma policy committee in Japan.	https://ebc-jp.com/committees/pharmaceuticals/
Advocacy groups	Industry policy	EFPIA Japan	Represents European research-based pharma companies in Japan; policy advocacy.	https://www.efpia.jp/english/
Advocacy groups	Industry policy	PhRMA Japan office	Represents U.S. innovative biopharma in Japan; policy & IP advocacy.	https://www.phrma-jp.org/
Advocacy groups	Industry policy	U.S.-Japan Business Council – Healthcare WG	Private-sector forum (USJBC) for U.S.–Japan healthcare policy dialogue.	https://www.usjbc.org/healthcare-working-group
Advocacy groups	Patient & public	ASrid (Advocacy Service for Rare and Intractable Diseases)	Non-profit linking rare/intractable disease patients with stakeholders; awareness & policy.	https://asrid.org/en
Advocacy groups	Patient & public	Cancer Support Community Japan	Provides support programs and counseling for people affected by cancer.	https://csc-japan.org/en/
Advocacy groups	Patient & public	Japan Cancer Society (JCS)	Nationwide NGO promoting cancer prevention, awareness, and screenings.	https://www.uicc.org/membership/japan-cancer-society
Advocacy groups	Patient & public	Japan Federation of Cancer Patient Groups	Federation coordinating cancer patient organizations across Japan.	https://www.uicc.org/membership/japan-federation-cancer-patient-groups
Funders & Grant Programs		AMED (Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development)	Japan’s medical R&D funding agency; programs from basic to clinical/translation.	https://www.amed.go.jp/en/
Funders & Grant Programs		JSPS (KAKENHI)	Competitive research grants program administered by JSPS.	https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/
Funders & Grant Programs		JST (Japan Science and Technology Agency)	Public funder for science/tech incl. CREST, START, and industry-academia programs.	https://www.jst.go.jp/EN/
Funders & Grant Programs		MHLW Health and Labour Sciences Research Grants	Government competitive grants for health policy/clinical research.	https://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/
Funders & Grant Programs		NEDO (New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization)	Public funder for industry-oriented R&D; biotech/med-tech relevant programs.	https://www.nedo.go.jp/english/
Government & Regulatory		Central Social Insurance Medical Council (Chuikyo)	Advises MHLW and sets NHI fee schedule incl. drug & device reimbursement prices.	https://c2h.niph.go.jp/en/assessment/price-setting/
Government & Regulatory		MHLW (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)	Sets national health policy incl. drug pricing, insurance, and pharmaceutical regulation.	https://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/
Government & Regulatory		PMDA (Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency)	Regulatory agency for reviews, safety, and relief services for drugs/MDs/ATMPs.	https://www.pmda.go.jp/english/
Government-funded org.		National Cancer Center (NCC)	National center for cancer research, care, and policy.	https://www.ncc.go.jp/en/
Government-funded org.		National Center for Child Health and Development (NCCHD)	National pediatric and perinatal research & care center.	https://www.ncchd.go.jp/english/
Government-funded org.		National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology (NCGG)	National center focused on aging and geriatric medicine.	https://www.ncgg.go.jp/en/
Government-funded org.		National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM)	National center for global health, tropical medicine, and advanced care.	https://www.ncgm.go.jp/english/
Government-funded org.		National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry (NCNP)	National center for neurology, psychiatry, and related research.	https://www.ncnp.go.jp/en/
Government-funded org.		National Cerebral and Cardiovascular Center (NCVC)	National center for brain and cardiovascular research and care.	https://www.ncvc.go.jp/english/
Government-funded org.		National Hospital Organization (NHO)	Network of national hospitals; provider of clinical care & trials.	https://www.hosp.go.jp/doc/nho/about_nho_eng.pdf
Industry groups	Cluster/Ecosystem hub	Greater Tokyo Biocommunity (GTB)	Government-accredited global biocommunity spanning Greater Tokyo’s life-science hubs.	https://gtb.jba.or.jp/en/
Industry groups	Cluster/Ecosystem hub	KBIC (Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster)	Japan’s largest biomedical cluster operated by FBRI; soft-landing for global firms.	https://www.fbri-kobe.org/kbic/english/lp/
Industry groups	Cluster/Ecosystem hub	LINK-J (Life Science Innovation Network Japan)	Ecosystem platform centered in Nihonbashi/Osaka connecting industry-academia-government.	https://www.link-j.org/en/
Industry groups	Cluster/Ecosystem hub	Shonan Health Innovation Park (Shonan iPark)	Pharmaceutical-initiated life-science park opened to external tenants (since 2018).	https://www.takeda.com/our-impact/our-stories/shonan-health-innovation-park/
Industry groups	Medical devices	JFMDA (Japan Federation of Medical Devices Associations)	Federation for Japan’s medical device industry associations.	https://www.jfmda.gr.jp/en/
Industry groups	Medical devices	MTJAPAN (Japan Medical Devices Manufacturers Association)	Manufacturers association advocating device industry policy.	https://www.mtjapan.or.jp/jp/mtj/en/outline/
Industry groups	Regulatory science	PMRJ (Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Regulatory Science Society of Japan)	Non-profit advancing regulatory science; produces JP reference standards.	https://www.pmrj.jp/eng/index_e.html
Industry groups	Retail/Pharmacy	JACDS (Japan Association of Chain Drug Stores)	Association of chain drugstores; organizes JAPAN Drugstore Show.	https://www.drugstoreshow.jp/english/
Industry groups	Scientific & Professional Societies	JCA (Japanese Cancer Association)	Academic society advancing cancer research in Japan.	https://www.cancer.or.jp/modules/en/
Industry groups	Scientific & Professional Societies	PSJ (The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan)	Scientific society for pharmaceutical sciences in Japan.	https://www.psj.jp/english/
Industry groups	Supply chain & Distribution	JAPTA (Japan Pharmaceutical Traders’ Association)	Association for import/export trading companies of pharmaceuticals.	https://www.japta.org/english/
Industry groups	Supply chain & Distribution	JPWA (Federation of Japan Pharmaceutical Wholesalers Associations)	Federation representing pharmaceutical wholesalers/distributors.	https://www.wholesalers.jp/federation/index_e.php
Industry groups	Trade & Professional Associations	DIA Japan	Neutral forum/training across the drug & device lifecycle in Japan.	https://www.diaglobal.org/en/
Industry groups	Trade & Professional Associations	FIRM (Forum for Innovative Regenerative Medicine)	Industry platform for regenerative medicine/ATMPs in Japan.	https://firm.or.jp/en/
Industry groups	Trade & Professional Associations	ISPE Japan Affiliate	Japanese affiliate of ISPE advancing pharma engineering, GMP, and quality.	https://ispe.org/affiliates/japan

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Industry groups	Trade & Professional Associations	JBA (Japan Bioindustry Association)	Umbrella promoting Japan’s bioindustry across health, agri-bio, and industrial biotech.	https://www.jba.or.jp/english/
Industry groups	Trade & Professional Associations	JCROA (Japan CRO Association)	Trade association for clinical research organizations in Japan.	https://www.jcroa.or.jp/english
Industry groups	Trade & Professional Associations	JGA (Japan Generic Medicines Association)	Industry association representing generic medicines manufacturers.	https://www.jga.gr.jp/english.html
Industry groups	Trade & Professional Associations	JPMA (Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association)	National trade association for research-based pharma in Japan.	https://www.jpma.or.jp/english/index.html
Industry groups	Trade & Professional Associations	JSMI (Japan Self-Medication Industry)	National association of OTC/self-care product manufacturers.	https://www.jsmi.jp/english/
Industry groups	Trade & Professional Associations	PDA Japan Chapter	Japan chapter of PDA focused on parenteral/sterile manufacturing and quality.	https://www.pda.org/chapter-detail/asia-pacific-japan
Industry groups	Trade federation	FPMAJ (Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Associations of Japan)	Federation of regional/industrial pharma associations in Japan.	https://www.fpmaj.gr.jp/en/fpmaj_HPenglish.pdf
Pharmacopeia		Japanese Pharmacopoeia (JP)	Official compendium of drug standards under MHLW/PMDA oversight.	https://www.pmda.go.jp/english/rs-sb-std/standards-development/jp/0029.html
Research orgs		AIST (National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology)	National lab group incl. health/medical R&D and translational support.	https://www.aist.go.jp/index_en.html
Research orgs		NIBIOHN	National Institutes of Biomedical Innovation, Health and Nutrition.	https://www.nibiohn.go.jp/en/
Research orgs		NIHS (National Institute of Health Sciences)	National institute for drug/device safety, standards, and testing.	https://www.nihs.go.jp/english/
Research orgs		NIID (National Institute of Infectious Diseases)	National institute for infectious disease surveillance & research.	https://www.niid.go.jp/niid/en/
Research orgs		QST (National Institutes for Quantum Science and Technology)	National institute incl. radiation/medical imaging and related life-science tech.	https://www.qst.go.jp/site/qst-english/
Research orgs		RIKEN	Japan’s flagship multidisciplinary research institute (life sciences & beyond).	https://www.riken.jp/en/
Universities		Institute of Science Tokyo (Tokyo Tech × TMDU)	New national university integrating science/engineering and medicine/dentistry.	https://ist.ac.jp/en/
Universities		Keio University (School of Medicine)	Comprehensive medical school with strong translational links.	https://www.med.keio.ac.jp/en/
Universities		Kyoto University (CiRA)	World-leading iPS cell research and translation under Professor and Nobel Laureate Yamanaka.	https://www.cira.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/
Universities		Nagoya University	Comprehensive research university; strong life-science and medicine.	https://www.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/
Universities		Osaka University (Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences)	Pharmaceutical sciences research and training.	https://www.phs.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/
Universities		The University of Tokyo (Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences)	Leading pharma/biomedical research and education.	https://www.f.u-tokyo.ac.jp/english/

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