



Japan Hospital Association

JAPAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Profile



Introducing Japan Hospital Association

Message from the President

Since its inception in June 1951, Japan Hospital Association has been committed to establishing medical ethics standards and improving the quality of services at hospitals in Japan, under the organizational credo of “improving hospitals and fulfilling their mission, as well as contributing to the promotion of social welfare.”

Today, Japan is facing a decrease in population at a pace which no other country has previously experienced, as well as the challenge of a super-aging society. This change in demographics, which has brought about new medical/nursing care needs alongside advancements in medicine, has drastically changed the landscape of Japanese healthcare. Such an environment calls for the establishment of appropriate regional systems through which services tailored to local circumstances are provided. In response, hospitals must review their roles and functions in the regions in which they operate, and seek innovative measures to address emerging needs.

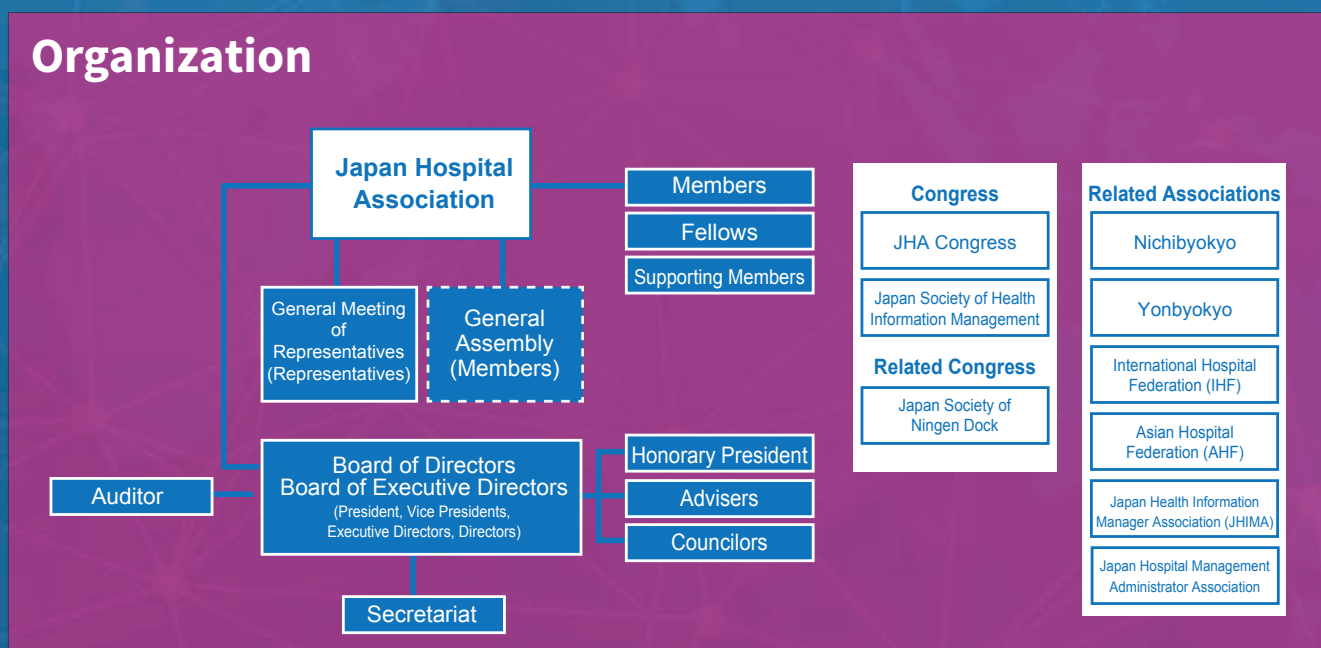
Together with its members and other stakeholders, JHA will continue to improve the quality of medical care and of management at Japanese hospitals. It also plans to expand its international activities, partnering with the Asian Hospital Federation (AHF), the International Hospital Federation (IHF), and other organizations to resolve shared challenges and achieve mutual development in this age of dramatic change.

We cordially request the continued cooperation and support of all members and stakeholders.



The 12th President
Takao Aizawa
 Chairman and Director,
 Aizawa Hospital

Organization



Vice Presidents



Kenichiro Okadome
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Michihiro Omichi
Chairman and Director,
Morinomiya Hospital

History

June 1951

Japan Hospital Association was established. The inaugural meeting was held at Yushima Seido in Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo.
Hosted the first JHA Congress on June 25, the day following establishment of the society.

July 1956

Became a member of the International Hospital Federation (IHF, based in London, UK).

April 1971

Issued the first volume of Hospital News (now known as Japan Hospital Association News).

September 1971

Participated in the establishment of the Asian Hospital Federation (AHF).

May 1974

Hosted the first Hospital Show in Harumi, Tokyo.

October 1974

Japan Hospital Association acquired a new corporate status.

May 1977

Hosted the 20th International Hospital Congress in Tokyo, attended by 1,900 participants from 60 countries.

September 1993

The Zenbyodanren (a federation of hospital associations) was established.

October 1994

Hosted the 1994 International Hospital Federation Pan-regional Conference in Yokohama City, attended by 520 participants from 37 countries.

July 2000

The Yonbyokyo (a federation of four hospital organizations) was established.

May 2001

Hosted the 50th anniversary ceremony in the presence of Their Imperial Highnesses, Prince and Princess Akishino.

April 2005

The Nichibyokyo (a federation of hospital associations) was established.
Reached an agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO) to support their efforts to revise the International Classification of Diseases (ICD), including provision of financial assistance.

September 2009

In conjunction with the Japan Society of Ningen Dock (JSND), and in the presence of Their Majesties, the Emperor and Empress, hosted the 50th anniversary of the JSND's founding.

September 2011

Was designated as the Collaborating Centre for the WHO-FIC in Japan.

March 2012

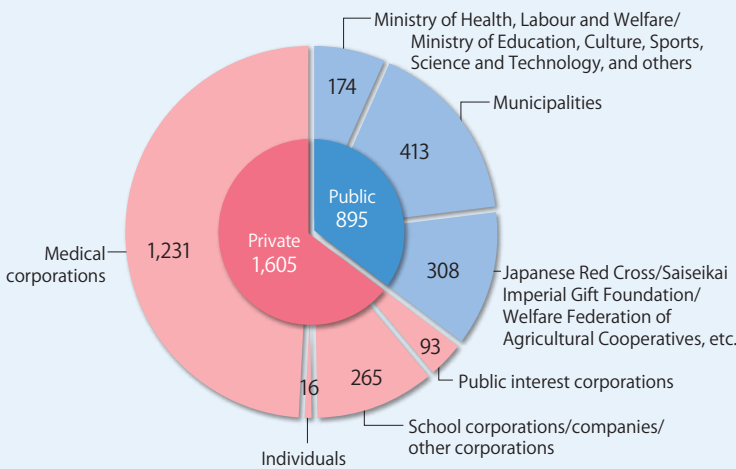
Hosted a ceremony to commemorate JHA's 60th anniversary.

Member Status

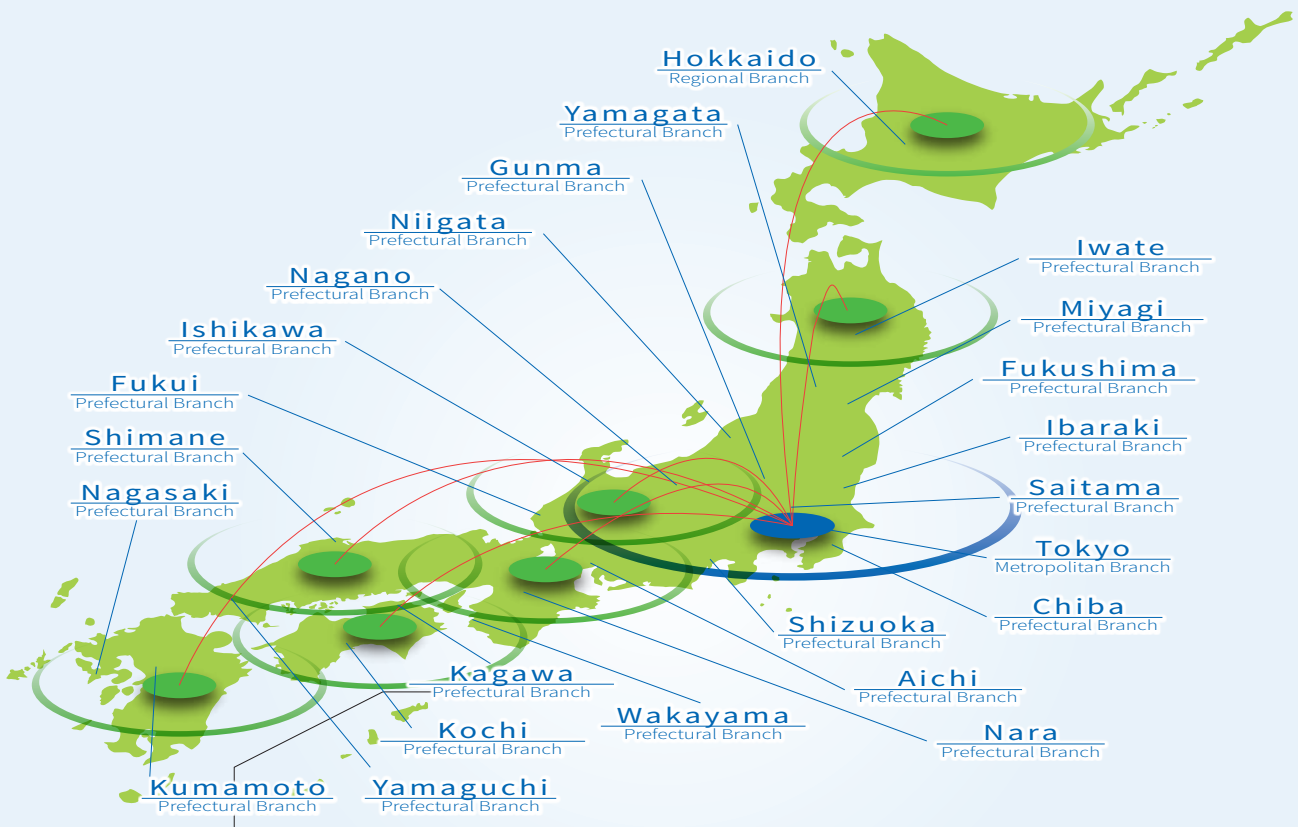
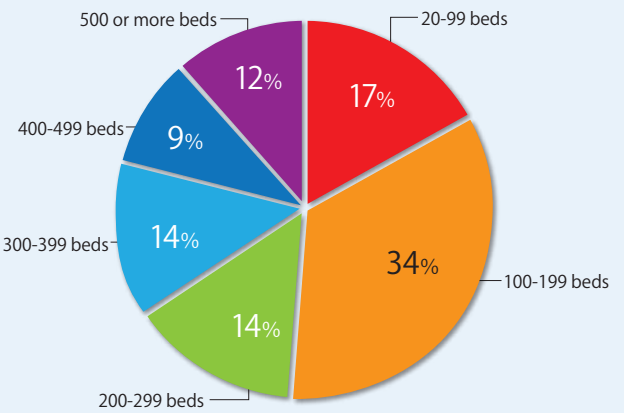
JHA is a representative association of hospitals in Japan, with a membership of 2,500 hospitals (as of April 2020), representing all forms of management. The total number of beds of member institutions is 666,702, which accounts for about 41% of the total hospital beds in Japan (as of January 2020).

JHA and its branches work with member hospitals across Japan in promoting regional healthcare and welfare. Membership comprises “full member hospitals,” “special members” (clinics and medical checkup centers which support the purpose and objectives of JHA), and “supporting members” (companies, individuals, etc.).

Number of Full Member Hospitals by Organizer



Ratio by Number of Hospital Beds



JHA conducts a variety of activities focused on our mission of establishing medical ethics standards and improving the quality of medical services at hospitals. The following outlines our primary activities:

Requests/Recommendations to Ministries and Political Entities

JHA is active in making requests of and recommendations to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, which is responsible for healthcare administration, as well as to both the ruling and opposition parties (which carry out social welfare system reforms), in order to improve healthcare policies and systems. These include initiatives such as:

- Requesting the government to revise medical service fees so that current circumstances at hospitals are more accurately reflected.
 - Resolving issues related to the non-deductible consumption tax which significantly affect hospital revenues.
 - Determining how the board certification system should function in order to provide high-quality specialty medical services.
 - Achieving diverse and flexible work styles for healthcare professionals.
- ...and many others.



Activities Targeted at Ruling/Opposition Parties, Ministries, and Healthcare Organizations

Various study meetings are hosted by JHA for officials in charge of healthcare policies at the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in order to mutually deepen understanding of healthcare issues. We also pro-actively seek opportunities to exchange opinions with members of the ruling and opposition parties to discuss issues related to the medical care currently provided by hospitals and how medical systems in rural areas of Japan can be improved.



Primary Activities

Research Activities

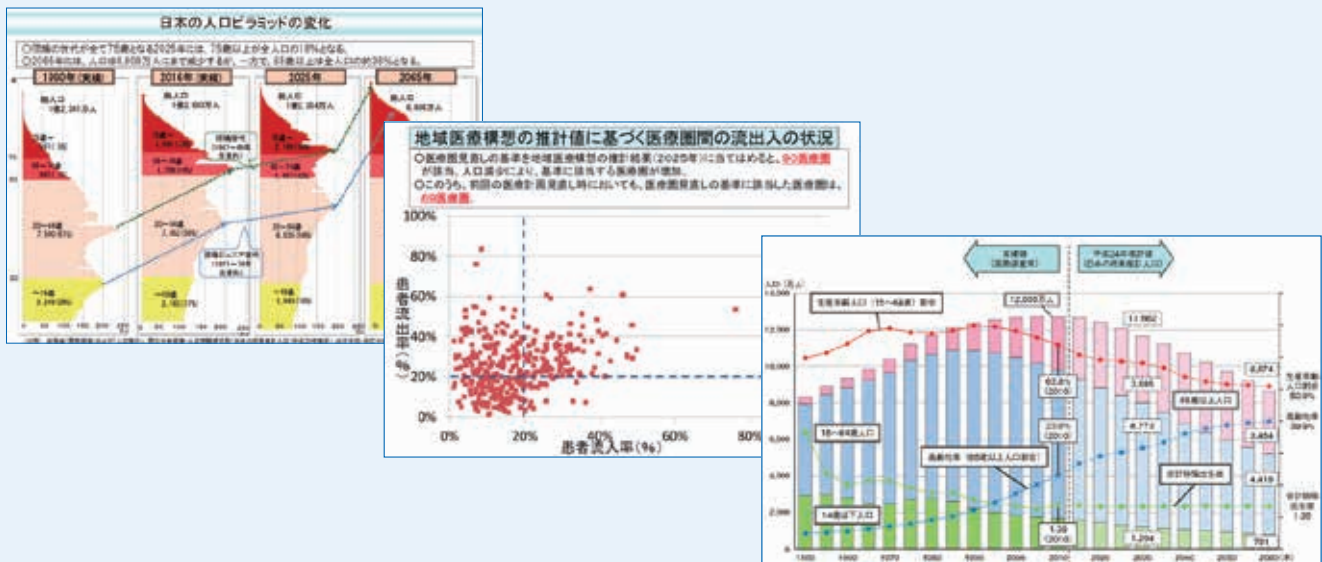


Research is a vital part of our activities in acquiring evidence that serves as the foundation of our requests and recommendations to governmental and other political entities. We conduct an array of studies to ascertain the current status of hospital management and operations. Specific topics include:

- How revisions to medical service fees affect hospitals.
- How much hospitals must pay to cover losses incurred by the non-deductible consumption tax.
- How much investment is needed to secure a sufficient number of healthcare professionals.
- The status of health checkup implementation.

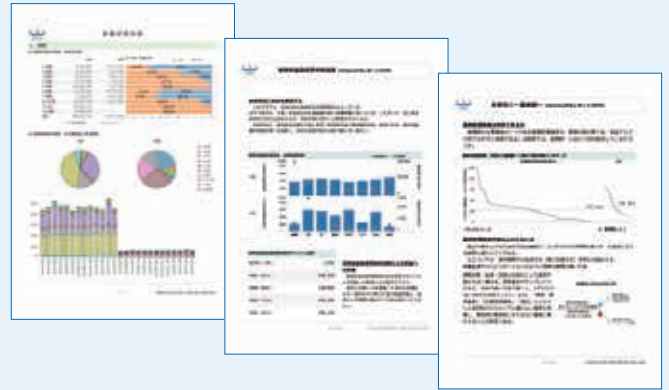
Provision of Data Analysis and Data-backed Information

Utilizing basic, publicly-available statistics regarding such issues as demographics, number of medical interventions, and data related to the Diagnosis Procedure Combination Payment System (DPC, a lump-sum payment system), JHA makes requests of and recommendations to governmental and other political entities. It also collects statistics tallied by the administrative and clinical districts of hospitals and makes them widely available, so that individual hospitals can keep abreast of trends outside their own. These resources are meant to be used for effective building of mid- and long-term managerial strategies by member hospitals.

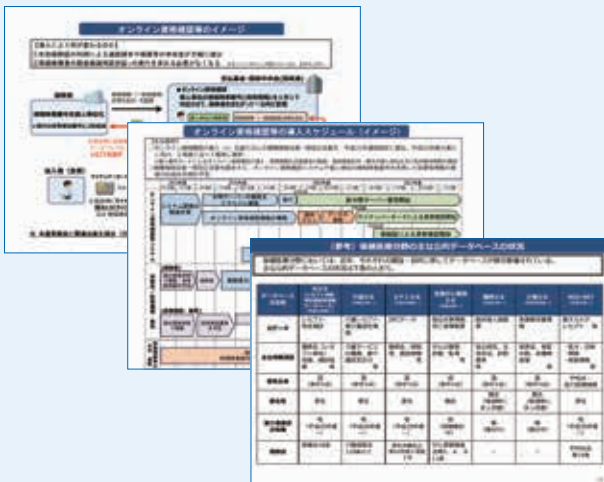


“JHAstis” Hospital Management Support Project

“JHAstis” (Japan Hospital Association Strategy Tactics Information System) is a service offered by JHA to member hospitals in which their managerial status is analyzed and a report is delivered. The report includes major managerial indicators, calculation of medical service fees, and comparison with benchmarks representing the status of other hospitals.



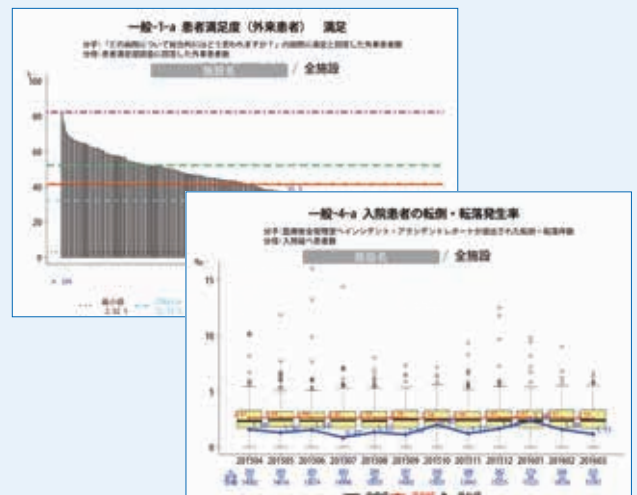
Activities Related to Information and Communication Technology (ICT)



As Japan is moving toward constructing an ICT platform to organically link health data across the healthcare sector, directors at JHA have been taking part as official members of ICT-related investigative commissions organized by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, in order to track trends and provide useful ICT-related information to our member hospitals.

Quality Indicator (QI) Project

This JHA project, which was implemented in fiscal 2010 and subsidized by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, promoted the evaluation of the quality of medical service and disclosure of the results. Following the completion of the initial project, it was re-positioned as a JHA project to support member hospitals in achieving continuous improvement in the quality of their medical services.



Primary Activities

Public Relations

Japan Hospital Association News

Based on our philosophy and policies regarding activities, we widely publicize to our members, relevant medical organizations, administrative organizations, and the press the status of our activities and initiatives through this newspaper. It also features Japan's future direction regarding healthcare policies and JHA's perspective on them.



Japan Hospital Association Journal

A monthly organ of JHA containing forewords by JHA leaders, statistical data, summaries of informative seminars/lectures, essays, minutes of JHA board meetings, event guides, etc.



Official Website

Aiming to be a portal for all medical professionals, JHA regularly updates its website, which is packed with information such as notifications by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare related to the medical sector, administrative/regulatory information, results of congresses, etc. It also updates in a timely fashion information on infectious outbreaks and revisions to medical service fees.



Congresses, Tradeshows, Briefings

JHA Congress

Since the first meeting held on June 25, 1951, JHA has held this annual two-day scientific meeting in various locations around Japan, attracting about 3,000 participants each year. The objective of these meetings is to "improve hospitals and fulfill their mission, as well as to contribute to the promotion of social welfare" through the united efforts of all hospitals in Japan.



Japan Society of Health Information Management (JHIM)

With the mission of promoting health information management in Japan, JHIM was established in 1975 and now has a membership of about 5,000, mainly composed of health information managers. Its membership, however, is open to physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals as well. JHIM is a national member of the International Federation of Health Information Management Associations (IFHIMA).



The International Modern Hospital Show (IMHS)

Stemming from the JHA Congress in 1974, IMHS is one of the largest tradeshows in Japan for health, medical, and welfare products and services. Organized annually by JHA, this three-day event attracts about 70,000 visitors each year.



Medical Devices & Hospital Equipment Expo/ Hospital BPO Services Expo/ Medical IT Expo/Clinics Expo

These four events are part of the International Medical and Elderly Care Expo which is held in Tokyo and Osaka, attracting about 20,000 people at each location. JHA sponsors all four expos and also provides advisory services for the seminars of the Hospital BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) Services Expo, which are held concurrently with the Expo.



Explanatory Meetings on Revisions to Medical Services and Long-term Care Fees

JHA organizes meetings for hospitals to assist them in understanding in detail the content of revisions, and to support them in using the information to improve their management status. Officials from the related departments of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare are invited as lecturers.



Primary Activities

International Activities

International Hospital Federation (IHF)



Formed in 1929, and headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, IHF is an international federation of medical institutions in 50 countries whose mission is to improve the standards of health, medical, and welfare services around the world. JHA became a member in 1956, and since 1965 has served on the council.

Asian Hospital Federation (AHF)

AHF is an international federation of hospitals in the Asia Pacific Region. Founded in 1971, it aims to encourage networking and achieve the highest attainable standards of hospital management in the region. In 2000-2001, Japan was designated the chair country for AHF meetings and JHA's Vice President served as its president.



Supporting WHO

Since 2006, JHA has been both technically and financially supporting the activities of the World Health Organization (WHO) in implementing and revising the International Classification of Diseases (ICD), and its 11th revision was approved by the World Health Assembly in 2019. In assisting WHO in this regard, JHA collaborates with the International Classification and Information Management Office (Japan ICD Office) of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.



Human Resource Development



Seminars for Directors/Executive Officials



Management Training for Hospital Directors and Deputy Directors

JHA conducts the following seminars and training sessions for hospital directors, managers, and other health-care professionals:

- JHA Certification for Hospitalists
- Seminars for Directors/Executive Officials
- Management Training for Hospital Directors and Deputy Directors
- Training of Clinical Training Instructors
- Hospital Mid-level Officer Training
- Seminars for Hospital Management Administrators
- Training of ICS (Infection Control Staff)
- Training of Medical Safety Managers/
Advanced Courses on Training of
Medical Safety Managers
- Health Checkup Promotion Seminars
- Dementia Care Seminars
- Training of Hospital Management Administrators
- Seminars on Nutritional Management for
Physicians, Dentists, and Medical Staff
- Training of Health Information Managers
- Training of Medical Office Assistants



Training of Hospital Management Administrators

Area Map



- A 6-minute walk from Hanzomon Station (Exit 5) on the Subway Hanzomon Line
- A 7-minute walk from Ichigaya Station (Exit A3) on the Toei Shinjuku Line or JR Ichigaya Station
- An 8-minute walk from Kojimachi Station (Exit 6) on the Yurakucho Subway Line
- A 13-minute walk from JR Yotsuya Station

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