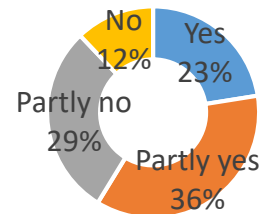


Introduction

According to the latest cancer statistics, 65.5 % of men and 50.2 % of women have cancer in Japan. This means cancer is no longer a rare disease for us. Nevertheless, it seems that most of us don't feel that we are familiar with cancer. This view is supported by the results of our survey of 240 high school students, which included this question: Are you familiar with cancer?

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Purpose

Reducing inequalities and ensuring no one is left behind are integral to our research about cancer and its patients and our project to educate people about cancer and its patients to create understanding.

Method

1. Previous studies

We can get reliable cancer information through the websites below:

- ganjoho.jp: <https://ganjoho.jp/public/index.html>
- Gan-Note: <https://gannote.com>

2. Interview

- Akihiko Tsukura: Male pharyngeal cancer patient in his 60s.
- Setsuko Hirata: Female breast cancer patient in her 50s.
- Makoto Kayashima: Owner of *Blue Sofa*, café for cancer patients

3. Lecture

We attended a lecture about cancer and its medical checkups and treatments by Dr. Yoshida Masayuki from Seirei Hamamatsu Hospital on October 20.

4. Field Research

We did field research at Peer Co., Ltd., a private beauty salon for people with hair problems including cancer patients and conducted an interview with Makoto Sato, CEO of Peer Co., Ltd.

Results

- Accurate information about cancer is important not only for cancer patients but also those who don't have cancer.
- Each patient has a different reaction to cancer, and every patient should be accommodated.
- The recognition of cancer medical treatment cooperation base hospitals and their cancer salons is low.
- It is difficult for cancer salons in hospitals to provide cancer patients with a relaxing atmosphere.

Discussion

Bridge Project

According to *Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English*, bridge means "something that provides a connection between two things." The goal of our project is to provide a connection between cancer patients and those who don't have cancer.

Prototype: One-day café salon for cancer patients

Contents:

- A workshop in which participants hand-make caps or hats for cancer patients.
- A chat session.
- A display of wigs and nail polishes for cancer patients.

Place: Cherry Beans Cafe

Things to do:

- Arrange the details with Cherry Beans Cafe.
- Check the operating cost.
- Prepare wigs and caps
- Take countermeasures against infectious diseases, especially COVID-19 and influenza.
- Advertise this event with SNSs
- Subscribe to a one-day volunteer insurance