Pharmaceutical market in Japan

■Revision of National Health Insurance (NHI) drug prices

Revision of NHI drug prices: In Japan, drug prices are generally revised every two years to reflect their market price. The drugs marketed at lower actual market prices will bear larger reduction margins at the revision (Chart below shows the change rate from the drug price before revision). Since 2021, the price revision review process has been implemented in the off-year between each biennial

revision.												
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	Apr	Apr	Apr	Apr	Apr	Apr	Oct	Apr	Apr	Apr	Apr	Apr
Industry average	-2.7%	-	-5.57% ^{*1}	-	-7.48%	-	-2.4%	-4.38%	_*3	-6.69%	-*3	-4.67%
Santen	high -1%	-	early -7% ^{*2}	-	mid -4%	-	under -1%	early -3%	early -2%	mid -4%	early -2%	high -6%

^{*1} Excluding market expansion re-pricing -0.9%

 22 Mid -4% price cut in 2016 excluding impact of Eylea price cut.

^{*3}Not announced by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

Market shares by therapeutic area - prescription ophthalmics^{*4}

No.1 position in ophthalmology market and major therapeutic areas (glaucoma treatments, corneal disease, anti-allergy and retinal disorders).

						(JPY billions)
	(FY)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Glaucoma treatments	Share	29.5%	29.5%	29.8%	30.8%	28.4%
	Market	107.4	105.1	100.6	93.6	88.3
Corneal disease	Share	60.7%	57.3%	57.7%	60.7%	69.2%
treatments	Market	46.1	42.4	42.3	44.2	48.6
Anti-infective	Share	32.1%	32.8%	32.1%	28.2%	26.3%
	Market	11.4	8.6	7.9	6.8	6.6
Anti-allergy	Share	62.0%	70.3%	71.0%	75.8%	80.3%
	Market	48.0	60.5	52.5	52.4	47.8
Retinal disorders	Share	70.2%	71.6%	73.4%	70.7%	68.0%
	Market	105.4	110.4	118.1	123.5	131.3
Others	Share	27.1%	27.1%	26.7%	26.9%	26.0%
	Market	55.7	51.8	50.5	49.4	49.1
Total	Share	48.7%	51.1%	52.2%	53.5%	54.1%
	Market	374.1	378.7	371.9	369.9	371.7

Notes: On an NHI drug price basis.

*4 Including co-promoted product (Anti-VEGF EYLEA) of Bayer Yakuhin, Ltd. (MAH). Based on Santen Pharmaceutical (distributor) records. Source: Copyright © 2024 IQVIA.

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