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The current status and future of the Thyroid Ultrasound Examination

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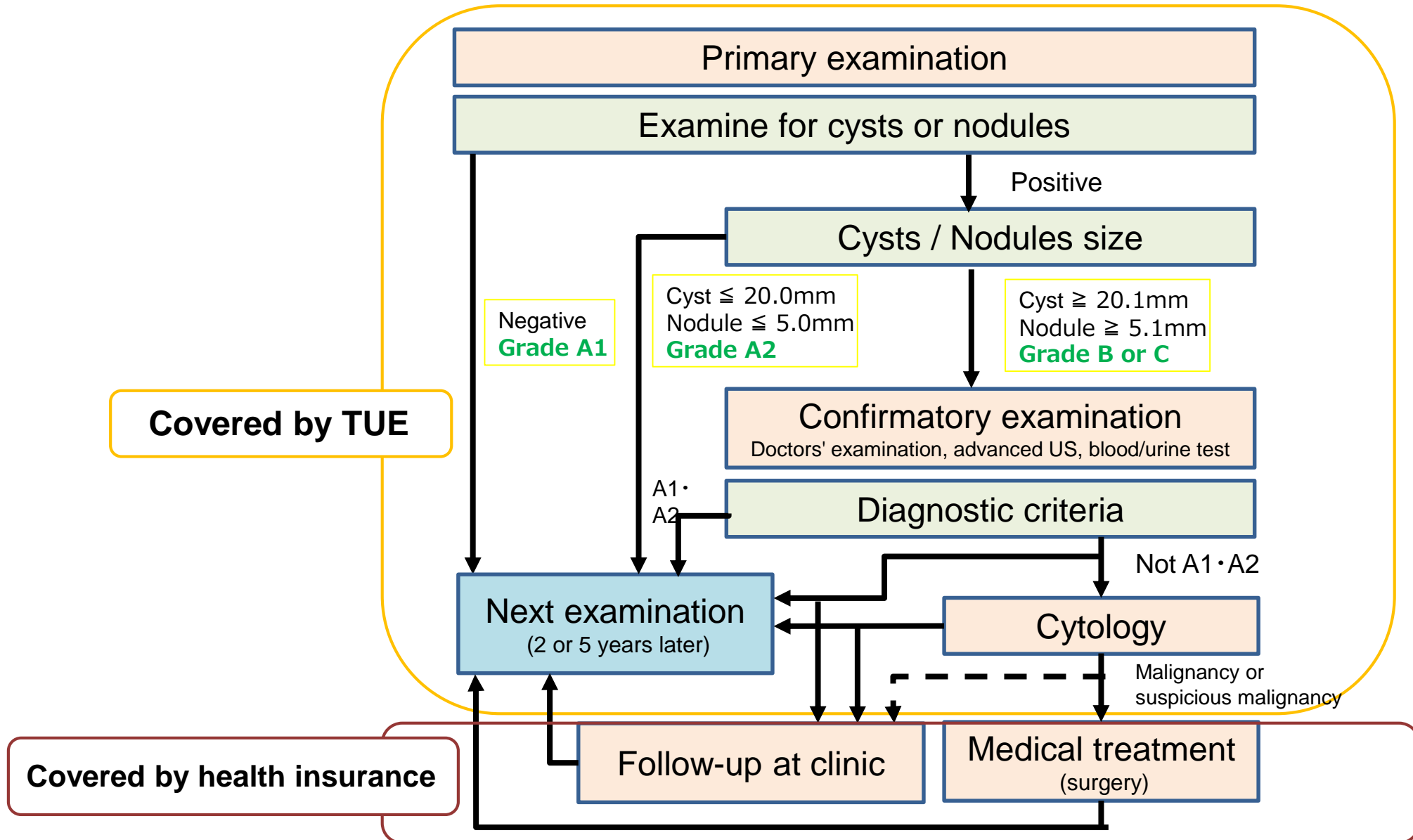
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Flow chart of the TUE program



Steps to take the primary examination

Schools

Coordination of the examination schedule

Sending out the notification by mail

Receiving the notification

Obtaining written consent for the TUE by mail

Implementation of primary examination

Medical institutions

Coordination of the examination schedule

Sending out the notification by mail

Receiving the notification

Obtaining written consent for the TUE by mail

Implementation of primary examination

Public facilities

Securing an examination venue

Coordination of the examination schedule

Sending out examination forms

Decision whether to take the examination or not.

After reading "Advantages and Disadvantages of the Examination," the eligible person makes a decision on whether or not to take the examination.

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(検査日、検査場所)

- 検査対象者
- 検査日
- 検査場所
- 検査費用
- 検査結果通知
- 検査内容

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甲状腺検査受診票

(検査の際に本状をお持ちください。)

検査対象者: ○○○○ 様 (受付番号 0000000)

検査日時: 令和 年 月 日 () 時 分

検査場所: ○○○○ (検査機関) ○○○○ (検査機関住所) ○○○○ (受付場所) 受付窓口までお越しください。(10分前にお越しください。)

検査内容: 甲状腺超音波エコー検査

問い合わせ先: 公立大学法人福島県立医科大学 ふくしま国際医療科学センター 放射線医学市民健康センター 平960-1295 福島県福島市光が丘5丁目 電話 024-549-5130 (9:00~17:00 土日祝日を除く) おかけ間違いのないようご注意ください。

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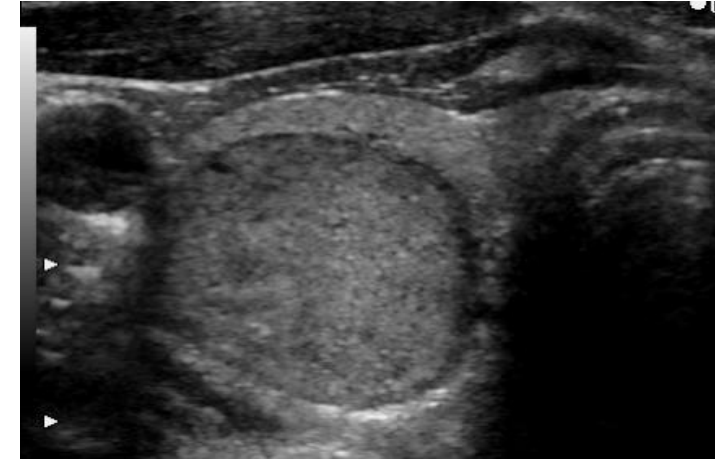
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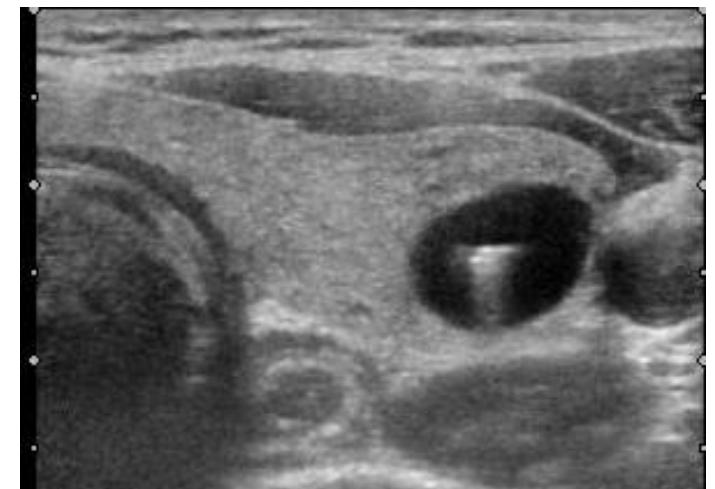
Diagnostic criteria for thyroid nodules and cysts

Grade	Interpretation	Recommendation
A	Within normal	
(A1)	No nodules or cysts*	Next primary examination
(A2)	Nodules $\leq 5.0\text{mm}^{**}$ and/or cysts $\leq 20.0\text{mm}$	Next primary examination
B	Nodules $\geq 5.1\text{mm}$ and/or cysts $\geq 20.1\text{mm}$	Confirmatory examination
C	Required immediately examination	Urgent confirmatory examination

Nodules



Cysts



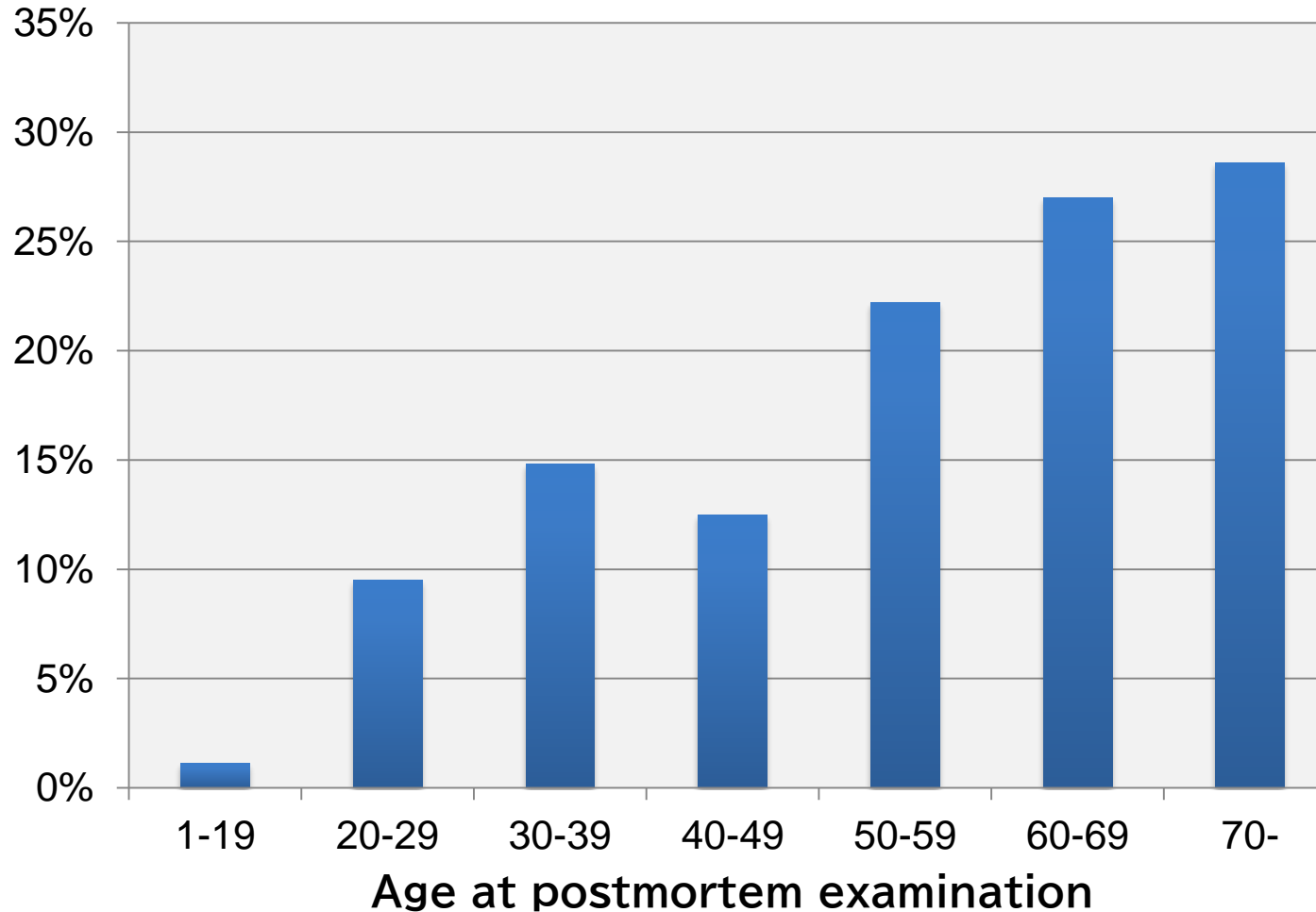
*Mixed cystic-solid nodule is included in the category of “nodules.”

**Nodules within the A2 category, which have ultrasonographic findings suggesting thyroid cancer with aggressive clinical features, may be classified as B.

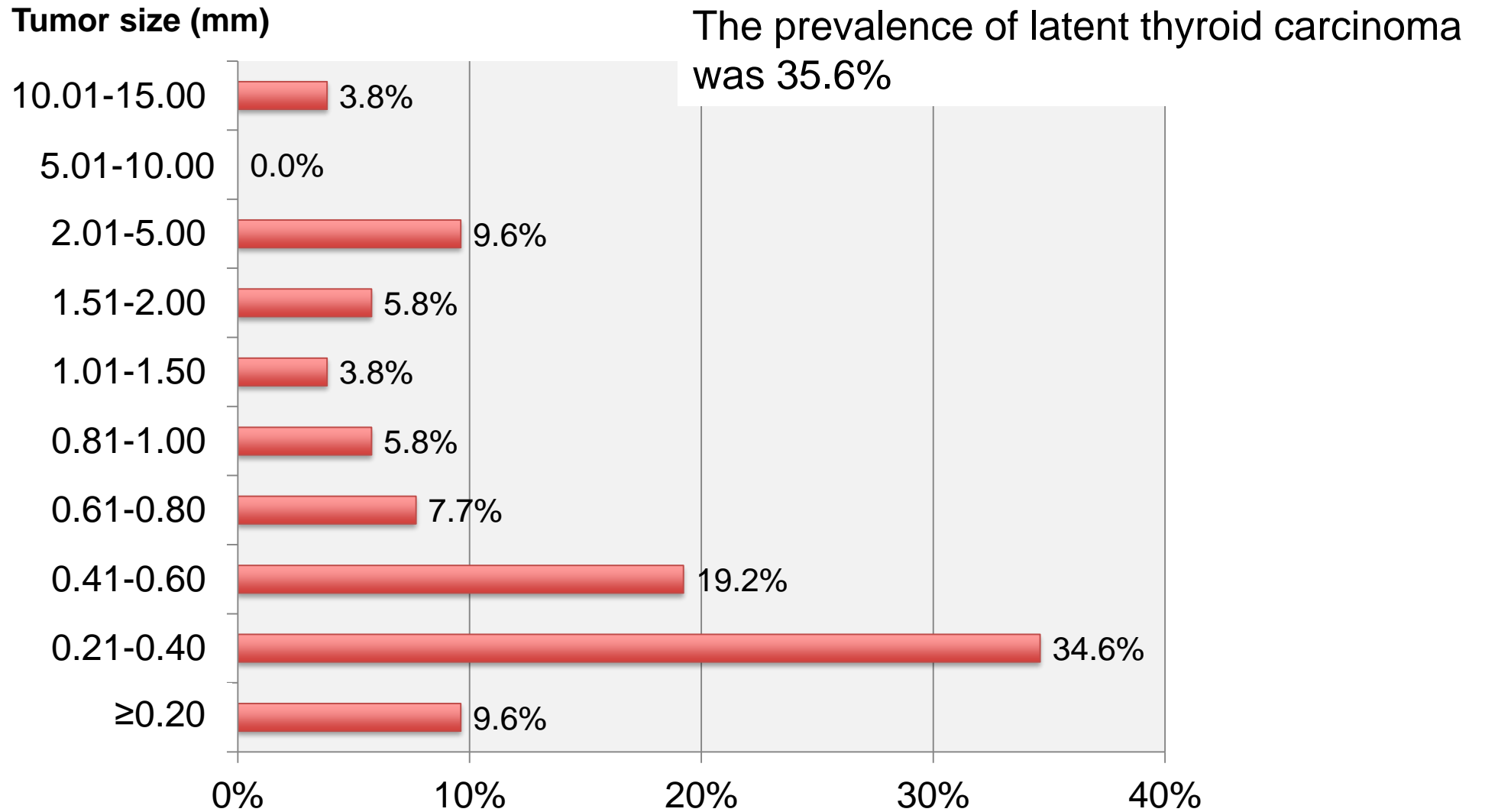
Frequency by age group of latent thyroid carcinoma*

* Thyroid cancer with no lifetime clinical signs of thyroid cancer, first confirmed at postmortem examination

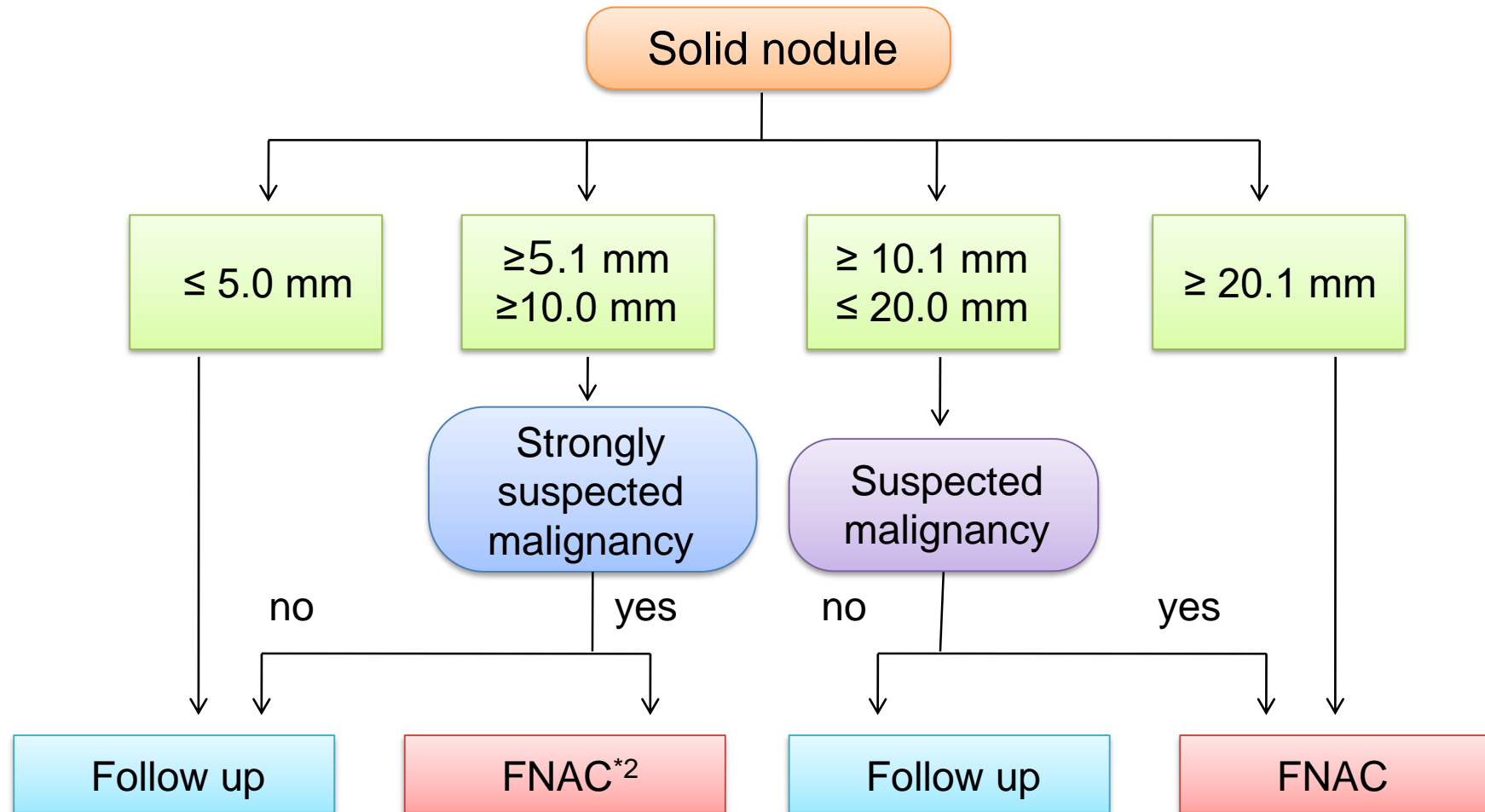
Detection rate of
Thyroid cancer



Size distribution of latent thyroid carcinoma



Flow chart for the management of solid thyroid nodules*1

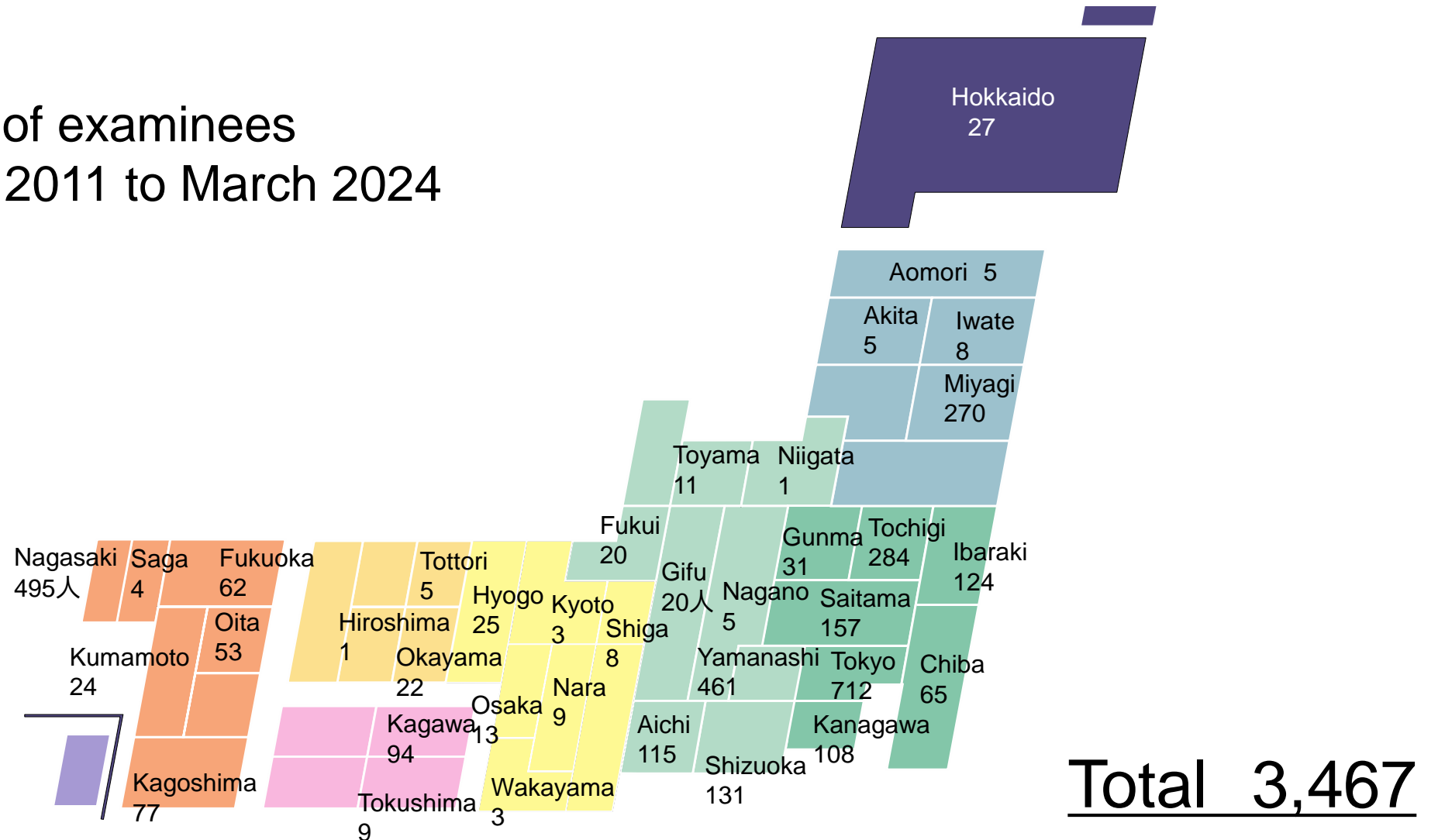


*1 Nodule without cystic characteristics

*2 FNAC: fine-needle aspiration cytology

Support for primary examinations by medical institutions outside Fukushima Prefecture

Total number of examinees
from October 2011 to March 2024



Fukushima Joint Committee for Supporting Thyroid Ultrasound Examination

Main tasks

- Comprehensive review of primary examiner certification
- Instructor at workshops (lectures and hands-on training)
- Creating test questions for primary examiner certification
- Implementation of certification tests, pass/fail judgments, and certification renewal assessments

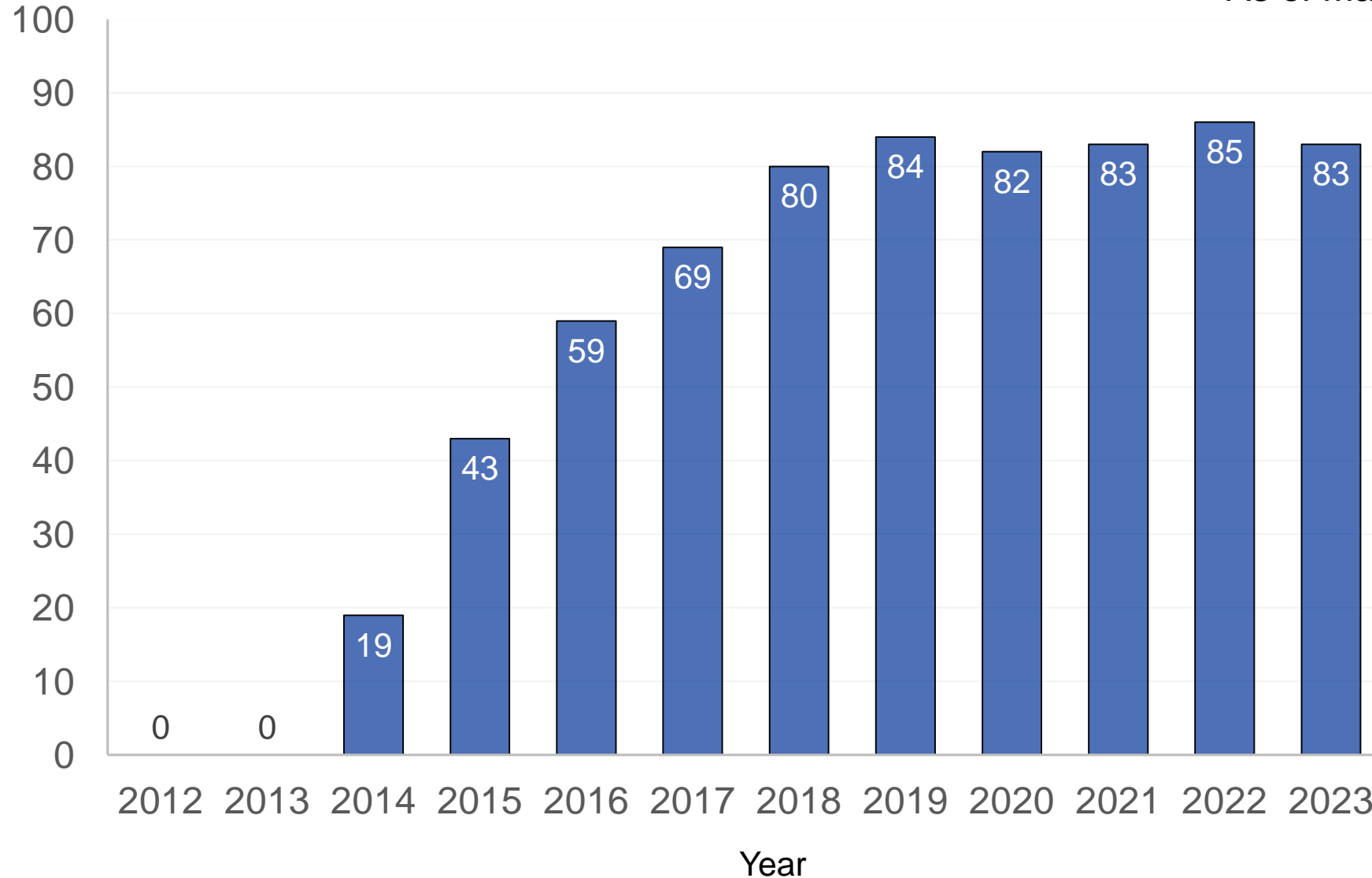
Participants

- Members of Fukushima Prefectural Medical Association
- Physicians and medical technologists who work in medical institutions in Fukushima Prefecture (clinical and radiological technologists)

Change in the number of cooperating medical institutions commissioning the Thyroid Ultrasound Examination in Fukushima Prefecture

Number of Medical institutions

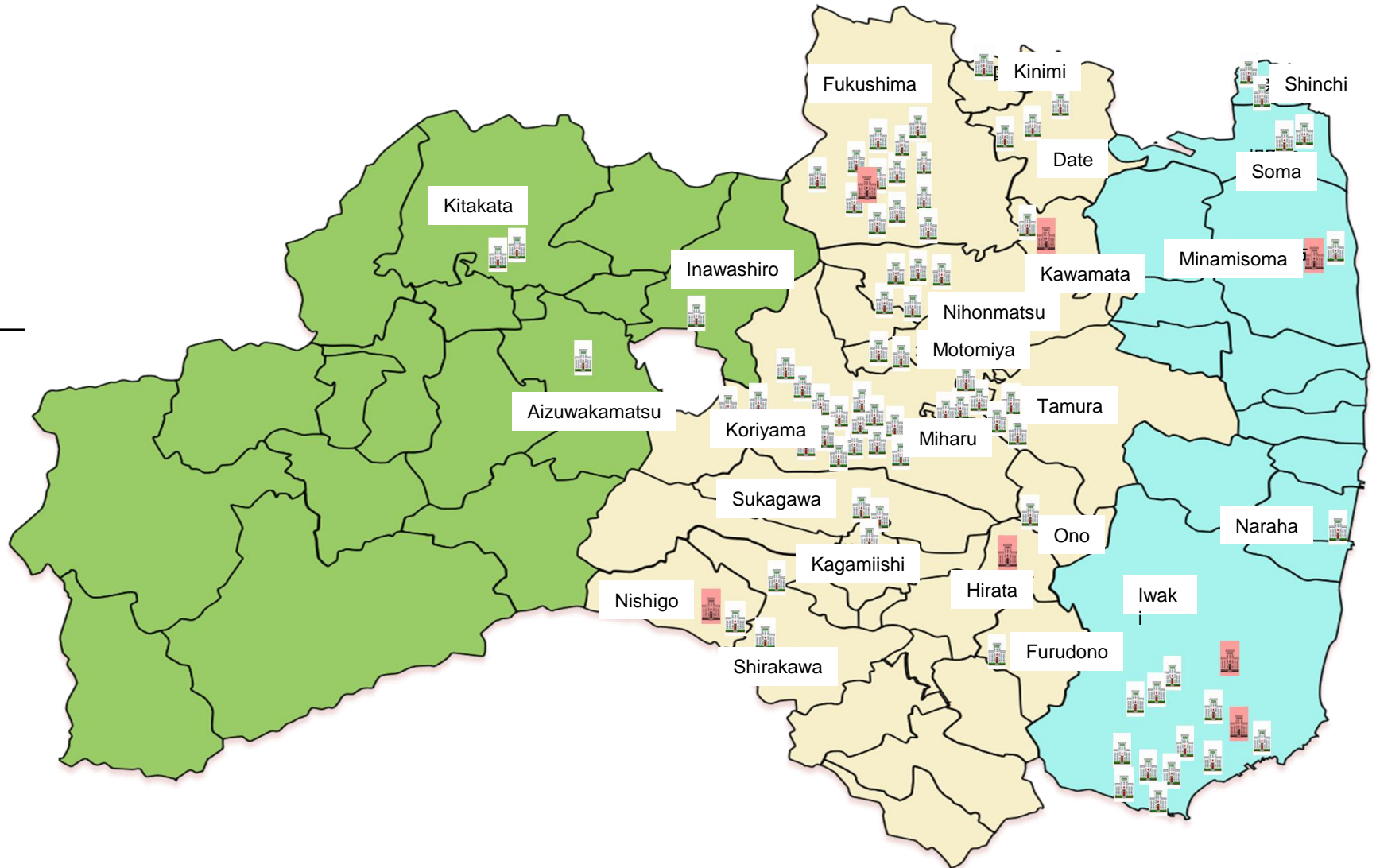
As of March 31, 2024



Locations of cooperating medical institutions commissioning the Thyroid Ultrasound Examination in Fukushima Prefecture

As of November 1, 2024

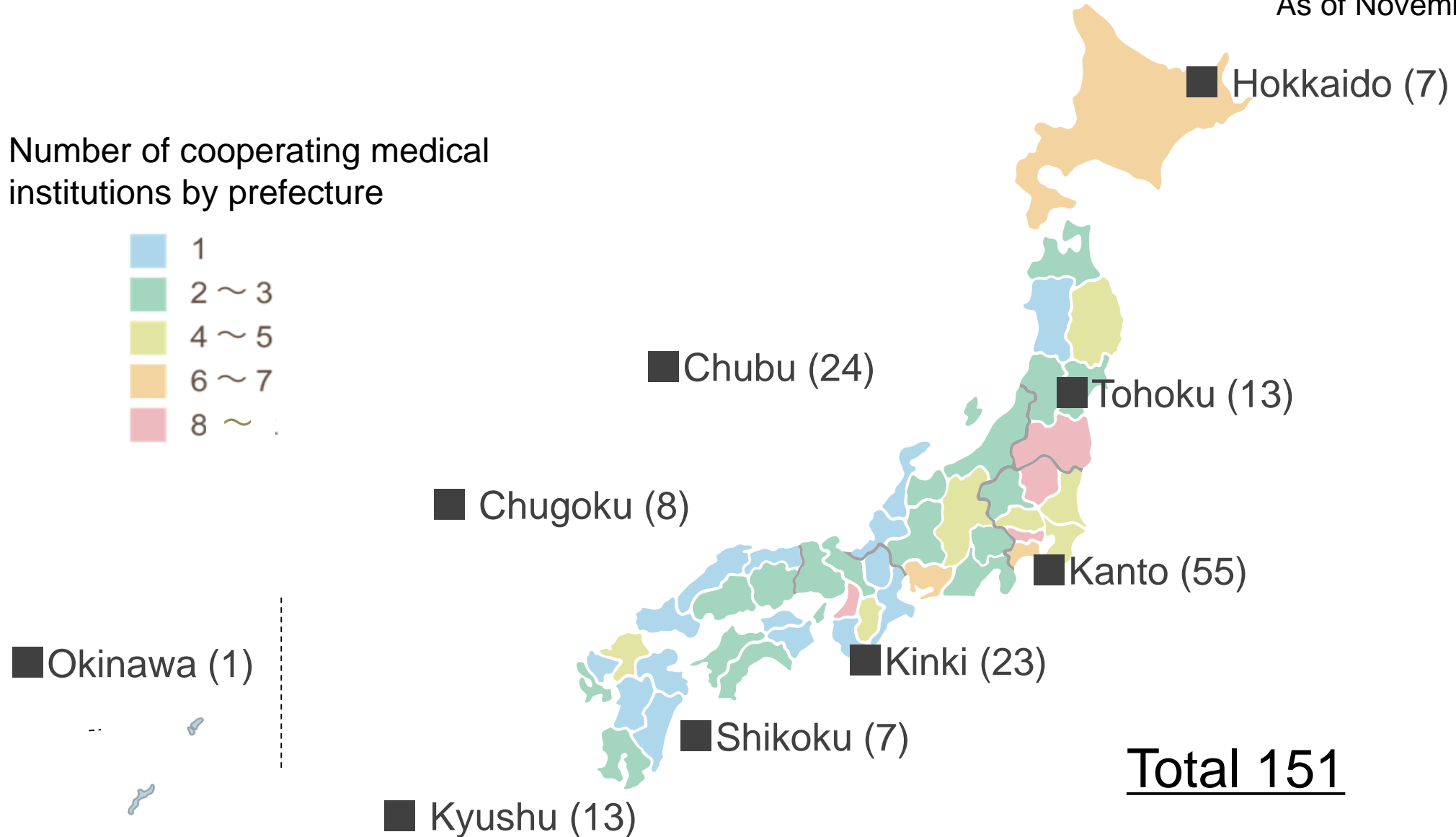
	Cooperating medical institutions	Inactive institutions
Kenpoku	27	(2)
Kenchu	29	(1)
Kennann	4	(1)
Aizu	4	(0)
Minamiaizu	0	(0)
Sosou	7	(1)
Iwaki	14	(2)
Total	85	(7)





Cooperating medical institutions commissioning the Thyroid Ultrasound Examination outside Fukushima Prefecture

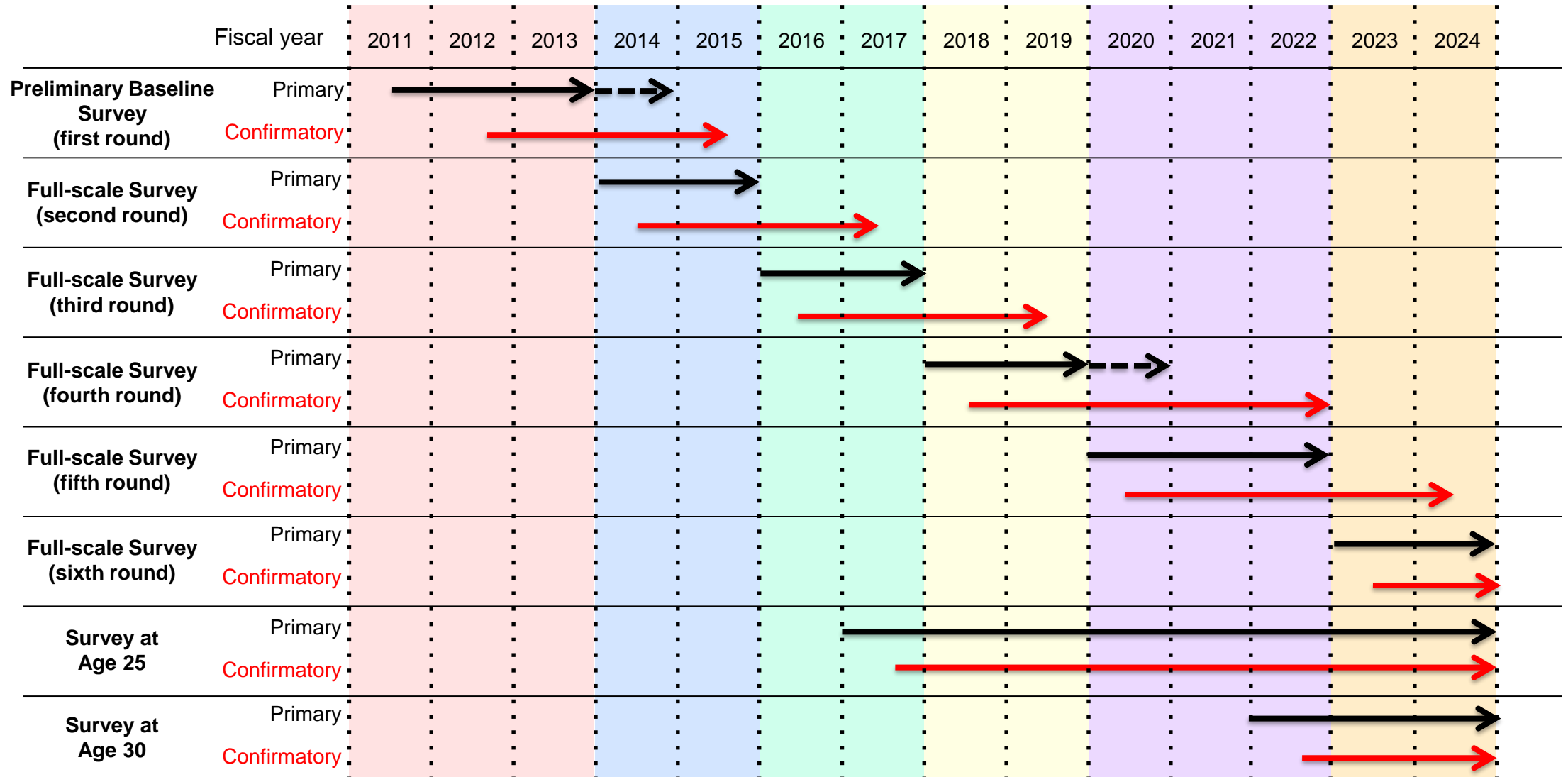
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Number of cooperating medical institutions by prefecture



Progress of the Thyroid Ultrasound Examination program

 Primary exam
 Confirmatory exam



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Summary of TUE results

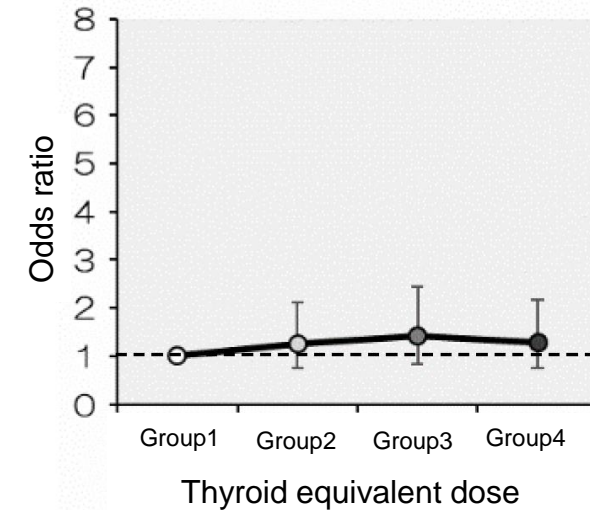
counted as of June 30, 2024										
	Preliminary baseline survey 1st round*	Full-scale survey 2nd round*	Full-scale 3rd round **	Full-scale 4th round **** *	Full-scale survey 5th round	Full-scale survey 6th round	Survey for 25	Survey for 30	Total	
Fiscal years	2011-2013	2014-2015	2016-2017	2018-2019	2020-2022	2023-2024	2017-	2022-		
Persons eligible for primary exam	367,637	381,237	336,667	294,228	252,938	211,901	149,843	44,489		
Primary exam participation(%)	81.7%	71.0%	64.7%	62.3%	45.1%	21.4%	8.4%	5.0%		
Persons eligible for confirmatory exam	2,293	2,230	1,502	1,394	1,346	630	651	139		
Confirmatory exam participation(%)	92.9%	84.2%	73.5%	74.3%	82.5%	55.9%	85.1%	84.9%		
Malignant or suspected for malignancy	116	71	31	39	48	11	23	6	345	
Persons who underwent surgery	102	56 ※※※	29	34	42	-	18	4	285	
Pathological diagnosis	Papillary carcinoma	100	55 ※※※	29	34	41	-	17	4	280
	Poorly differentiated carcinoma	1	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	1
	Other variant	0	1	0	0	1	-	1	0	3
	Benign	1	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	1
※counted as of March 31, 2018 ※※counted as of March 31, 2021 ※※※counted as of March 31, 2022 ※※※※counted as of June 30, 2022										

Association of UNSCEAR* 2020/2021 estimated absorbed thyroid doses and malignant or suspected malignancy detection rates in the Full-scale Survey (cumulative total of the 2nd - 4th round surveys)

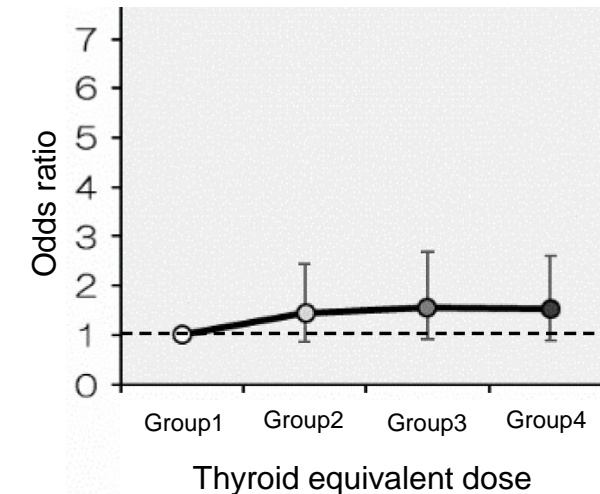
	Group 1 0.5-2.6 mGy	Group 2 2.7-4.3 mGy	Group 3 4.5-7.0 mGy	Group 4 7.0-15 mGy
Female (%)	50.4	50.1	49.1	49.6
Age at the time of the earthquake (average)	8.3	9.3	6.7	7.8
Survey interval(%)				
<4 years	36.4	28.7	19.6	19.0
≥4, <5 years	7.8	16.4	10.8	14.4
≥5, <6 years	48.9	13.8	25.3	14.0
≥6, <7 years	5.8	39.1	40.3	48.4
≥7 years	1.0	1.9	4.0	4.2
malignant or suspected malignancy	22	43	37	40
detection rate (/100,000)	46.4	66.2	52.2	55.1

The 21st meeting of Prefectural Subcommittee for the TUE program

Adjusted for sex and age



Adjusted for sex, age and survey interval



*UNSCEAR: United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

Assessment of the Preliminary Baseline Survey to the 4th round Full-scale Survey

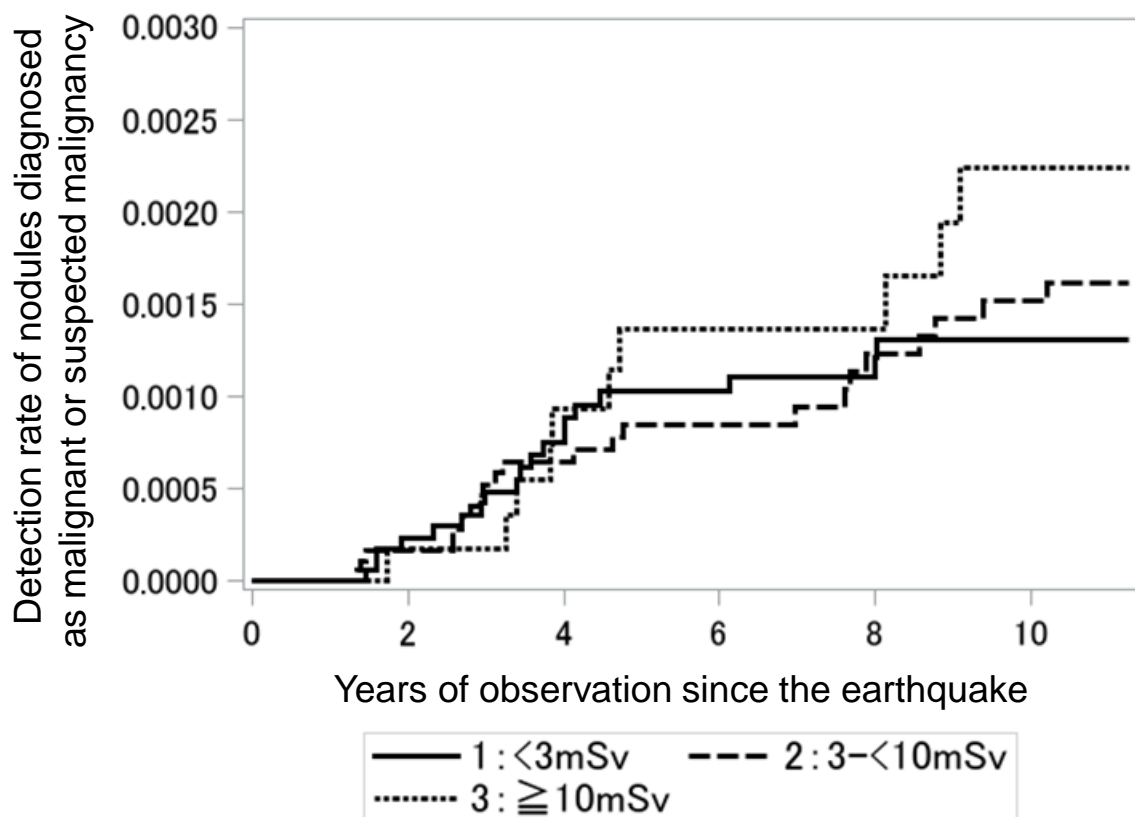
No association between the detection rate of thyroid cancer and radiation exposure dose was found from the Preliminary Baseline Survey to the 4th round Full-scale Survey.

Document 3-2 in the 49th Prefectural Oversight Committee Meeting

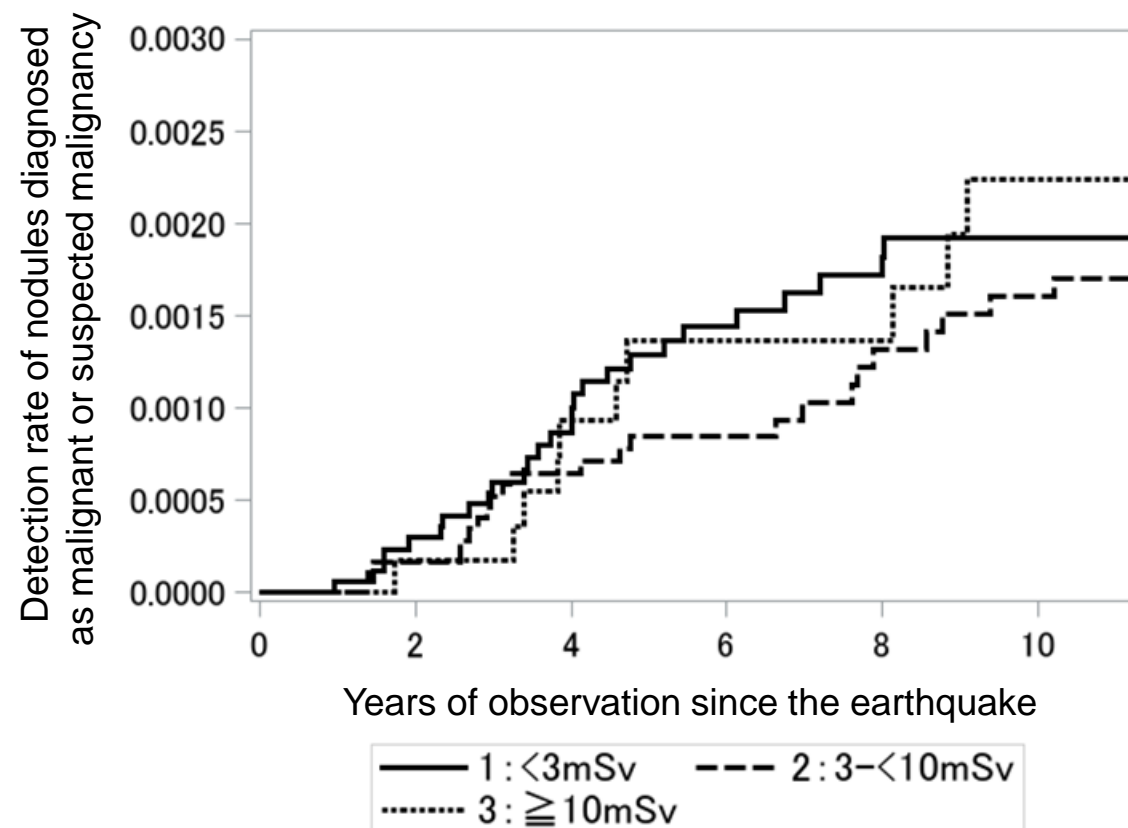
Cumulative detection rate of malignant or suspected malignancy

(Kaplan-Meier method: estimated exposure doses in coastal Hamadori and evacuation areas by 3 districts)

Participants undergoing Thyroid Ultrasound Examination
(excluding cases registered only in cancer registries)

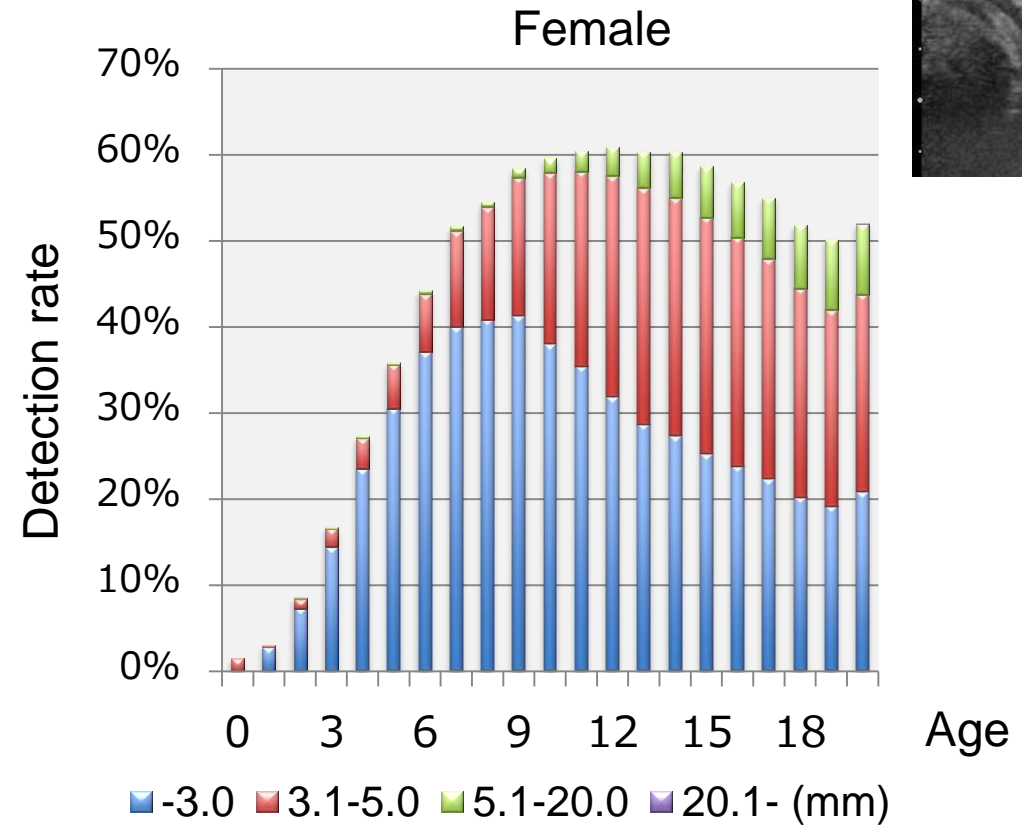
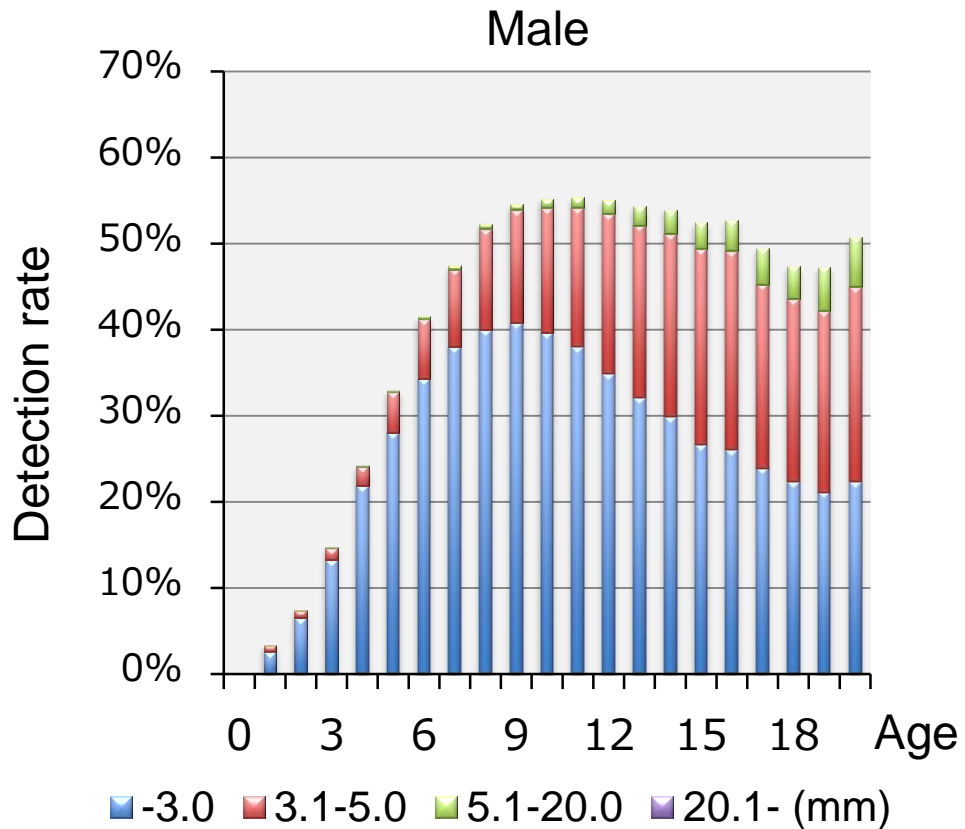
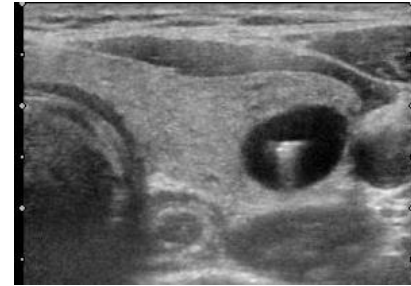


Participants undergoing Thyroid Ultrasound Examination
and cases registered only in cancer registries.



Other findings

Age- and sex-dependent detection rates and sizes of thyroid cysts (Preliminary Baseline Survey)



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Future focus (1)

1. Improvement of the examination environment

More than half of the participants are already adults.

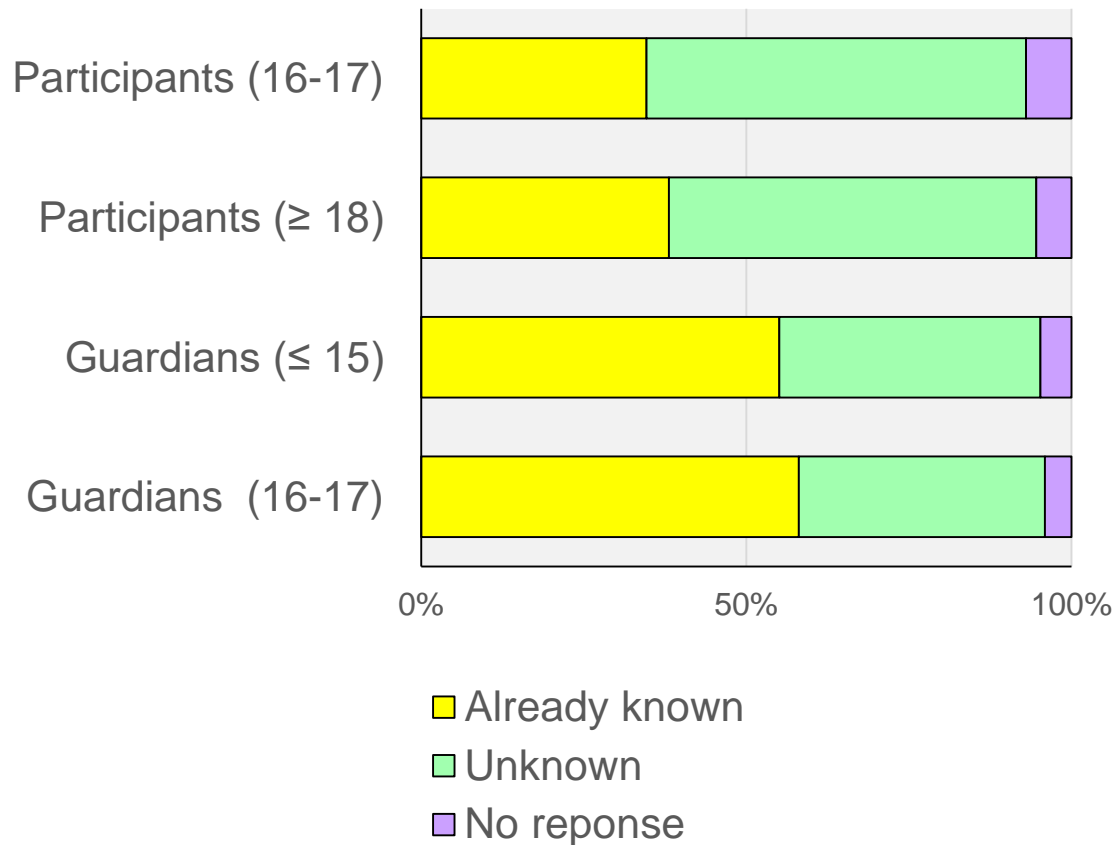
Promoting convenience for those who wish to receive examinations:

- Online application system to apply for the examination
- Increase in the number of medical institutions in and out of the prefecture
- Additional public examination venues open in evenings or holidays

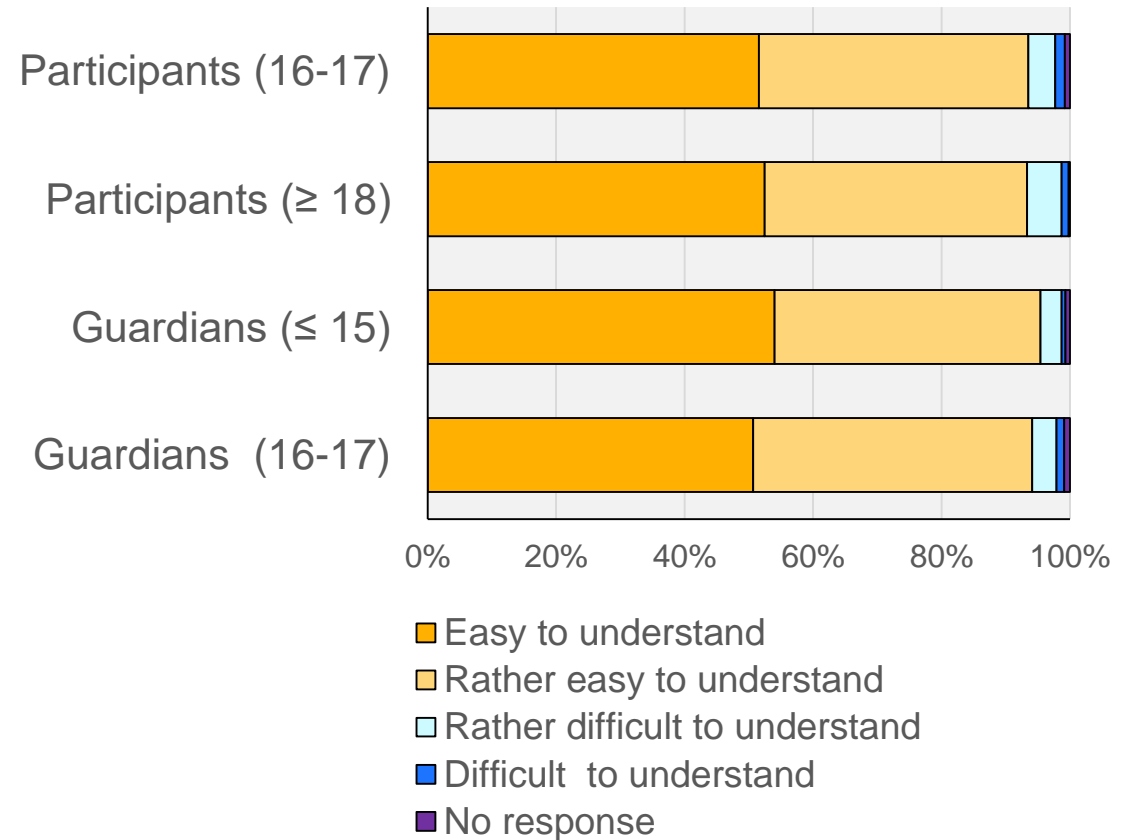
2. Awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of the Thyroid Ultrasound Examination

Results of Fukushima Prefecture's questionnaire survey

Degree of awareness of the advantages and disadvantages



Ease of understanding the advantages
(Similar data was obtained for the disadvantages)



Future focus (2)

3. Supporting activities

- Psychosocial support

- ✓ Detailed explanations at public facilities of primary examination provided by medical doctors
- ✓ Psychosocial support to participants of the confirmatory examination to ease their worries and anxiety offered by the support team

- Medical consultation line

- ✓ Telephone consultations available by medical doctors

- On-site lectures and session

- ✓ 318 sites in total between 2013 and 2024 (as of December 31, 2024)

- Medical expense support by Fukushima Prefecture

- ✓ Support for the financial burden of medical expenses following the Thyroid Ultrasound Examination

- Thyroid CAFE

- ✓ Peer support for patients diagnosed with thyroid cancer



We would like to thank everyone who has been cooperating with the Thyroid Ultrasound Examination



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