

Development of an Area Diagnosis Tool for Promoting Home Medical Care

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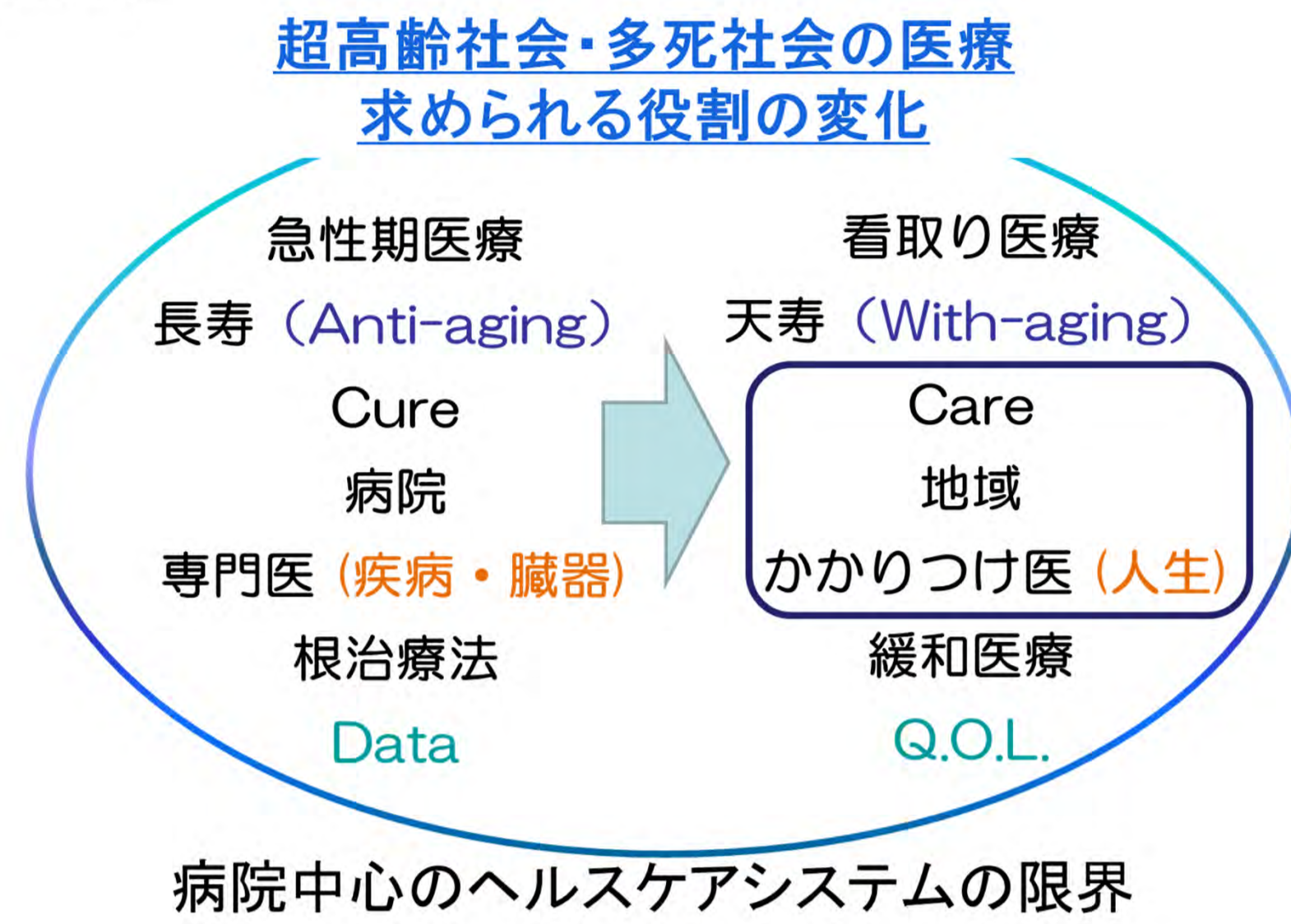
Project goals

Problems to be solved

Japanese society is aging at an unprecedented rate.
 ⇒ Expectations are running high for quality home care
 ⇒ There is a need to create a community and a culture where we can live out our lives as fully as possible.

A life dominated by incurable disorders, with too much focus on their treatment

Figure:
 The need for medicine's paradigm shift from Cure to Care



R&D Target

A tool is needed to promote "home care," with communities providing reassurance.
 ⇒ A standard diagnostic tool that promotes home care was developed, where each municipality can evaluate the progress in home care in an interdisciplinary, inter-professional and comprehensive manner, based on scientific analysis (targeting cities with a population of 50,000-200,000).



Interdisciplinary patient-centered care team

Project implementation

Project overview

Recommendation on the definition of "home care"

A holistic and comprehensive medical care provided at **the places of living** by healthcare professionals for those who cannot go to hospital, with their wishes and those of their families taken into account

A medical care that takes care of patients (until the last moment) at **the places of living** where they feel comfortable

An index of the status of home care → The rate of death at the places of living with care provided

Does the rate vary from region to region?

$$\text{Rate of death by region with care provided} = \frac{\text{Number of deaths at the places of living}}{\text{Total number of deaths}}$$

The number of deaths at home, elderly healthcare facilities, etc. (excluding accidental deaths) divided by the total number of deaths

Based on death certificates originating from the 2011 demographic survey (Data was provided by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare via the Japan Science and Technology Agency)

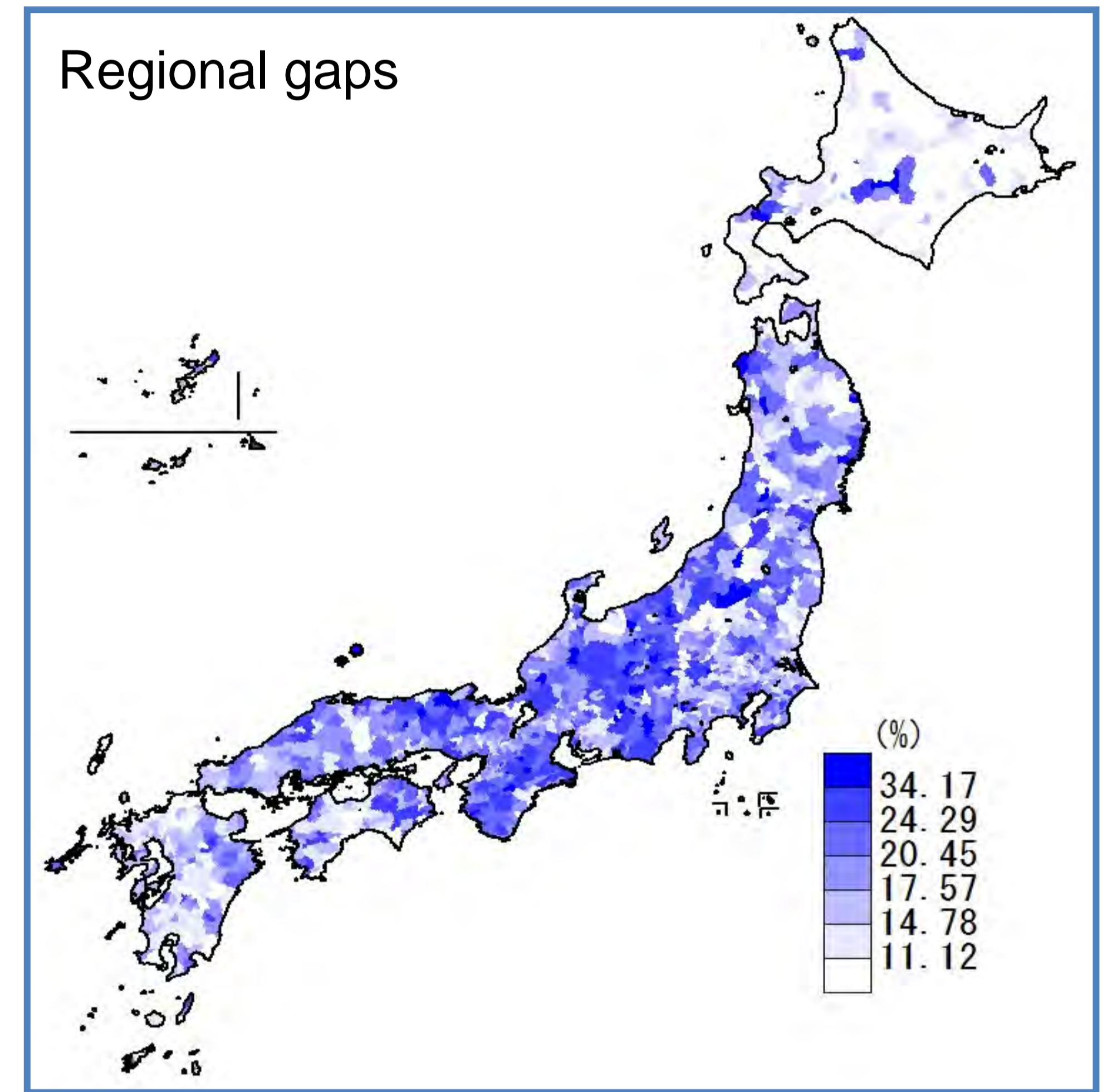
Development of a two-tier tool (standard and advanced versions)

Standard version: The status of regional home care is estimated from existing data.

⇒ Each region is visualized (relatively evaluated) based on unbiased analysis of data, with the "rate of death by region with care provided" as an index

Advanced version: Perspectives to analyze each region in more detail are organized, leveraging clinicians' expertise and detailed qualitative data.

⇒ The results of hearings conducted in advanced regions and knowledge obtained through home care services are summarized in a qualitative manner



Project achievements and future prospects

Project achievements

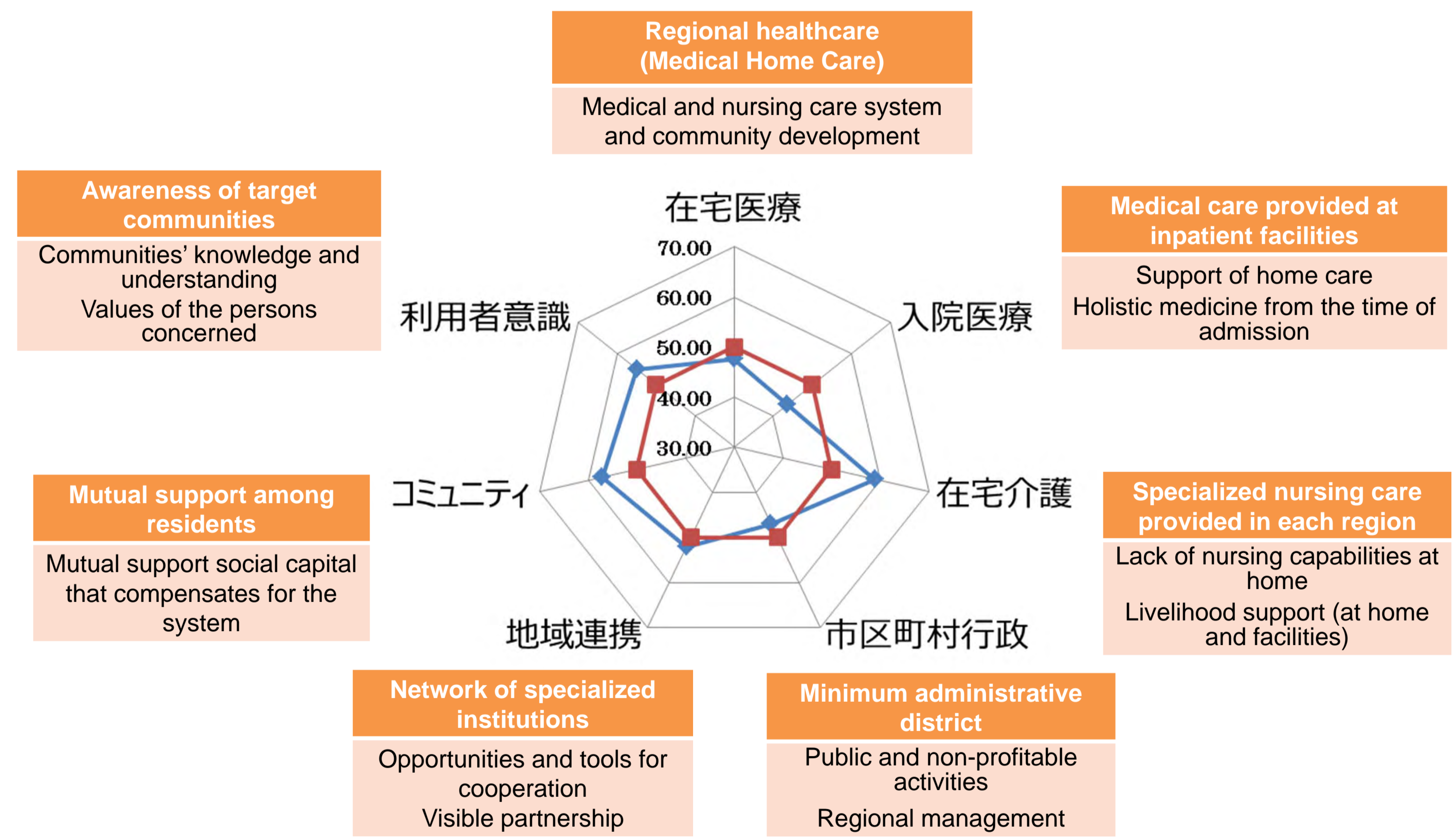
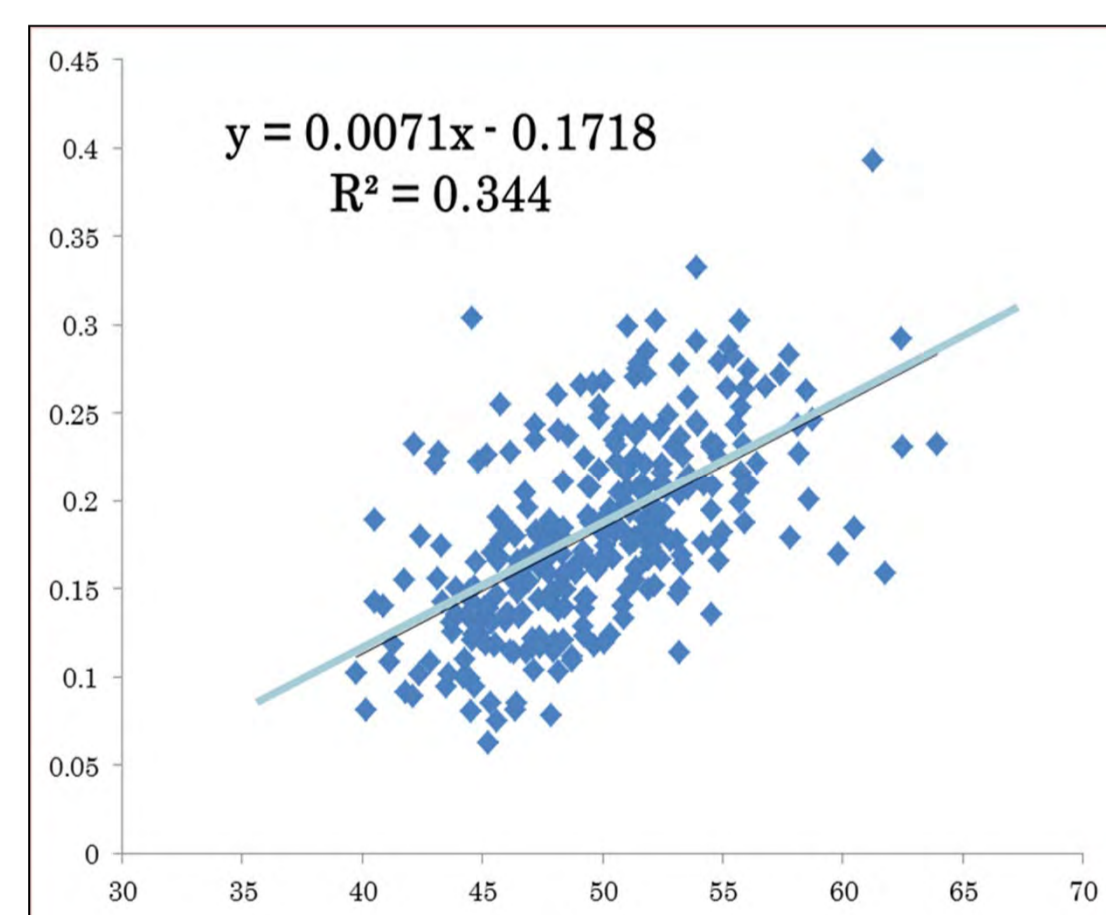
1. Regional diagnostic tool that promotes home care (standard and advanced versions) – Refer to the final report for details.
2. Know-how in educating local communities

■ There is a need to diagnose each region from seven viewpoints including healthcare (as shown in the right figure).

■ In addition to diagnosing each region, it's essential that what's obtained from the tool be shared and utilized in order to promote regional cooperation. (The results of regional diagnosis ≠ evaluation)

【Standard version】Community Care Capacity Index CCCI)

The Community Care Capacity Index visualizes the care capacity of communities (middle-sized cities only) based on seven statistical analysis viewpoints. What matters is the fact that not everything can be expressed in figures. It's therefore important to determine what should be discussed and implemented, focusing on the issues visualized. (Figures are not always reliable.)



←Correlation between CCCI and the rate of death by region with care provided (determination coefficient=0.344)

Future developments and prospects

From "checking" to "using" (Seven viewpoints to create a comprehensive care system)

※ There is a need to have an opportunity to share a heartfelt emotion in order to achieve interdisciplinary, inter-professional and inter-occupational cooperation. It takes a lot more than presenting data to change regional care systems.

※ Objective: Examine ways to make use of regional diagnosis, focusing on the creation of **organic "home care cooperation hubs"**

【Plans following the completion of the project (FY 2016)】

- Make use of the regional diagnosis viewpoints to empower various stakeholders through multi-occupational training.
- Develop a reference table with focus on creating an awareness of seeing regional care systems from the seven viewpoints.
- Upgrade "beautiful regional cooperation" to a comprehensive regional care system of "our own town," which is based on a community.

How can we create a relationship where we discuss and carry out issues sympathetically?

