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The ongoing worldwide COVID-19 pandemic dramatically affects daily care for patients with cancer. For cancer patients, it is difficult to terminate hospital visits for treatment and assessments, but the visits themselves can be a risk of infection, especially for individuals who have risk factors of COVID-19 infection. Patients of COVID-19 with cancer have been reported to have a high mortality rate. The basic principle of preventing COVID-19 infection is to reduce close contact with other people. Medical staff need to plan infection-control measures at each institute, and preventing the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in a cancer hospital is important for maintaining cancer treatment. In addition, cancer patients frequently exhibit cancer-specific or treatment-specific symptoms that resemble those of COVID-19. Thus, it is essential to establish a screening strategy for patients with COVID-19-like symptoms to prevent further infections and to provide cancer care.

I will present the actual condition, countermeasure, and task for COVID-19 pandemic in cancer treatment in Japan.

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