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COVID-19 has changed our lives and how we approach cancer treatment in Japan. 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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