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Full Rate Card 2026–2027

The following twelve tables provide the definitive, transparent rate structure for specialized Japanese medical and pharmaceutical interpretation services for the 2026–2027 fiscal cycle. These rates reflect the scarcity of Tier S (compliance-certified) professionals, the high liability associated with regulatory audits and clinical trials, and the structural economic adjustments in the Osaka/Kansai region.

Table 1: 2026–2027 Tier A/S Clinical Trial & Regulatory Interpretation Rates (Consecutive)

Engagement Type	Time Limit	Rate Range (JPY)	Typical Premium Surcharge	Service Focus
Half-Day Clinical Trial (CI/SMO)	Up to 4 hours	¥80,000 – ¥110,000	15% – 40%	Screening, Minor Adverse Event (AE) Reporting
Full-Day Clinical Trial (CI/SMO/SIV)	Up to 8 hours	¥110,000 – ¥160,000	20% – 60%	Informed Consent (IC), Site Initiation Visit (SIV), Protocol Review
Overtime (Per Hour)	After 8 hours	¥18,000 – ¥25,000	N/A	Protocol Deviations, Extended Patient Interviews

Table 2: 2026–2027 PMDA Remote Audit Interpretation Rates (RSI) – Half Day

Engagement Type	Time Limit	RSI Rate Range (JPY)	Required Team Size	Key Compliance Focus
Half-Day Remote Audit (PMDA/GCP/GMP)	Up to 4 hours	¥90,000 – ¥130,000	2 Interpreters (Mandatory)	Virtual GXP Compliance, Documentation Submission (Gateway)

Table 3: 2026–2027 PMDA Remote Audit Interpretation Rates (RSI) – Full Day

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Engagement Type	Time Limit	RSI Rate Range (JPY)	Required Team Size	Key Compliance Focus
Full-Day Remote Audit (PMDA/GCP/GMP)	Up to 8 hours	¥135,000 – ¥190,000	2–3 Interpreters (Mandatory)	High-Stakes Regulatory Inspection, Deficiencies Review
Overtime (Per Hour)	After 8 hours	¥25,000 – ¥40,000	N/A	Final Exit Meeting, Corrective and Preventive Action (CAPA) Negotiation

Table 4: 2026–2027 General Medical/Hospital Rounds Interpretation Rates (Consecutive) – Half Day

Engagement Type	Time Limit	Rate Range (JPY)	Service Focus	Geographic Adjustment
Half-Day Hospital Rounds	Up to 4 hours	¥77,000 – ¥91,000	Non-specialist consultations, basic diagnostic interviews	Standard Rate (Non-Osaka)

Table 5: 2026–2027 General Medical/Hospital Rounds Interpretation Rates (Consecutive) – Full Day

Engagement Type	Time Limit	Rate Range (JPY)	Service Focus	Geographic Adjustment
Full-Day Hospital Rounds	Up to 8 hours	¥110,000 – ¥130,000	Complex discharge planning, physician-patient meetings	Standard Rate (Non-Osaka)

Table 6: Medical Device Approval/Technical Review Interpretation (Tier S)

Engagement Type	Time Limit	Tier S Rate Range (JPY)	Required Expertise	Regulatory Focus
Half-Day Technical Consultation	Up to 4 hours	¥100,000 – ¥140,000	Regulatory Science, PMD Act	MHLW/PMDA pre-submission meeting
Full-Day Technical Meeting	Up to 8 hours	¥150,000 – ¥220,000	Mechanical/Bio-Engineering, Reimbursement Structure	PMDA review for novel devices

Table 7: Remote Telemedicine Interpretation (VRI/OPI) Hourly Rates

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Mode	Duration	Hourly Rate Range (JPY)	Minimum Charge	Use Case
Video Remote Interpretation (VRI)	Per Hour	¥18,000 – ¥30,000	2 Hours	Follow-up chronic care appointments, initial consultation screening

Table 8: Geographical Premium Surcharges (2026–2027)

Region	Primary Surcharge Basis	Estimated Percentage Increase (Base Rate)	Key Driver
Osaka/Kansai Core (Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto)	Dialect Accuracy/Local Demand/EXPO Residual	10% – 25%	Mitigating linguistic risk with elderly patients
Regional/Remote Sites (e.g., Shikoku)	Travel Time/Scarcity	15% – 35%	Securing local, experienced talent outside metropolitan areas

Table 9: Ancillary and Hidden Cost Breakdown (Risk Mitigation Focus)

Charge Category	Typical Cost Impact (%)	Required Transparency	Mitigation Strategy
Travel/Accommodation	10% – 25%	Itemized receipts required	Leveraging local Osaka-based network to reduce Shinkansen/hotel costs
Equipment Rental (RSI/Booth)	5% – 15%	Fixed daily rental fee disclosed upfront	Negotiated vendor rates, proprietary platform use
JCT Non-Compliance Penalty	10% (Tax Burden)	Separate disclosure of Consumption Tax	Assisting foreign clients with correct tax calculation

Table 10: Cancellation Fee Schedule Benchmark

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Notice Period	Cancellation Fee (of Full-Day Rate)	High-Stakes Consideration
More than 72 hours	0%	Sufficient time to reassign specialist
24–72 hours	50%	Compensation for lost opportunity for specialist
Less than 24 hours	100%	Audits/Trials require specialized, high-demand resources

Table 11: Linguistic Complexity Premium Mapping (Based on Liability)

Scenario	Linguistic Risk Level	Liability Assessment	Required Tier
Diagnostic Interview (New Symptom)	High	High (Risk of Misdiagnosis, Malpractice Litigation)	Tier A/S
Informed Consent (Phase III Trial)	Critical	Extreme (Research Misconduct, Protocol Breach)	Tier S
General Follow-up (Stable Chronic Care)	Medium	Medium (Compliance adherence failure)	Tier A

Table 12: Interpretation Requirements for Ethical Review Board (ERB/IRB) Meetings

Requirement	Mode	Focus	Rate Application	Compliance Driver
ERB Presentation & Q&A	Consecutive/Whispering	Protocol Integrity, Investigator Response, Patient Safety	Tier A/S Clinical Trial Rate	Adherence to ICH-GCP standards and local ethical scrutiny