Notice Regarding an Emergency Order from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and the Temporary Suspension of Regenerative Medicine Procedures

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We would like to share an important notice regarding the regenerative medicine procedures (HITV therapy) provided at our clinic.

Summary of the Situation
Serious adverse medical events have occurred in patients who received HITV therapy (involving dendritic cells and activated lymphocytes) for advanced cancer at our clinic in June and August 2026. The potential causal relationship between these medical conditions and the procedures is currently under investigation.

On November 19, 2026, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) issued an emergency order to temporarily suspend the provision of HITV therapy, along with an order to submit a formal report, citing our failure to fulfill statutory reporting obligations under the Act on the Safety of Regenerative Medicine.

We sincerely apologize for the deep concern and significant inconvenience this situation has caused to our patients, their families, and all related parties.

Ongoing Investigation and Preventive Measures
In accordance with the instructions and orders from the MHLW, our clinic is conducting a thorough internal investigation to determine the cause of these adverse events and is cooperating fully with the MHLW's own investigation.

We take this matter with the utmost seriousness. We are currently conducting a comprehensive review of our safety management protocols—specifically our procedures for identifying and reporting adverse medical events—and our regulatory compliance systems to implement strict corrective and preventive measures.

To patients currently undergoing treatment, those with scheduled appointments:

For patients currently undergoing HITV therapy at our clinic, as well as those with scheduled appointments for treatment or consultations, our physicians and staff are reaching out individually to explain future clinical management, follow-up care, and available options.

Where necessary, we will closely coordinate with your primary care physician and other medical institutions to ensure you receive appropriate medical support.

Contact Information
If you experience any changes in your physical condition, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us immediately at our contact form on our website. (https://www.icv-s.org/blog/english/)

We remain committed to prioritizing the safety and well-being of our patients and will share further updates on our website as confirmed information becomes available.

Once again, we sincerely apologize for the concern and inconvenience caused by our failure to fulfill our statutory reporting obligations and by the resulting temporary suspension of HITV therapy.