

Updated JCS 2018 guideline on Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Coronary Syndrome

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“JCS (Japanese Circulation Society) 2018 guideline on diagnosis and treatment of acute coronary syndrome (ACS)” comprehensively integrated the 3 guidelines consisting of the guidelines for the management of patients with ST-elevation acute myocardial infarction, the guidelines for management of acute coronary syndrome without persistent ST segment elevation, and the guidelines for secondary prevention of myocardial infarction and has been recently published in *Circ J* (Kimura K, et al. *Circ J*. 2019 Apr 25;83(5):1085-1196.). The characteristics of patients with ACS in Japan are fundamentally different from those in the United States and European countries, as revealed by previous studies. In Japan, aging is progressing more rapidly than other countries. It is known that the mean age of patients with ACS who undergo percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) in Japan is also higher compared to the United States, as seen in a comparison of registries. The present guidelines were designed to be used as a reference in Asian countries, not only in Japan.