“Diseased, Yes—But Not Sick.”
(病気であっても、病人ではない)

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It was January 2008 that the "Cancer Philosophy Outpatient Clinic" I had advocated was established as a special outpatient clinic for a limited 3 month period at Juntendo University Hospital.

The past 7 years, however, have seen the "Cancer Philosophy Outpatient Clinic" grow from an Incorporated Nonprofit Organization (NPO), designed to increase its activities around the country outside the administrative boundaries of a university hospital, into a General Incorporated Association.

In the course of conducting the "Cancer Philosophy Outpatient Clinic", I have interviewed a total of nearly 3,000 patients and their families. The roughly 60 minutes dialogues, carried out under the motto "Diseased, yes—but not sick." search for a way of living attuned to one’s personality, and these have been held in a variety of places, not just at healthcare facilities.

To allow more people to take part, such dialogues have been held in group settings as "Cancer Philosophy Outpatient Clinic Medical Café", led by people who experienced the clinic. This trend has been playing a central role, and is increasing all around the country. It’s gratifying to see this idea obtain a level of broad support beyond my wildest expectations.

I feel excited that the "Cancer Philosophy Outpatient Clinic" has so exactly filled a need in this era.