

World trends of scar and keloid treatment  
—Learn history and consider the future—

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According to the historical medical books, keloids seem to have been recognized in the 1800s, and since the 1900s, treatment centered on skin grafting has been performed mainly for keloids after burns. After that, treatment methods were gradually developed. Currently, keloid treatment guideline“Diagnosis and Treatment of Keloids and Hypertrophic Scars—Japan Scar Workshop Consensus Document 2018”was published by the Japan Scar Workshop, which has been translated into English and have cited around the world. While the global momentum for scar and keloid treatment is increasing, Japan is expected to lead the world in basic and clinical research, where many patients are waiting for the development of even more effective and safe treatments.