



**M3 and St. Marianna University School of Medicine Hospital to Launch  
COVID-19 Remote Image Diagnosis Support**

**~ Collaboration with Alibaba and NOBORI ~**

M3 Inc. (Headquarter: Tokyo, Japan; CEO: Itaru Tanimura; URL: <https://corporate.m3.com/>; “M3,” below) will support the provision of free remote image diagnostics aid service for CT-scans of patients with suspected infection of COVID-19 with St. Marianna University School of Medicine Hospital (Headquarter: Kanagawa, Japan; Director: Hiroaki Kitagawa; “St. Marianna Hospital” below).

**Background**

With the rapid spread in COVID-19, the number of suspected infections is expected to increase across many medical institutions. Image diagnosis is believed to hold significance in COVID-19 diagnosis, along with clinical examination data such as PCR results and other clinical symptoms. Unfortunately, it is suspected that image diagnostics are underutilized at many medical sites.

Given St. Marianna Hospital’s historical experience in incorporation of image diagnostics in emergency care, along with teams of experts across their radiology department which operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and their emergency care center, this joint initiative will be launched with hopes to expedite the eradication of the COVID-19 pandemic through diagnosis support for clinical sites nationwide.

**Overview**

M3 operates m3.com, a specialized web portal for medical professionals. m3.com member physicians will be able to securely upload anonymized CT images (pulmonary window setting) and basic information of suspected COVID-19 patients via a specialized COVID-19 page on m3.com, to receive remote image diagnosis support from St. Marianna Hospital physicians, free of charge. The remote diagnosis results will be received via the same COVID-19 page on m3.com.

This service will be constructed and provided by St. Marianna Hospital. Additional support will be provided by Alibaba Group’s core data intelligence center, Alibaba Cloud Pvt. Ltd., their advanced technology research institution, Alibaba Damo Academy, and their healthcare platform, Alibaba Health Information Technology Limited, along with medical information cloud service provider NOBORI Ltd. (Headquarter: Tokyo, Japan; CEO: Yoshihisa Yoda), and M3.