

Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory to Build a New Factory “MP-PS” for Stable Supply of Prefilled Syringes

Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory, Inc. (Head Office: Naruto, Tokushima, Japan; President and Representative Director: Shuichi Takagi; hereinafter, Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory) will build a new factory “MP-PS” (hereinafter, the New Factory) to produce prefilled syringes (syringes already filled with injectable drug solution) (hereinafter, the Product) on the premises of its Matsushige Factory (located in Matsushige-cho, Itano, Tokushima).

A prefilled syringe is a ready-to-use kit product that contains drug solution filled in a plastic syringe injector. It requires no pharmaceutical preparation and is labeled with the drug name. It increases clinical and operational efficiency, prevents drug mix-ups, misadministration, etc. and reduces risks of foreign matter inclusion and bacterial contamination. Such prevention of medical accidents and patient safety in medical services have led to an increasing demand for this useful Product in recent years.



The Product is currently being manufactured by J. O. Pharma Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Izumo, Shimane; President and Representative Director: Yoshifumi Fujimoto; hereinafter, J. O. Pharma), a subsidiary of Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory. The New Factory will combine J. O. Pharma’s manufacturing technique developed over the years with Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory’s latest technology to streamline manufacturing operations using high performance equipment. The New Factory will ensure stable supply, and decentralized production will contribute to disaster risk management.

People expect us to supply stably safe and high quality products. To continue stable supply of the products that serve public health, we will increase production capacity, hoping to be the best partner of patients and healthcare professionals in the field of clinical nutrition.

Based on the corporate philosophy of “Otsuka-people creating new products for better health worldwide,” the Otsuka Group is dedicated to contributing to the health of people around the world.

Factory Profile

Name	Matsushige Factory MP-PS
Address	139-1 Toyohisakaitaku, Toyohisa, Matsushige-cho, Itano, Tokushima, Japan
Building Profile	Steel frame one-story building Total floor area: 2,600 m ²
Manufactured Items	Ethical drugs (prefilled syringes)
Start of Manufacture	April 2025 (Planned)

Company Profile

Otsuka Pharmaceutical Factory, Inc.

Established	: October 7, 1969 (founded September 1, 1921)
Capital	: 80 million yen
Representative	: Shuichi Takagi, President, and Representative Director
Head Office	: 115 Kuguhara, Tateiwa, Muya-cho, Naruto, Tokushima 772-8601, Japan
Employees	: 2,318 (as of December 31, 2023)
Business Description	: Manufacture, sale, import and export of pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and functional foods with a focus on clinical nutritional products.
URL	: https://www.otsukakj.jp/en/