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Dr. Norio Akuta

Chief Director, Department of Hepatology, Toranomon Hospital, Tokyo
Japan

Areas of Interest	MASLD/MASH, Viral Hepatitis B / C, Liver Cancer, Epigenetic and Genetic Research, Liquid Biopsy.
Educational and Career Experiences	<p><u>EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE</u> 2004 Department of Gastroenterology, Gifu University School of Medicine, Japan (Ph.D.). 1995 Gifu University School of Medicine, Japan (M.D.).</p> <p><u>RESEARCH EXPERIENCE</u> 2000-present Researcher, Okinaka Memorial Institute for Medical Research, Tokyo, Japan.</p> <p><u>EDUCATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE</u> 2023-present Visiting Associate Professor, 2015-2022 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Gastroenterology, Fujita Health University, Aichi, Japan.</p> <p><u>WORK EXPERIENCE</u> 2000-present Department of Hepatology, Toranomon Hospital, Tokyo, Japan. 1995-1999 Department of Internal Medicine, Toranomon Hospital, Tokyo, Japan.</p> <p><u>QUALIFICATION</u> Councilor of the Society, Supervisor, Specialist [The Japanese Society of Gastroenterology, The Japan Society of Hepatology (JSH), The Japanese Society of Internal Medicine]. Specialist (Japan Gastroenterological Endoscopy Society). Committee member (Evidence-based Clinical Practical Guidelines for NAFLD / NASH 2020, 2nd Edition).</p>
Honors and Awards	<p>Eastern Branch of JSH 2006. Liver Form East 2007. Liver Form in Kyoto 2007 and 2014. Foundation for Advancement of International Science, Hamanako Symposium 2008. MSD Award 2011. Viral Hepatitis Research Foundation of Japan 2014. Japan Digestive Disease Week 2016. American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases 2018. High Citation Award in Hepatology Research of JSH 2022. The Japanese Society of Gastroenterology (JSGE) Grant 2023-2025.</p> <p>PATENT Patent no 4794944; Methodology for evaluation of treatment efficacy with interferon plus ribavirin combination therapy for HCV-infected patients. Patent no 5960509; Detection method for the risk of hepatocellular carcinoma in HCV-infected patients.</p> <p>DISSERTATION ACHIEVEMENTS Impact factor 1,213 (First author 273), H-index 46.</p>



Dr. Yasuhiro Asahina

Professor Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
 Department of Liver Disease Control,
 Tokyo Medical and Dental University

Areas of Interest

Viral hepatitis, hepatocellular carcinoma, molecular biology,
 stem cell technology

Educational and
 Career Experiences

1988 Graduated from School of Medicine, Shiga University of Medical Science (SUMS)
 1989–1996 Residency and fellowship at Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU)
 1996–1999 Research fellowship at University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC), USA
 1999–2009 Associate director at Musashino Red Cross Hospital (MRCH)
 2009–2012 Director at Musashino Red Cross Hospital (MRCH)
 2012– Professor, Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU)

Honors and Awards

Research award from:

2000 JSH
 2001 MRCH
 2004 JSH
 2005 JSH
 2006 Miyakawa Memorial Research Foundation
 2008 SUMS
 2009 Liver Forum in Kyoto
 2009 JSGE



Dr. Masanori Atsukawa

Associate Professor Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Nippon Medical School Hospital
Japan

Areas of Interest

Viral liver disease
Cirrhosis
Portal hypertension

Educational and
Career Experiences

1998 Graduated from Nippon Medical School
1998 The Third Department of Internal Medicine, Nippon Medical School
2002 Department of Gastroenterology, Nippon Medical School
2015 Lecturer, Department of Gastroenterology, Nippon Medical School, Chiba Hokusou Hospital
2016 Lecturer, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Nippon Medical School Hospital
2018 Associate Professor, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Nippon Medical School Hospital

Honors and Awards

The Japan Society of Hepatology Research Encouragement Award (2015)
Nippon Medical School HIF Award (Research Publication Achievement Award) (2020)
High Citation Award, Japan Society of Hepatology (2021)
Tajiri Award, Japanese Society of Portal Hypertension (2021)



Dr. Oidov Baatarkhuu

Professor, Infectious Diseases Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences,
Mongolia

Areas of Interest

Viral hepatitis, HCC, Chronic liver disease

Educational and
Career Experiences

- PhD-2006
- Sc. D-2023
- Fellowship in Hepatology at the Department of Internal Medicine, Severance Hospital, Yonsei University College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea between 2007-2008.
- Clinical Research Fellowship in Hepatology at the Department of Internal Medicine III, AKH Hospital, and University of Vienna, Austria between 2012-2013.
- Clinical Research Fellow in Hepatology at the Storr Liver Center, Westmead Millennium Institute for Medical Research, University of Sydney, Australia. 2014.
- Visiting Professor at the Victorian Infectious Diseases Laboratory, Melbourne, Australia in 2014.
- Visiting Professor at the Department of Internal Medicine, Yonsei University College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea in 2018
- Visiting Professor at the Department of Internal Medicine, Cumming School of Medicine, Calgary University, Canada in 2019.
- Past an Executive Council Member of APASL
- Member of CEVHAP
- President of the Mongolian Association for the Study of the Liver Diseases between 2012-2018
- Chairman of the Scientific Committee for the APASL-STC 2012 in Mongolia
- President for the APASL-STC 2017 in Mongolia.
- Honorary President, MASLD since 2018

Honors and Awards

- Best Poster Award, Falk Symposium XII, Freiburg, 2003 Germany
- APASL-AASLD Award, Seoul, Korea, 2008
- Best Poster Award- The 7th APASL STC, Chiba, Japan, 2010
- Best Poster Award -The 9th APASL STC Jeju, Korea, 2011
- Best Presentation Award- The 18th Annual Meeting of the KASL, Seoul, Korea, 2012
- Best Presentation Award- The 14th International Symposium Viral Hepatitis and Liver Disease, Shanghai, China, 2012
- Best Presentation Award- The 19th Annual Meeting of the KASL Seoul, Korea, 2013
- Best Presentation Award- The 24th Annual Meeting of the KASL, Seoul, Korea, 2018
- Academician P.Nymadawa -Gold Medal, Science of Academy, Mongolia, 2023



Dr. Stephen Lam Chan

Department of Clinical Oncology,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong,
Hong Kong SAR, China

Areas of Interest

Clinical research on hepatobiliary-pancreatic and neuroendocrine cancers.

Educational and Career Experiences

- MBBS (HKU) (2000)
- MRCP (UK) (2003)
- FHKCP (2007)
- FHKAM (Medicine) (2007)
- FRCP (Edin) (2014)
- FRCP (Lond) (2016)
- MD (CUHK) (2018)

Position:

11/2021 – Present	Ip’s Family Trust Professor of Clinical Oncology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
10/2021 – Present	Assistant Dean (Health Systems), Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
08/2021 – Present	Professor (Clinical), Department of Clinical Oncology, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
03/2014 – 07/2021	Associate (Clinical) Professor, Department of Clinical Oncology, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
03/2008 – 02/2014	Assistant (Clinical) Professor, Department of Clinical Oncology, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
07/2007 – 03/2008	Specialist, Department of Clinical Oncology, Prince of Wales Hospital
07/2001 – 06/2007	Resident, Department Clinical Oncology, Prince of Wales Hospital



Dr. A.Kadir Dokmeci

Emeritus Professor, Ankara University School of Medicine,

Department of Gastroenterology

Consultant Hepatologist, Liver Transplantation Center, Bahçeşehir University

Turkey

Areas of Interest

Liver Cirrhosis, Viral Hepatitis, ACLF, Portal Hypertension,

Liver Transplantation, HCC, Steatohepatitis, ERCP

Educational and

1971 MD Ankara University School of Medicine (AUSM)

Career Experiences

1978 Specialty of Gastroenterology AUSM

1979-1981 Study in Chiba University

1988 Professor in Gastroenterology AUSM

1988-1989 Research in Chiba University

1993-2000 Chairman, Department of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology
AUSM

2002-2003 Visiting Professor in California University, Irvine

2015 President of APASL and main APASL congress.

2015- Consultant Hepatologist Liver Transplantation center AUSM and
Bahçeşehir University

Honors and Awards

1999.- Inohana Award from Chiba University

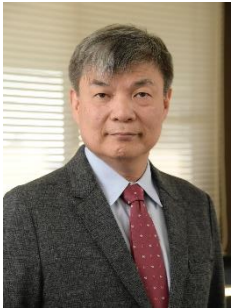
2019- 2nd APASL Powell-Sarin Life Achievement Award



Dr. Naoto Fujiwara

Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
 Graduate School of Medicine,
 Mie University,
 Japan

Areas of Interest	Liver cancer Cirrhosis Multi-omics analysis Personalized medicine
Educational and Career Experiences	2001 – 2007: The University of Tokyo. MD 2007 – 2009: Resident at Mitsui Memorial Hospital, The University of Tokyo Hospital, and Kanto Central Hospital 2011 – 2015: Department of Gastroenterology, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Japan. PhD 2016 – 2018: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY, USA 2018 – 2022: University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX 2022 – present: Mie University, Assistant professor.
Honors and Awards	2016: Otsuka Award, Japan Society of Hepatology 2016: Postdoctoral fellowship award, Uehara Memorial Foundation 2021: Early Career Investigator Award in Clinical/Translational Science, AASLD



Dr. Takumi Fukumoto

Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine
Japan

Areas of Interest

Department of Surgery, Division of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery

Educational and
Career Experiences

1987: M.D., Faculty of Medicine, Shiga University of Medical Science
1987-88: Residency, Kobe University Hospital
1988-89: Residency, Kobe Kaigan Hospital
1989-90: Residency, Kobe Kasai Hospital
1990-91: Residency, Kobe Rosai Hospital
1991-92: Fellow, Kobe University Hospital
1992-94: PhD student, Kobe University
1994-1996: Postdoctoral Research Fellow- Humboldt University (Germany)
1996: Ph. D., Kobe University School of Medicine
1996-99: Staff, Osaka Saiseikai Nakatsu Hospital
1999-2005: Staff, Kobe University Hospital
2005-2017: Assistant professor- Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine
2017 : Professor- Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine



Dr. Junji Furuse

President, Kanagawa Cancer Center

Japan

Areas of Interest

Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology, especially hepatobiliary and pancreatic cancer

Educational and Career Experiences

Education

March 1984, graduated from Chiba University School of Medicine

July 1992, obtain Ph.D. in Chiba University

Occupation

May 1984 Licensed as a Medical Doctor (No. 281218)

May 1984-June 1992, the First Department of Internal Medicine, Chiba University Hospital

July 1992- February 2008, Division of Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Medical Oncology, National Cancer Center Hospital East

March 2008-March 2022, Professor, Department of Medical Oncology, Kyorin University Faculty of Medicine

April 2022- President, Kanagawa Cancer Center

Activities

ASCO, ESMO: active member



Dr. Rino Gani

Head Division of Hepatobiliary Department of Internal Medicine,
Medical Faculty Universitas Indonesia

Areas of Interest

hepatitis virus, liver cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma

Educational and
Career Experiences

M.D 1987, Ph.D 2010 in Universitas Indonesia

Associate Professor 2012 Universitas Indonesia

Consultant of Gastroenterology Hepatology Universitas Indonesia 2000

APASL member since 1996

Executive Council of APASL 2009-2013

President Elect APASL 2018

Expert Committee Leader on Hepatitis Ministry of Health Republic of Indonesia

Honors and Awards

Young Investigator Award APCGE 1996

Best Poster Award APASL 2005

Best Poster Award APASL 2008



Dr. Kiyoshi Hasegawa

Professor and Chairman in Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery Division,
 Artificial Organ and Transplantation Division, Department of Surgery, Graduate School of
 Medicine and the University Hospital, The University of Tokyo
 Japan

Areas of Interest

Hepato-biliary-pancreatic surgery
 Liver transplantation

Educational and
 Career Experiences

Education:

1993: M.D., University of Tokyo Medical School, Tokyo, Japan
 2003: Ph.D., University of Tokyo Graduate School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

Career Experiences:

2019-present: Professor and Chairman in Artificial Organ and Transplantation Division,
 Department of Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine and the University Hospital, The
 University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
 2017-present: Professor and Chairman in Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery Division,
 Department of Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine and the University Hospital, The
 University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
 2009-2017: Associate Professor in Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery Division,
 Department of Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine and the University Hospital, The
 University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
 2008-2009: Lecturer in Artificial Organ and Transplantation Division, Department of
 Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine and the University Hospital, The University of
 Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
 2003-2007: Assistant Professor in Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery Division,
 Department of Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine and the University Hospital, The
 University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
 1999-2000: Active Staff & Surgeon, Kanto Medical Center NTT EC, Tokyo, Japan
 1994-1996: Active Staff & Surgeon, Fujieda Municipal Hospital, Fujieda, Shizuoka,
 Japan

Honors and Awards

Young Investigator Award, 17th Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver
 (APASL), 2007



Dr. Etsuro Hatano

Professor Division of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery and Transplantation, Department of Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University, Deputy Director, Kyoto University Hospital
 Director, Institute for Advanced Medical Research and Development (iACT), Kyoto University Hospital
 Japan

Areas of Interest

Multidisciplinary treatment for hepatobiliary cancer
 Minimally invasive surgery
 Transplant oncology

Educational and

EDUCATION

Career Experiences

1994 - 1997, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University
 1983 - 1989, Faculty of Medicine, Kyoto University

EMPLOYMENT

2021 Division of Hepatobiliary Pancreatic Surgery and Transplantation, Department of Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University
 2019 Division of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery, Department of Gastroenterological Surgery, Hyogo College of Medicine
 2016 Division of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery, Department of Surgery, Hyogo College of Medicine
 2006 Division of Hepatobiliary Pancreatic Surgery and Transplantation, Department of Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University
 2000 Department of Gastroenterological Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University
 1998 Research Associate, Department of Medicine and Department of Biochemistry & Biophysics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 1990 Clinical Fellow, Wakayama Red Cross Hospital
 1989 Resident, Kyoto University Hospital

Honors and Awards

Japanese Society of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery Outstanding Original Article Award and Takada Award in 2015
 Japanese Society of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery Presidential Award in 2015 etc.



Dr. Yoichi Hiasa

Professor, Department of Gastroenterology and Metabology,
Ehime University Graduate School of Medicine,
Vice Director of Ehime University Hospital and Graduate School of Medicine,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Hepatocellular carcinoma
Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis
Viral hepatitis, Abdominal ultrasonography
Vaccine therapy

**Educational and
Career Experiences**

1990 Graduate Ehime University School of Med.
1999 Instructor, Ehime University.
2000 Research Fellow of Gastrointestinal Unit, Massachusetts General Hospital, USA.
2002 Assistant Professor, Ehime University.
2007 Lecturer, Ehime University Hospital.
2010 Associate Professor, Ehime University.
2013 to present, Professor, Ehime University.
2015 to present, Vice Director of Ehime University Hospital.
2023 to present, Vice Director of Ehime University Graduate School of Medicine.
2017 to present, Member of FAASLD and AGAF.

Honors and Awards

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Award from American Liver Foundation, Award from Japanese Society of Hepatology, Award from Liver Forum in Kyoto, Distinguished award of publication from Ehime University, Award from Ehime Medical Society, Best Teacher for Graduate School Students



Dr. Hayato Hikita

Associate Professor, Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Osaka University,
Graduate School of Medicine
Japan

Areas of Interest

Liver carcinogenesis
Liver cancer
Liver fibrosis
Hepatitis

Educational and
Career Experiences

2011.3 B.S. in Medicine,
Osaka University School of Medicine
2020.3 Ph.D. in Medical Science,
Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine
2012.4 Assistant professor
Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine,
2022.8 Associate professor
Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine

Honors and Awards

2011.3 Taisyo-Toyama Award (The Japan Society of Hepatology)
2011.10 Bristol-Myers Award (The Japan Society of Hepatology)
2022.9 APASL Oncology 2022 Presidential Award



Dr. Atsushi Hiraoka
 Manager, Gastroenterology center,
 Ehime Prefectural Central Hospital
 Japan

Areas of Interest Hepatocellular carcinoma
 Systemic chemotherapy
 Ablation treatment

Educational and
 Career Experiences

Education

1998: MD, Kagoshima University, Japan
 2005: PhD, Ehime University, Japan
 Job
 1998: Third department of Internal Medicine, Ehime Univ., Japan
 1999 to 2002: Internal medicine, Saiseikai Imabari Hospital, Japan
 2002 to 2005: Department of Gastroenterology and Metabology, Ehime Univ., Japan
 2005 to present: Gastroenterology center, Ehime Prefectural Central Hospital, Japan

License

1998: Full Medical License, Japan

Honors and Awards

2006: A research encouragement award of the Japan Society of Gastroenterology
 2014: A research encouragement award of the Japan Society of Hepatology
 2017: 16th Otsuka Award (the Japan Society of Hepatology)
 2018: 8th Okita Award (the Japan Association of Molecular Targeted Therapy for HCC)
 2021: 29th Ehime Medical Association Award (the Medical Association of Ehime Prefecture)
 2022: Hepatology Research citation award



Dr. Yosuke Hirotsu

Manager, Chief Researcher,
Genome Analysis Center, Yamanashi Central Hospital
Japan

Areas of Interest

Cancer Genomics, Oncology

Educational and
Career Experiences

Dr. Yosuke Hirotsu is currently the Chief Researcher at Yamanashi Central Hospital in Japan. He earned his PhD in Medicine from Tohoku University, Japan, in 2013. Dr. Hirotsu specializes in genetic analysis, utilizing advanced techniques in molecular biology and next-generation sequencing (NGS). His expertise is applied in both clinical and research settings. His primary research interests include cancer, hereditary cancer syndromes, and the diagnosis.

Honors and Awards

- Roche Infectious Disease Award 2022
- The 34th Japan Society for Digestive Diseases Scholarship (2021)
- Young Investigator Award of Japanese Society of Gastroenterology (JDDW 2020)



Dr. Yujin Hoshida

Internal Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern,
USA

Areas of Interest

Liver cancer, Liver cirrhosis, Molecular classification, Precision medicine, Prognostic prediction

Educational and
Career Experiences

Originally from Japan, Dr. Hoshida received his medical degree from the University of Tsukuba and completed internal medicine residency training and a fellowship in clinical gastroenterology and hepatology, diagnostic pathology, diagnostic and interventional radiology, and biostatistics at the University of Tokyo and Toranomon Hospital. He then earned his doctoral degree in medical sciences from the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Medicine. After postdoctoral training in cancer genomics and systems biology at the University of Tokyo's Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology and at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard University, he was recruited to join the faculty of the Tisch Cancer Institute of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and later came to UT Southwestern to direct the Liver Tumor Translational Research Program.

Dr. Hoshida has expertise in molecular classification, prognostic prediction, molecular targeted therapies, and chemoprevention in liver cirrhosis and cancer. He has been leading several international translational liver cirrhosis/cancer genomics projects, including Precision Liver Cancer Prevention Consortium, utilizing high-throughput omics technologies and integrative clinical and cross-species systems biology analysis over the past decade. The current focuses of his team include liver cancer risk-predictive molecular biomarkers specific to clinical contexts (e.g., geographic region, liver disease etiology, and patient race/ethnicity), individual risk-stratified personalized cancer screening based on cost-effectiveness, chemoprevention target discovery, radiogenomics, molecular subtype-guided liver cancer therapies, and informatics methodology and software by utilizing patient-derived tissues/cells, liquid biopsy of circulating biomolecules, single-cell omics, molecular digital spatial tissue profiling, clinical diagnostic platforms, nanomedicine technologies, and high-power computation. Dr. Hoshida is an active member of several professional organizations, including the American Association for Cancer Research, the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, the American Gastroenterological Association, and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Honors and Awards

Fellow, American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (2022)
Fellow, American Gastroenterological Association (2021)
CPRIT Scholar in Cancer Research, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (2018)
Elected Member, American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI) (2018)
Career Scientist Award, Irma T. Hirsch Trust (2015-2018)
Dr. Harold and Golden Lamport Research Award, Columbia University (2015)
Research Fellowship, Charles A. King Trust (2007-2009)
Research Resident, Viral Hepatitis Research Foundation (2003-2004)



Dr. Yi-Hsiang Huang

National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University

Director, Healthcare and Services Center, Taipei Veterans General Hospital

Taiwan

Areas of Interest

Immunology of viral hepatitis B and HCC

HCC immunotherapy

Educational and
Career Experiences

*Postdoctoral Fellow, Vaccine Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Health. Bethesda, MD, USA (2016-2017)

*Ph.D., Institute of Clinical Medicine, National Yang Ming University. Taipei, Taiwan (2004)

*M.D., School of Medicine, National Yang Ming University. Taipei, Taiwan (1991)

*President (2023/8-2027/8), Taiwan Liver Cancer Association (TLCA)

*Council member (2023/7~), Asia-Pacific Primary Liver Cancer Expert (APPLE) Association

*Executive committee member (sine 2023/9), Taiwan Association for the Study of the Liver (TASL)

*Chairman, 2025, APASL STC oncoloty, Sep. 5-7, 2025, Taipei, Taiwan

*Chairman, 2023 Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan (GEST) annual meeting, Mar. 25-26, Taipei, Taiwan

Honors and Awards

Academic Award of Prof. JL Sung's Research Foundation

The 20th National Innovation Award (Academic Research Category)

The 24th National Healthcare Quality Award



Dr. Yuji Iimuro

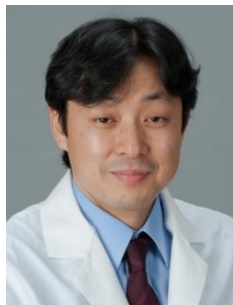
Assistant Director, Department of Surgery,
Division of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery
Yamanashi Central Hospital
Japan

Areas of Interest

Hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery
Liver Cancer, Genetic analysis, Liver regeneration
Liver fibrosis

Educational and
Career Experiences

1986 M.D. Yamanashi Medical College, Japan
1990 Ph.D. Yamanashi Medical College, Japan
1994 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Dept. of Pharmacology, Dept. of Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1999 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Gastroenterological Surgery, Kyoto University College of Medicine
2001 Associate Professor, First Department of Surgery, Hyogo College of Medicine, Japan
2011 Professor, Dept. of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery, Hyogo College of Medicine, Japan
2017 Director of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery
Yamanashi Central Hospital
2021 Director of Medical Affairs
2023 Present



Dr. Masafumi Ikeda

Chief, Department of Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Oncology,
National Cancer Center Hospital East,
Japan

Areas of Interest	Medical oncology, especially hepatobiliary & pancreatic cancer and neuroendocrine neoplasms
Educational and Career Experiences	Third department of Internal Medicine, Kumamoto University School of Medicine, Trainee, 1994-1995. Internal Medicine, National Cancer Center Hospital, Resident, 1996-1999. Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Oncology division, National Cancer Center Hospital, Chief resident, 1999-2001. Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Oncology division, National Cancer Center Hospital, Medical staff, 2002-2008. Department of Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Oncology, National Cancer Center Hospital East, Section head, 2008- Department of Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Oncology, National Cancer Center Hospital East, Chief, 2011-
Honors and Awards	Excellent paper award of Journal of Gastroenterology 2006 National Cancer Center Alumni Award 2003



Dr. Shinji Itoh

Department of Surgery and Science,
Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kyushu University,
Japan

Areas of Interest	Hepatocellular carcinoma Surgery Systemic therapy Tumor microenvironment
Educational and Career Experiences	M.D. Faculty of Medicine, Saga Medical School (2000) Assistant Professor, Kyushu University (2014-2021) Senior Lecture, Kyushu University (2021-2023) Associated Professor, Kyushu University (2023-Present)
Honors and Awards	Research Encouragement Award of The Japan Surgical Society (2012) Japan Exchange Fellow for American College of Surgeon (2013) Fellowship of ASCO/JSCO (2017) Research Encouragement Award of The Japan Society of Hepatology (2018) Medical Research Encouragement Prize of The Japan Medical Association (2019) The 18th OTSUKA Award (2019) IICO Best Reviewer Award (2022, 2023)



Dr. Yoshito Itoh

Professor Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Steatotic Liver Disease
Organ Correlation
Viral Hepatitis
Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Educational and
Career Experiences

1985 Graduate from Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine (M.D)
1992 Ph.D in Medicine, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine
2013 Professor, Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine

Honors and Awards

1993 Viral Hepatitis Research Foundation of Japan Scholarship
1995 Japan Society of Hepatology Scholarship



Dr. Amarsanaa Jazag

Founder, Head Investigator of “Mongolian Genome Project”,
 Chairman, Board of Directors of Otoch-Manramba Medical University,
 Happy Veritas Hospital Advisor,
 Mongolia

Areas of Interest

Viral hepatitis, cirrhosis, hepatocellular carcinoma
 Oncology, Virology, Alternative medicine, RNA interference, Molecular biology,
 biotechnology, Gene therapy, Genetic factor and liver disease, Health Policy

Educational and Career Experiences

Sep/1996-June/1997 M.S. Candidate (Transferred before graduation) National School of Medicine
 May/1998-Mar/2000 Clinical Research Fellow, Department of Gastroenterology, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo
 Apr/2000-Mar/2002 Master degree of Science (Master. of Medical Science), Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo
 Thesis: Role of Chemokine Receptors in Gastrointestinal cancers Advisor: Masao Omata, M.D.
 Apr/2002-Mar/2006 Ph.D. in Medicine, Major: Gastroenterology. Minor: Molecular Oncology of GI tract. Department of Gastroenterology, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo
 Ph.D. dissertation: Smad4 silencing in pancreatic cancer cell lines using stable RNA interference and gene expression profiles induced by transforming growth factor-beta. Advisor: Masao Omata, M.D.
 April/2006-2008 Post-Doctoral fellow, Department of Surgery, Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women’s Hospital Boston MA, USA
 May/2008 Investigator, National Academy of Medicine of Mongolia (Early detection of cancer project)
 2002-now President, Garvaa Foundation
 2008-2009 Lecturer, at Otoch-Manramba School of Medicine
 2009-2012 President, Mongolian Association of Study of Liver Disease (MASLD) Advisor, at Asian-Pacific Association for the Study of Liver (APASL)
 President-elect for 2nd HCV APASL Single Topic Conference, 2012
 2008- 2012 CEO, “Happy Veritas” Clinical Diagnostics Laboratory
 2008- 2012 CEO, “Interferon Alpha” Liver hospital
 2012-2014 Vice Minister of Health, Ministry of Health
 2012- 2016 Ulaanbaatar City Councilor, Chairman of health and food safety committee
 2017-2019 Advisor adjunct on Health related issues of the President of Mongolia
 2018-2022 Chairman of Health policy committee, Democratic Party of Mongolia
 2017-now Founder, Head investigator of “Mongolian Genome Project “
 2012-now Chairman, board of directors of Otoch-Manramba Medical University
 2016-now Happy Veritas Hospital advisor

Honors and Awards

1998 Japanese government scholarship (7 years)
 2005 Honjo International Scholarship Foundation
 2005 Mongolian Academy of Science Award for the Best Scientific Work
 2007 Research Grant from National Pancreas Foundation
 2007 AACR Molecular Biology in Clinical Oncology training workshop(1 week)



Dr. Tatsuo Kanda

Uonuma Hospital, Director of the Department of Gastroenterology,
 Niigata University Medical Center, Regional Medical Education Professor,
 Department of Gastroenterology,
 Japan

Areas of Interest	Hepatitis A and E viruses, Acute liver failure, Drug-induced liver injury, Immune-mediated adverse events, etc.
Educational and Career Experiences	<p>2020.04 - Current: Present Chief of AMED HAV and HEV Study Group</p> <p>2017.08 - Current: Professor, Associate, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Nihon University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan</p> <p>2008.12-2017.07: Professor, Associate, Dept. Medicine and Clinical Oncology, Chiba University, Graduate School of Medicine, Chiba, Japan</p> <p>2005-2008: Faculty, Department of Pathology (Profs. Ray's Lab), Saint Louis University, MO, USA</p> <p>1999: Ph.D. (Dr. of Medical Science), Graduate School of Medicine, Chiba University, Japan</p> <p>1991: M.D., cum laud, Niigata University School of Medicine, Japan</p>
Honors and Awards	<p>2006: American Society for Virology 2006 Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Award</p> <p>2004: 14th Conference of Asian Pacific Association for the Study of Liver, Young Investigator Award, etc.</p>



Dr. Tatsuya Kanto

Director General, The Research Center for Hepatitis and Immunology,
National Center for Global Health and Medicine,
Japan

Areas of Interest

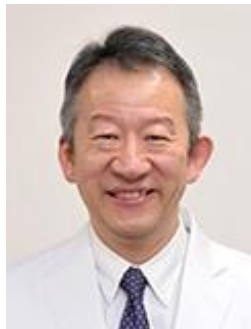
Viral Hepatitis, Liver fibrosis, Liver cancer, Immunology

Educational and
Career Experiences

1992~1998: First Department of Medicine, Osaka University Graduate
1998~2001: Research Associate, Department of Surgery, Pittsburgh University,
Pittsburgh PA, USA
2001~2003: Assistant Professor in the Department of Molecular Therapeutics, Osaka
University Graduate School of Medicine
2003~2013: Associate Professor in the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
2013~2015: Chief, The Research Center for Hepatitis and Immunology, National Center
for Global Health and Medicine
2015~2016: Director, Department of Liver Diseases, The Research Center for Hepatitis
and Immunology, National Center for Global Health and Medicine
2016~: Director General, The Research Center for Hepatitis and Immunology, National
Center for Global Health and Medicine

Honors and Awards

2005: Research Promoting Award in Virus Hepatitis Research Foundation of Japan
1994: Research Award in the Japan Society of Hepatology
1993: Research Award in the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine



Dr. Naoya Kato

Professor, Department of Gastroenterology,
Graduate School of Medicine, Chiba University,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Viral hepatitis, Hepatocellular carcinoma
Autoimmune liver diseases: PBC, AIH, PSC

Educational and
Career Experiences

1989-1992: Research Fellow at 1st Dept of Intern Med, Chiba Univ Sch Med
1992-1993: Research Fellow at Virology Div, Natl Cancer Ctr Res Inst
1993-1998: Research Fellow at Dept Gastroenterology, Fac Med, Univ Tokyo
1999-2008: Research Assoc at Dept Gastroenterology, Grad Sch Med, Univ Tokyo
2008-2008: Project Lecturer at Dept Gastroenterology, Grad Sch Med, Univ Tokyo
2008-2013: Project Assoc Prof & Director at Unit of Disease Ctrl Genome Med, Inst Med Sci, Univ Tokyo
2013-2017: Assoc Prof and Director at Div Advanced Genome Med, Inst Med Sci, Univ Tokyo
2017-: Prof & Chair at Dept Gastroenterology, Grad Sch Med, Chiba Univ

Honors and Awards

- Research Award from Viral Hepatitis Research Foundation of Japan
- Research Award from The Institute for Adult Diseases, Asahi Life Foundation
- Crown Award from Japan Society of Hepatology
- Academic Award from Inohana Alumni Association
- Research Award from Foundation for Advancement of International Science Forum



Dr. Norifumi Kawada

Professor of Medicine,
Chairman, Department of Hepatology,
Graduate School of Medicine,
Osaka Metropolitan University,
Japan

Areas of Interest	Liver fibrosis, Hepatic stellate cells, Hepatic sinusoid, Cancer microenvironment
Educational and Career Experiences	1986 Graduate from Osaka City University Medical School 1991 Visiting Scientist, Institute of Biochemistry, Freiburg University (Germany) 1993 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Osaka City University Hospital 1994 Research Associate, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka City University 2003 Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka City University 2006 Associate Professor, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka City University 2007 Full Professor, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka City University 2015 Visiting Professor, Institute of Liver and Digestive Health, University College London (UCL, UK)
Honors and Awards	- Osaka City Medical Award, 1991. - Uehara Memorial Foundation, Grant for Training in Foreign Institutions, 1992 - Japan Hepatology Research Award, 1994. - Kanoe Foundation, Grant for Research, 1998 - Uehara Memorial Foundation, Grant for Research, 1998 - Karl von Kuppfer Prize, 2002 - Ono Foundation, Grant for Research, 2002 - Osaka City University, Special Grant for Research, 2004 - Bio-Business Award, 2012 - Osaka City University, Gakuyu-kai Award, 2012



Dr. Takumi Kawaguchi

Associate Professor, Division of Gastroenterology,
Kurume University School of Medicine,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Metabolic liver disease
Metabolic re-programing of liver cancer

Educational and
Career Experiences

1995: Kurume Univ. Sch. of Med. (MD)
1999: Kurume Univ. Graduate Sch. of Med. (PhD)
2000: Research fellow, Univ. of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center, USA
2002: Assistant, Div. of Gastroenterology, Dept. of Med., Kurume Univ. Sch. of Med.
2007: Assistant Prof., Div. of Gastroenterology, Dept. of Med., Kurume Univ. Sch. of Med.
2020: Associate Prof., Div. of Gastroenterology, Dept. of Med., Kurume Univ. Sch. of Med.

Honors and Awards

JSH Hepatology Research Award
Urso Award
Ajinomoto Award



Dr. Takahiro Kodama

Assistant Professor, Department Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine,
Japan

Areas of Interest

HCC
Immunotherapy
Pharmacotherapy
ICC

Educational and
Career Experiences

2002 M.D. degree from Osaka University
2011 Ph.D. degree from Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine.
2011-2012 Postdoctoral Fellow at Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in
Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine
2012-2016 Postdoctoral Associate of Cancer Biology Program at The Methodist
Hospital Research Institute
2016- current position

Honors and Awards

2022 12th Okita award in the Japan Association of Molecular Targeted Therapy for
HCC
2019 Early Career Investigator Award in Basic Science in The Liver Meeting (AASLD)
2016 Young Investigator's Award of Excellence in JSH Single Topic Conference
2016 AACR Scholar-in-Training Award in 10th AACR-JCA joint conference
2012 Taisho Toyama Award in West Liver Forum
2011 CHUGAI Award in The Japanese Society of Hepatology (JSH)



Dr. Shohei Komatsu

Associate Professor, Department of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery,
Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Hepatocellular carcinoma
Hepatectomy
Systemic chemotherapy
Liver transplantation

Educational and
Career Experiences

Education

1996/04-2002/03 Doctor of Medicine Kobe University School of Medicine
2006/04-2011/03 Doctor of Philothophy, Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine

Work Experience

2002/06-2003/05 Internship and Residency, Kobe University Hospital Department of Surgery I, Kobe, Japan
2003/06-2004/05 Internship and Residency, Hyogo-Seijinbyou Hospital Surgery Surgical Service, Hyogo, Japan
2004/06-2005/05 Residency, Kobe Medical Center, Surgical Service,
2005/06-2006/3 Residency, Yodogawa Christian Hospital, Surgical Service
2006/4-2010/3 Attending Physician, Department of Surgery, Division of Hepato-Billiary-Pancreatic Surgery, Kobe University Hospital
2010/4-2011/3 Attending Physician, West-Kobe Medical Center, Surgical Service
2011/4-2012/6 Attending Physician, Yodogawa Christian Hospital, Surgical Service
2012/7-2013/9 Attending Physician, Department of Surgery, Division of Hepato-Billiary-Pancreatic Surgery, Kobe University Hospital
2013/10-2014/10 Clinical fellow, Hopital Saint Antoine, Paris, France
2014/11-2015/3 Clinical fellow, Hopital Pitie, Paris, France
2015/4-2016/3 Attending Physician, Yodogawa Christian Hospital, Surgical Service
2016/4- Assisstant Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Hepato-Billiary-Pancreatic Surgery, Kobe University Hospital
2023/4- Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Hepato-Billiary-Pancreatic Surgery, Kobe University Hospital

Honors and Awards

2018 Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKEN)
2021 Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKEN)
2024 The 79th General Meeting of the Japanese Society of Gastroenterological Surgery
AGSurg Forum 2024



Dr. Mina Komuta

Professor Department of Pathology, International of Health and Welfare,
School of Medicine, Narita Hospital,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Liver neoplasms, Tumour heterogeneity, Non-tumour liver pathology, Drug-induced liver injury, Autoimmune hepatitis, Steatohepatitis, transplant pathology

Educational and
Career Experiences

I am an accomplished pathologist specializing in hepatobiliary pathology and liver transplantation, with expertise in both adult and paediatric cases. My research is centred on tumour heterogeneity and the characterization of liver damage across various aetiologies.

In my daily practice, I draw on my background as a former hepatologist and gastroenterologist to make pathological diagnoses that help clinicians develop optimal treatment plans and predict patient outcomes.

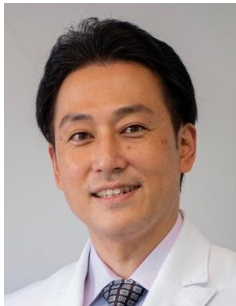
After completing my education and training in Japan, I spent 12 years in Belgium as a researcher and pathologist, contributing to various EU and international projects. The extensive European networks I developed and the broad perspective I gained are invaluable to my current practice, teaching, and research in Japan.

Honors and Awards

M.D. (Japan, Belgium)

Pathologist qualification (Japan, Belgium)

2013 BEST CLINICAL PAPER IN HEPATOLOGY, 18th Belgian Association for the Study of the liver



Dr. Yasuteru Kondo

Department of Hepatology, Sendai Tokushukai Hospital,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Viral Hepatitis
Liver Immunology

Educational and
Career Experiences

1994/3-2000/3 The School of medicine, Tohoku University
2000/4-2002/3 Internal medicine, Furukawa City Hospital
2005/4-2007/3 Molecular biology and immunology, USC
2007/4-2007/6 Department of Gastroenterology, Iwai Hospital
2007/7-2015/12 Department of Gastroenterology, Tohoku University
2016/ 1 -2023/5 Chief Director, Department of Hepatology, Sendai Kousei Hospital
2023/6-Present Vice President of Hospital, Department of Hepatology, Sendai Tokushukai Hospital

Honors and Awards

1. 2005 Uehara Research Fellow, Uehara Memorial Foundation
2. 2009 APASL 2009 Young Investigator Award
3. 2010 The Japan society of Hepatology, Bristol Myers Award
4. 2012 The Japan society of Hepatology, Research Award
5. 2012 10thSTC-JSH 2012 Young-Investigator Award
6. 2012 Research Award A, Tohoku Medical Society
7. 2013 Uehara Research Award, Uehara Memorial Foundation
8. 2015 Good doctor of clinical trial, Tohoku University
9. 2016 APASL2016 Young Investigator Award



Dr. Masatoshi Kudo

Professor and Chairman, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Kindai University Faculty of Medicine,
Japan

Areas of Interest	Hepatocellular Carcinoma, Imaging, Ablation, TACE, Systemic therapy
Educational and Career Experiences	1978 Graduated from Kyoto University 1978 Kyoto University Hospital 1979 Kobe City General Hospital 1987 University of California, Davis Medical Center 1997 Kindai University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Honors and Awards	2011 Japan Society Hepatology (JSH) official journal Highest Citation Award 2018 Japan Society Hepatology Distinguished Scholar Award (Oda Award) 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 Highly Cited Researchers 2019-2023 Award in Clinical Medicine field presented by Clarivate Analytics 2022 Distinguished Research Achievement Award (Japanese Society of Gastroenterology) 2023 Japan Society Hepatology "Hepatology Research Citation Award"



Dr. Masayuki Kurosaki

Director of Musashino Red Cross Hospital,
Affiliate Professor of Tokyo Medical and Dental University,
Affiliate Professor of Yamanashi University,
Affiliate Professor of Tokyo Medical University
Japan

Areas of Interest

Prevention and treatment of viral hepatitis, Management of cirrhosis, Diagnosis and treatment of HCC

Educational and Career Experiences

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

1987 M.D. in Medicine, 1995 Ph.D. in Medicine, Tokyo Medical and Dental University

CAREER EXPERIENCES:

2020-present : Editor in Chief, Hepatology Research

2024-present : Director, Musashino Red Cross Hospital

2023-present : Affiliate Professor of Tokyo Medical University 2014-present : Affiliate professor, Tokyo Medical and Dental University

2011-present: Affiliate Professor, Yamanashi University

2010-present: Director, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Musashino Red Cross Hospital

Honors and Awards

AWARDS

2000 Viral Hepatitis Research Foundation of Japan Award

2006 Hepatology Research Award of the JSH

2008 The Japan Society of Hepatology Research Award

2013 Hepatology Research High Citation Award of the JSH

GUIDELINE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Hepatitis Treatment Guideline (The Japan Society of Hepatology)

Clinical Practice Guideline for Liver Cirrhosis (Japanese Society of Gastroenterology)



Dr. Teiji Kuzuya

Professor, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Fujita Health University
Japan

Areas of Interest

Gastroenterology
Liver Cancer

Educational and
Career Experiences

Education:

1998, MD, Mie University School of Medicine, Tsu, Mie, Japan.
2008, PhD, Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Nagoya, Japan.

Career:

2011-2019 Assistant Professor, Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine
2020.1 Lecturer, Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine
2020.4 Associate Professor, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Fujita Health University
2023.2. Professor, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Fujita Health University

Honors and Awards

2010 Best Presentation Award at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Gastroenterology, 2010



Dr. George K.K. Lau

Chairman and Senior Consultant in Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
 Humanity and Health Medical Group, HKSAR,
 Chair Professor and Senior Consultant in Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
 Zhongshan Hospital, Fudan University
 China

Areas of Interest

Immunotherapy for liver diseases (hepatitis B, C and hepatocellular carcinoma)

Educational and Career Experiences

Professor George Lau graduated from The Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong in 1987. After graduation, he was recruited by Prof Sir David Todd to the University Department of Medicine at Queen Mary Hospital, The University of Hong Kong. In 1992, he was awarded Hong Kong-Stanford scholarship for his further training in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Stanford University, USA. In 1998, he was recommended by Professor Roger Williams to be further trained in translational Hepatology at the Institute of Hepatology, University College of London (supported by the Royal Society Award). In 2002, he was promoted to Senior Lecturer and Consultant in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong. In 2006, he was promoted to full Clinical Professor and assistant Dean, Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong. He was also well respected by his peer in academic Hepatology and was elected as 19th President of The Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL) in 2008. In 2009, he founded and become Chairman and Consultant in Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Humanity and Health Medical Group, Hong Kong. Concurrently, he was appointed as the Co-director and Chair Professor at Liver disease and Transplant Center, The Fifth Medical Center of Chinese PLA General Hospital, Beijing, China, and Chief Scientist of Lishui Municipal Central Hospital, Zhejiang Province, China. Prof. Lau's research interest is immunotherapy in liver diseases. Throughout his 3 decades of research, he has published over >300 original articles (including NEJM, Lancet, J Hepatol, Hepatology and Hepatology International) with a citation of 42,000+ and a H-index of 95. Notably, Dr Lau is the lead author for the phase 3 pegylated interferon for CHB in 2005 and HIMALAYA study for HCC in 2022.

Honors and Awards

Prof. Lau has received many awards and honors, including Ten Most Outstanding Young Persons 2002 (HKSAR), HKU Medical Faculty Outstanding Research Output Award, National Science and Technology Progress Award (State Science and Technology Prizes) - Technological advancement in Chronic hepatitis B infection management, Hong Kong SAR Chief Executive's Commendation for government service, and APASL Okuda-Omata Distinguished Award. Currently, he is the senior member of steering committee of APASL, chairman of APASL Viral Elimination Task Force, and Co-Chairman of APASL Oncology Guideline, Program Director of APASL Hepatology Webinar, Faculty Member of APASL School of Hepatology, Convenor of "Highlight of Hepatology International" Webinar, and executive governance board member of The Asian-Pacific Digestive Disease Federation (APDWF).



Dr. Tsutomu Masaki

Professor and Chairman in Department of Gastroenterology and Neurology,
Kagawa University School of Medicine

Areas of Interest

1. Diagnosis and Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma
2. Cell Cycle in Cancer Cell
3. Angiogenesis in Cancer
4. MicroRNA and Cancer
5. Molecular Biology

Educational and Career Experiences

4/1990-3/1994: Kagawa University Graduate School of Medicine (Doctor's Course)
 4/1984-3/1990: Kagawa Medical University School of Medicine, Medical student
 4/2008: Professor and Chairman in Department of Gastroenterology and Neurology, Kagawa University School of Medicine
 12/2005: Associate Professor in Department of Gastroenterology and Neurology, Kagawa Medical University School of Medicine
 12/1998-11/2005: Assistant Professor in Department of Gastroenterology and Neurology, Kagawa Medical University School of Medicine
 12/1996-11/1998: Research Assistant, under Dr. Masao Omata at the Department of Gastroenterology, faculty of Medicine
 4/1994-11/1996: Takamatsu National Hospital, majoring in Gastroenterology

Honors and Awards

6/2006: Liver Forum Award
 12/2005: Forth JSH Single Topic Conference. Gold Prize Award
 6/2004: Liver Forum Award
 3/2004: Alumni Association Award of Faculty of Medicine, Kagawa University
 6/1996: Japan Society Award of Hepatology



Dr. Hitoshi Mochizuki

Director of Genome Analysis Center,
Yamanashi Central Hospital
Japan

Areas of Interest

Gastroenterology
Genome Science
Data Science

Educational and
Career Experiences

1980 Graduated from Jichi Medical University
1980 Engaged in medical care in remote areas
1990 Department of Gastroenterology, Yamanashi Central Hospital
2013 Genome Analysis Center

Honors and Awards

Presidential Award: APASL 2024 Kyoto
Presidential Award: APASL Oncology 2023 Sendai
Presidential Award: APASL Oncology 2022 Takamatsu



Dr. Naoki Morimoto

Professor,
 Department of medicine, Division of Gastroenterology,
 Jichi Medical university,
 Japan

Areas of Interest	Translational and clinical research of Hepatocellular carcinoma
Educational and Career Experiences	<p>2013 - present Jichi Medical University, Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology</p> <p>2018 University College London, Royal Free Hospital, visiting professor.</p> <p>2005-2013 Shimotsuga General Hospital, Department of Gastroenterology, Department Director.</p> <p>2002-2005 Shizuoka Cancer Center, Department of Diagnostic Imaging, Physician-in- Chief.</p> <p>1999-2002 Shimotsuga General Hospital, Department of Gastroenterology, Physician-in-Chief.</p> <p>1995-1999 Chiba University Postgraduate School of Medicine – Chiba, Japan</p> <p>Ph.D. 1992-1995 Numazu City Hospital, Department of Gastroenterology.</p> <p>1991-1992 Chiba University Hospital, First Department of Medicine, Registrar.</p> <p>1985-1991 Chiba University School of Medicine – Chiba, Japan</p>



Dr. Kazumoto Murata

Professor
Division of Virology,
Department of Infection and Immunity,
Jichi Medical University School of Medicine,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Viral hepatitis
Hepatocellular carcinoma
Liver immunity

Educational and
Career Experiences

1988 M.D. Jichi Medical University School of Medicine
1999 Ph.D. Mie University School of Medicine
1999 Postdoctoral fellow, National Institutes of Health
2007 Associate Professor, Jichi Medical University
2010 Chief, National Center for Global Health and Medicine
2017 Professor, International University of Health and Welfare
2020 Professor, Jichi Medical University



Dr. Hayato Nakagawa

Professor, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Mie University,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Molecular mechanisms of hepatobiliary cancer

Educational and Career Experiences

Current and Past Positions

04/2000 Resident, Mitsui Memorial Hospital

06/2005 Medical Doctor, Department of Gastroenterology, The University of Tokyo Hospital

06/2011 Postdoctoral fellow, University of California, San Diego

04/2013 Assistant Professor, Department of Gastroenterology, The University of Tokyo Hospital

04/2019 Specially Appointed Lecturer, Department of Gastroenterology, The University of Tokyo Hospital

08/2021- Professor and Chairman, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Mie University

Education

2000 M.D. Mie University, School of Medicine

2009 Ph.D. The University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Medicine

Honors and Awards

International Awards

2012 AASLD, Fellow Research Award (Best Award in AASLD)

2014 ILCA, Junior Investigator Award

2016 APASL, Presidential Award

2017 JDDW, Rising Star Award



Dr. Nobuhiro Nakamoto

Associate Professor

Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,

Department of Internal Medicine,

Keio University School of Medicine,

Japan

Areas of Interest

Autoimmune liver diseases, Liver immunology, Microbiology

Educational and

EDUCATION and TRAINING

Career Experiences

2000-2004 Keio University, Graduate School of Medicine

(Gastroenterology and Hepatology), Tokyo, Japan, Ph.D. was acquired in March, 2004

1998-2000 Intern and Resident in Internal Medicine, Keio University Hospital,

Tokyo, Japan

1992-1998 Keio University, School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan, M.D. was acquired

in March, 1998

EMPLOYMENT

2010-Current Associate Professor, Keio University, School of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Department of Internal Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

2007-2009

Postdoctoral fellow in Division of Gastroenterology, University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine (under the supervision of Dr. Kyong-Mi Chang, MD)

2004-2006

Instructor, Keio University, School of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,

Department of Internal Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

Honors and Awards

The Japanese Society for Hepatology, Schering Plough joint Award (2009)

Young Investigator Award, Keio University School of Medicine Alumni Association (2013)

The Keio Medical Rising Star Award (2019)

Liver Forum Award (Taisho Toyama) (2019)

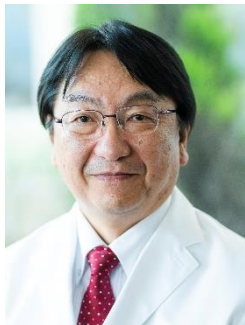
The Keio Medical Kitazato Award (2021)



Dr. Yasunari Nakamoto

Professor and Head,
 Second Department of Internal Medicine, Faculty of Medical Sciences,
 University of Fukui,
 Japan

Areas of Interest	Pathogenesis of viral hepatitis and hepatocellular carcinoma
Educational and Career Experiences	<p>1989 M.D., Kanazawa University School of Medicine, Japan</p> <p>1993 Ph.D. (Dr. of Medical Science), Kanazawa University, Japan</p> <p>1994 Research Associate, The Scripps Research Institute (Prof. Francis V. Chisari), U.S.A.</p> <p>1996 Assistant Professor, First Department of Internal Medicine, Kanazawa University School of Medicine, Japan</p> <p>1997 Research Advisor, Monbusho (the Japanese Government) Research Experience Fellowships for Young Foreign Researchers, Japan</p> <p>2011 Professor and Head, Second Department of Internal Medicine (Gastroenterology and Neurology), Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Fukui, Japan</p>
Honors and Awards	<p>2004 GlaxoSmithKline Award, The 8th General Meeting of Japan Society of Hepatology, DDW-Japan, Fukuoka, Japan</p> <p>1998 HANS POPPER PRIZE, International Association for the Study of the Liver (IASL) Biennial Scientific Meeting, Chicago, U.S.A.</p> <p>1996 American Liver Foundation (ALF) FELLOW RESEARCH PRIZE, the 47th American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) Annual Meeting, Chicago, U.S.A.</p> <p>1996 Young Investigator Award for the Research Workshop, the 47th AASLD Annual Meeting, Chicago, U.S.A.</p> <p>1995 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Uehara Memorial Foundation, Tokyo, Japan</p> <p>1992 Subsidy, the 1992 meeting on the molecular biology of hepatitis B virus, La Jolla, CA, U.S.A.</p>



Dr. Kazuhiko Nakao
Sasebo City General Medical Center,
Japan

Areas of Interest	Liver Cancer, Liver Cirrhosis, Viral Hepatitis
Educational and Career Experiences	M.D.1983 Nagasaki University School of Medicine, 1983~ Staff, First Department of Internal Medicine, Nagasaki University Hospital. 1998~ Associate Professor, Health Center, Nagasaki University. 2006~ Associate Professor, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Nagasaki University. 2009~ Professor, same as above.
Honors and Awards	10 th Journal of Gastroenterology High Citation Award



Dr. Shuntaro Obi

Professor, Teikyo University Chiba Medical Center,
Third Department of Internal Medicine,
Japan

Research Interests

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Research Areas

Life sciences / Gastroenterology

Education

1985/04 - 1991/03 Teikyo University School of Medicine

Association Memberships

Current Position

Professor, Teikyo University Chiba Medical Center

Third Department of Internal Medicine



Dr. Sadahisa Ogasawara

Associate professor, Department of Gastroenterology, Graduate School of Medicine,
School of Medicine, Chiba University
Japan

Areas of Interest

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Educational and
Career Experiences

Education

Chiba University School of Medicine, Chiba, Japan (2004)

Career

Assistant professor, Department of Medicine and Clinical Oncology, Graduate School of Medicine, Chiba University (2013–2016)

Assistant professor, Clinical research center,
Chiba University Hospital (2016–2018)

Assistant professor, Translational Research and Development Center, Chiba University Hospital (2018–2022)

Associate professor, Department of Gastroenterology, Graduate School of Medicine, School of Medicine, Chiba University (2022–Present)

Honors and Awards

The Best Presenter Award in International Session (JDDW 2018)

Young Investigator Award (JDDW 2019)

Gilead's Research Scholars Program Liver Disease Awards (2021)



Dr. Hiroshi Ohno

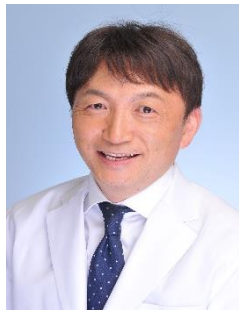
RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences,
Japan

Areas of Interest
Educational and
Career Experiences

Deputy Director, RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences, Yokoyama, Japan
 1983 M.D., Chiba University School of Medicine
 1991 Ph.D. (Dr. of Medical Science), Chiba University
 1983 passed the Examination of National Board for Medicine
 1983-1987 Clinical Fellow in Anesthesiology, Chiba University School of Medicine, Chiba, Japan.
 1987-1991 Graduate student in Immunology, Chiba University School of Medicine, Chiba, Japan.
 1991-1994 Research Fellow, Chiba University School of Medicine, Chiba, Japan.
 1994-1997 Visiting Fellow, CBMB, NICHD, NIH, USA.
 1997-1999 Associate Professor, Chiba University School of Medicine, Chiba, Japan.
 1999-2004 Professor, Cancer Research Institute, Kanazawa University, Kanazawa, Japan
 2003-2013 Team Leader, Research Center for Allergy and Immunology, RIKEN, Yokohama, Japan
 2005-2023 Visiting Professor, Yokohama City University, Yokohama, Japan
 2007-pres. Visiting Professor, Chiba University, Chiba, Japan
 2013-pres. Team Leader, RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences, Yokoyama, Japan
 2018-pres. Deputy Director, RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences, Yokoyama, Japan

Honors and Awards

2015 Grand Prize, Momofuku Ando Award
 2016 Second Prize, Bälz Award
 2018 Commendation for Science and Technology by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
 2018 The Hideyo Noguchi Memorial Award for Medical Science
 2021 Mochida Memorial Award
 2022 Takamine Memorial Daiichi Sankyo Award
 2022 Uehara Award
 2023 The Medal with Purple Ribbon from Emperor of Japan



Dr. Hironao Okubo

Department of Gastroenterology,
Juntendo University Nerima Hospital,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Hepatocellular carcinoma
Portal hypertension
Viral hepatitis
Clinical pharmacology

Educational and
Career Experiences

1995 Graduated from Kanazawa University, School of Medicine

Senior associate professor Apr 2019 to present

Juntendo University Nerima Hospital, Department of Gastroenterology

Assistant professor Jul 2005 to Mar 2007

Juntendo University Nerima Hospital, Department of Gastroenterology

Research Scholar May 1999 to Jun 2005

Juntendo University, School of Medicine, Department of Gastroenterology

Research Scholar Apr 1995 to Apr 1999

Tokyo Medical and Dental University, School of Medicine, Department of Radiology

Honors and Awards

Best Poster Award of the 2nd JSH International Liver Conference 2021.

Excellent Presentation Award of the 24th Japan Society of Hepatology Competition 2020

AbbVie Award of Japan Society of Hepatology 2018



Dr. Masao Omata

Gastroenterology, University of Tokyo,
Yamanashi Central & Kita Hospitals,
Japan

Areas of Interest

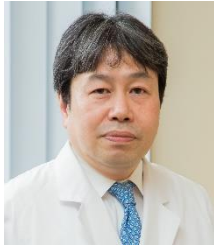
Gastroenterology, Hepatology, Oncology, HBV and HCV

Educational and
Career Experiences

1970 : Graduated from Chiba University School of Medicine
 1971-73 : (Post-graduate Training) 1st Department of Medicine, Chiba University (K Okuda)
 1973-76 : Department of Pathology and Medicine, Yale New Haven Hospital (G Klatskin)
 1976-79 : University of Southern California, Liver Unit (Robert L. Peters)
 1979-92 : 1st Department of Medicine, Chiba University (K Okuda)
 1992-97 : Professor & Director, 2nd Department of Medicine, University of Tokyo
 1997-09 : Professor & Director, Department of Gastroenterology, University of Tokyo
 2009-10 : Special Advisor to the Yamanashi Prefecture
 2009- : Professor, International University of Health and Welfare
 2009- : Honorary Professor, University of Tokyo
 2010- : President, Yamanashi Prefectural Hospital Organization(Central and Kita Hospitals)

Honors and Awards

1999: Outstanding Service to the AGA
 (American Gastroenterological Association)
 2003: The Japan Society of Hepatology Award
 2003: Chiba University Achievement Award
 2017: JSGE Research Award
 (The Japanese Society of Gastroenterology)



Dr. Masayuki Otsuka

Professor & Chairman,
Department of General Surgery, Graduate School of Medicine,
Chiba University,
Japan

Areas of Interest Hepatobiliary pancreatic (HBP) surgery for both benign and malignant diseases, adult liver transplantation, HBP surgical pathology

Educational and Career Experiences I graduated from School of Medicine, Chiba University in 1988. After training in general surgery at the Department of General Surgery at Chiba University Hospital and affiliated hospitals, I entered Graduate School of Medicine, Chiba University, where I majored in surgical pathology at the Department of Molecular Pathology under Professor Yoichiro Kondo. I worked in Belgium from 1996 to 2000 as a research fellow under Professor Pierre Gianello at the Department of Experimental Surgery at Louvain Catholic University; in 2000, I returned to the Department of General Surgery, Chiba University, as a staff member under Professor Masaru Miyazaki, and was promoted to Professor and Chairman in 2016.

I am an active member in many surgical and HBP societies. Currently, I am a co-editor for Journal of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Sciences (JHBPS).



Dr. Motoyuki Otsuka

Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Academic Field of Medicine, Density and Pharmaceutical Sciences,
Okayama University,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Molecular biology in Gastroenterology

Educational and
Career Experiences

1994 M.D., Faculty of Medicine, The University of Tokyo

2002 Ph.D., Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo

1994~1995 Clinical Resident in Internal Medicine, The University of Tokyo Hospital,
Tokyo, Japan

1995~1997 Clinical Resident in Internal Medicine, The Asahi General Hospital, Chiba,
Japan

2002~2004 Medical staff, Department of Gastroenterology, The University of Tokyo

2004~2009 Research Associate, Department of Immunology and Microbial Sciences,
The Scripps Research Institute, San Diego, CA, USA

2009~2022 Assistant Professor, Department of Gastroenterology, The University of
Tokyo

2023~ Professor, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Okayama
University, Japan

Honors and Awards

2003 Hepatology Research Award (Japanese Society of Hepatology)

2011 Japanese Society of Hepatology 4th CHUGAI Award

2012 25th Liver Forum (East) Taisho-Toyama Award



Dr. Diana A. Payawal

Chairman Department of Internal Medicine Fatima University Medical Center,
 Chairman Hepatology Committee Cardinal Santos Medical Center,
 Philippines

Areas of Interest

Liver cancer, MAFLD, Liver Cirrhosis, Ablation Therapy for Liver Cancer
 Leadership in Medicine

Educational and
 Career Experiences

Educational Experiences

- Diploma, Leadership in Medicine, Harvard Medical School (HMS scholarship)
- Diploma, Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases, SouthEast Asian Ministry of Education Organization (SEAMEO Scholarship)
- Fellowship, Hepatology, Interventional Sonology and Digestive Endoscopy, University of Tokyo, Tokyo Japan (MOMBUSHO Scholarship)
- Fellowship training in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy. University of Santo Tomas, Philippines

Present Career Positions

- Director, Asian Pacific Digestive Week Federation 2024-2026
- Chairperson, World Congress of Internal Medicine-MANILA 2028
- Member, Steering Committee Asian Pacific Study of the Liver
- Associate Editor, Hepatology International
- Editorial Board, World Journal of Gastroenterology, Philippine Journal of Internal Medicine

Honors and Awards

Past Positions:

- o Immediate Past President Philippine College of Physicians
- o Past President, Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver
- o Past President and Founder Hepatology Society of the Philippines
- o Past President Philippine Society of Gastroenterology



Dr. Issei Saeki

Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Yamaguchi University Graduate School of Medicine,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Hepatocellular Carcinoma, Imaging, Ablation, TACE, Systemic therapy

Educational and
Career Experiences

2004-2006: Resident in Yamaguchi University Hospital
and Saiseikai Shimonoseki General Hospital in Yamaguchi
2006-2010: Graduate Student in Graduate School of Yamaguchi University in
Yamaguchi
2010-2012: Clinical medical doctor in Yamaguchi Rosai Hospital in Yamaguchi
2012-Present: Assistant Professor in Yamaguchi University Graduate School of
Medicine, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Yamaguchi

Honors and Awards

Yamaguchi Medical Association 2020 Konishi Award
APASL Oncology 2022 Investigator Award



Dr. Naoya Sakamoto

Professor/Chairman,
Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology/
Faculty of Medicine, Hokkaido University,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Basics and clinics of hepatitis viruses: HCV, HBV, HAV and HEV
Basic and clinics of hepatocellular carcinoma

Educational and
Career Experiences

1987 Graduated from School of Medicine, Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Tokyo, Japan
1987-1993 Residency and fellowship at Second Department of Internal Medicine, Tokyo Medical and Dental University
1994-1996 Research fellowship at Division of Gastroenterology-Hepatology, University of Connecticut Health Center, CT, USA
1996-2000 Clinical fellow at Second Department of Internal Medicine, Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Tokyo, Japan
2006 Associate professor at Department for Hepatitis Control, Tokyo Medical and Dental University
2012 Professor/Chairman at Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Hokkaido University Faculty of Medicine

Honors and Awards

Associate editor of the Hepatology Research Editorial board member of the Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, and Hepatology International.
Director of the Japan Society of Hepatology and the Japanese Society of Gastroenterology



Dr. Shiv Kumar Sarin

Professor of Eminence,
Department of Hepatology, Chancellor,
Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, New Delhi,
India

Prof. Shiv Kumar Sarin obtained his M.B., B.S. degree with seven gold medals (1974), his MD in General Medicine (1978) from Rajasthan University, and his Fellowship in Gastroenterology from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, in 1981. He served at the G.B. Pant Hospital, University of Delhi in 1983, becoming the Director Professor and Head of Gastroenterology in 1997. He is currently the Senior Professor and Head, Department of Hepatology and Director, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences. He is also the Director, WHO collaborative center on Viral hepatitis and Liver Diseases at ILBS, New Delhi India. He serves as Adjunct Faculty, Molecular Medicine at JNU due to his deep interest and contributions to translational science.

During his academic career spanning 35 years, Prof. Sarin contributed immensely to the field of Hepatology. These include “Sarin’s Classification of Gastric Varices”; variceal band ligation as primary prophylaxis which was a landmark NEJM paper; He defined new disease entities, portal biliopathy and acute and chronic liver failure His seminal contributions on liver regeneration using growth factors have the potential for providing non-transplant options to ACLF patients. He has more than 470 publications, helped develop 18 major guidelines and edited 13 books. He is the founding Co-Chief Editor of Hepatology International.

Prof. Sarin was privileged to mentor 86 fellows and 25 Ph.D. students, and 25 of these head or serve as teaching faculty, including many in the US. He started the APASL School of Hepatology and was instrumental in setting up a Dedicated Liver University, the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) in India. ILBS was recently designated as the first WHO Collaborative Center globally in Liver Diseases.

Prof. Sarin has been bestowed with Padma Bhushan (third highest civilian award of the country) by the Govt of India. He is a member of all the three science academies of the country. He has been a recipient of Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award, the highest Award in Science in India, The World Academy of Medical Sciences International Prize, EASL International Recognition Award and ‘Most Distinguished Physician from India’ from the American Association of Physicians of India, Fogarty Fellowship of the NIH to work at University of Yale, and Senior Fellowship of the Japanese Society for Promotion of Science to work at Chiba, Japan.

He was instrumental in setting up the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), under the auspices of the Govt of Delhi. ILBS has been conferred the status of a Deemed-to be University by the Govt. of India and is the first dedicated ‘Liver University’, globally. ILBS has been designated as the first WHO Collaborative Center in the world in the field of Liver Diseases.

Prof. Sarin has shown leadership roles in being the President of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology, Indian Association for the Study of the Liver, Asian Pacific Association of Liver (APASL) and Chairman Steering Committee of the APASL.

Prof. Sarin was nominated to lead the Medical Council of India (MCI) as the Chairman of the Board of Governors, 2010-2011. He developed the ‘Vision 2015’ document for Medical Education in India and had introduced far reaching reforms.



Dr. Tatsuhiko Shibata

Professor, Laboratory of Molecular Medicine, Human Genome Center,
 The Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo,
 Chief, Division of Cancer Genomics, National Cancer Center,
 Japan

Areas of Interest

Cancer Genomics, Tumor Pathology, Bioinformatics

Educational and Career Experiences

1990 M.D., School of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, The University of Tokyo
 1990 University of Tokyo, School of Medicine, Graduating School (Pathology)
 1995 Postdoctoral researcher, Developmental Biology Center, University of California, Irvine, CA, USA
 2010~ Chief, Division of Cancer Genomics, National Cancer Center
 2014~ Professor, Laboratory of Molecular Medicine, The Institute of Medical Science, Human Genome Center, The University of Tokyo

Honors and Awards

Uehara Memorial Research Fellowship (1996)
 Incitement Award of the Japanese Cancer Association (2005, Japan Cancer Association)
 Research Award (2011, The Japanese Society of Pathology)
 JCA-Mauvernay Award (2014, Japan Cancer Association)
 Tahara Award (2015, Japanese Society for Gastroenterological Carcinogenesis)
 SGH special award (2016, SGH Foundation)
 AACR Teams Awards (2019, AACR)
 The Kobayashi Foundation Award (2022)
 Princess Takamatsu Cancer research Fund Prize (2022)



Dr. Shuichiro Shiina

Professor, Department of Gastroenterology,
Juntendo University,
Japan

Shuichiro Shiina graduated in Medicine at the University of Tokyo in 1982. He completed a residency and fellowship training at the University of Tokyo Hospital and Mitsui Memorial Hospital. He received Ph.D. degree in Medical Science with a study “A randomized controlled trial of radiofrequency ablation with ethanol injection for small hepatocellular carcinoma” at the University of Tokyo in 2005. He moved to Juntendo University in December 2012. Dr. Shiina has been a pioneer of image-guided percutaneous ablation therapies for liver tumors, such as percutaneous ethanol injection, microwave ablation, and radiofrequency ablation. He has performed radiofrequency ablation on over 10,000 patients with liver tumors.

Dr. Shiina published over 200 international scientific papers in high quality English Journal and over 300 domestic scientific papers. He is a member of The American Gastroenterological Association, Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver, The International Liver Cancer Association, The Japanese Society of Internal Medicine, The Japanese Society of Gastroenterology, The Japan Society of Hepatology, The Japan Society of Ultrasonics in Medicine, The Liver Cancer Study Group of Japan, Study Group of Microwave Surgery, The Japan Society of Clinical Oncology, The Japan Pancreas Society, and Japanese Society of Interventional Radiology, and others.

His research interests are “Interventional Oncology, such as Radiofrequency Ablation”, “Diagnosis and Treatment of Liver Neoplasms”, and “Chemotherapy of GI tract and Liver Cancers”.

- Shiina S, et al. Percutaneous ethanol injection therapy for hepatocellular carcinoma. A histopathologic study. *Cancer* 1991;68:1524-30.
- Shiina S, et al. Percutaneous ethanol injection therapy for hepatocellular carcinoma: results in 146 patients. *AJR Am J Roentgenol* 1993;160:1023-8.
- Shiina S, et al. A randomized controlled trial of radiofrequency ablation with ethanol injection for small hepatocellular carcinoma. *Gastroenterology* 2005;129:122-30.
- Shiina S, et al. Radiofrequency ablation for hepatocellular carcinoma: 10-year outcome and prognostic factors. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2012;107:569-77.
- Shiina S, et al. Percutaneous ethanol injection for hepatocellular carcinoma: 20-year outcome and prognostic factors. *Liver International* 2012;32:1434-42.



Dr. Junichi Shindoh

Director and Chair, Department of Gastroenterological Surgery,
Toranomom Hospital,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Hepatobiliary Surgery

Educational and
Career Experiences

2004 MD, Faculty of Medicine, University of Tokyo

2012 PhD, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo

2013, Assistant Professor, Department of HPB Surgery, University of Tokyo

2014 Attending Surgeon, Department of Gastroenterological Surgery, Toranomom Hospital

2023 Director and Chair, Department of Gastroenterological Surgery, Toranomom Hospital



Dr. Jose Sollano

Professor of Medicine Gastroenterology University of Santo Tomas,
Philippines

Areas of Interest

Non- Variceal Upper GI Bleeding
Chronic Hepatitis B
Chronic Hepatitis C
NAFLD
Portal Hypertension

Educational and
Career Experiences

Prof. of Medicine- University of Santo Tomas (Faculty of Medicine & Surgery)
Visiting Lecturer- University of Arizona- Tucson School of Medicine

Honors and Awards

Past President of the Asia Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL) -the first Filipino to hold such position of this prestigious regional liver association,
Past President of the Hepatology Society of the Philippines, Philippine Society of Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy
Past President Philippine College of Physicians
Member of the Governing Council of the Asia Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE).
Member Chronic Hepatitis B Global Guidelines Task Force of the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO), and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.
Lifetime Achievement Award- Philippine Society of Gastroenterology
2020-2021- Top Cited Article, Wiley Publication
JGH Open, Asia Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE)
Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Working Party Guidelines on IBD management during the COVID 19 pandemic.



Dr. Toshifumi Tada

Associate Professor

Division of Gastroenterology, Department of Internal Medicine,
Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine

Areas of Interest

Viral hepatitis
Hepatocellular carcinoma

Educational and
Career Experiences

1997 Graduated from Shimane Medical University
1997-1998 Department of Internal Medicine, Higashi-Kobe Hospital
1998-1998 Department of Internal Medicine, Amagasaki Medical Coop Hospital
1998-1999 Department of Internal Medicine, Kobe Kydo Hospital
1999-2001 Yanagisuji Clinic
2001-2002 Department of Internal Medicine, Higashi-Kobe Hospital
2002-2003 Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Ogaki Municipal
Hospital
2004-2009 Department of Internal Medicine, Higashi-Kobe Hospital
2009-2019 Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Ogaki Municipal
Hospital
2018 Department of Epidemiology, Infectious Disease Control and Prevention,
Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences, Hiroshima University (Research
student)
2019-2024 Department of Internal Medicine, Japanese Red Cross Society Himeji
Hospital
2024-Present Division of Gastroenterology, Department of Internal Medicine, Kobe
University Graduate School of Medicine

Honors and Awards

2016 Award of the Japan Society of Hepatology
2018 Research Encouragement Award of the Japan Society of Hepatology
2019 Research Encouragement Award of the Japanese Society of Gastroenterology
2023 Hepatology Research Citation Award



Dr. Nobuharu Tamaki

Deputy director, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Musashino Red Cross Hospital,
Japan

Areas of Interest

MASLD, Viral Hepatitis, HCC

Educational and
Career Experiences

Work Experience

2006-2008 Ebina General Hospital, Clinical resident

2008-present Musashino Red Cross Hospital

2020-2022.1 NAFLD Research Center, Department of Medicine, University of California San Diego, Visiting researcher

2022.2-present Musashino Red Cross Hospital, Deputy director, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Honors and Awards

2015, 2016, 2017 EASL young investigator bursary

2016 Japan Society of Hepatology Research Award

2016 Japan Society of Hepatology Abbvie Award

2019 AASLD Poster of Distinction

2019 The Uehara Memorial Foundation Research fellowship

2021 Best of The Liver Meeting 2021

2021 AASLD Professor Mindie H. Nguyen Award for Outstanding Clinical Research

2022 Japanese Digestive Disease Week Best Presentation Award

2024 AP&T Top Cited Articles in 2023

2024 Japanese Society for Biomedical Research on Alcohol 43th annual meeting, Best Presentation Award



Dr. Shinji Tanaka

Professor and Chairman, Department of Molecular Oncology,
Graduate School of Medicine, Tokyo Medical and Dental University,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Hepato-biliary-pancreatic Surgery
Molecular Oncology

Educational and
Career Experiences

Faculty of Medicine, Kyushu University (MD)
Graduate School of Medicine, Kyushu University (PhD)
Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School (FACS)
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Kyushu University
Associate Professor of Surgery, Tokyo Medical and Dental University

Honors and Awards

Young Investigator Award, American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
Medical Research Award, Japan Medical Association
JSPS Prize, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
JCA-Mauvernay Award, Japanese Cancer Association
JSGS Award Science of the Year, Japanese Society of Gastroenterological Surgery



Dr. Toshihiro Tanaka

Professor and Chair, Department of Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology,
Nara Medical University
Japan

Areas of Interest

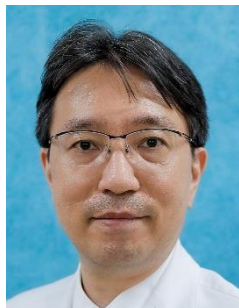
Interventional Radiology
TACE
HAIC
Tumor Ablation

Educational and
Career Experiences

1998-2000 Aichi Cancer Center
2000- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Radiology, Nara Medical University
2009-2011 Applied Medical Engineering, RWTH Aachen University, Germany
2015-2022 Associate Professor, Dept. of Radiology, Nara Medical University
2022- Prof. Dept. of Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology, Nara Medical University

Honors and Awards

JVIR Peers Choice Award 2023
JVIR Editor's Award 2021
JSIR Featured Abstract 2020
The 10% best-rated scientific papers, CIRSE 2014
The 10% best-rated scientific papers, CIRSE 2012
Certificate of Merit ISIR & JSIR 2008
Best Paper Award JSIR 2007



Dr. Ryosuke Tateishi
Department of Gastroenterology,
The University of Tokyo Hospital,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Etiology, diagnosis, and Treatment of Hepatocellular carcinoma
Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
Viral hepatitis
Liver cirrhosis

Educational and
Career Experiences

Dr. Ryosuke Tateishi graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1995 and received his Ph.D. from the Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Tokyo, in 2005. After completing his medical residency at the University of Tokyo Hospital and Mitsui Memorial Hospital, he was an assistant professor at the University of Tokyo Hospital in 2006. He is currently an associate professor and a deputy director of the Department of Gastroenterology.

Honors and Awards

Young Investigator Award (2008) from the Japan Society of Gastroenterology
Encouragement Prize (2016 and 2020) from the Japan Society of Gastroenterology
Top Peer Reviewer in Clinical Medicine (2018 and 2019) from Web of Science
Journal of Gastroenterology High Citation Award (2022)



Dr. Takeshi Terashima

Associate Professor, Advanced Preventive Medical Sciences Research Center,
 Kanazawa University,
 Japan

Areas of Interest

Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic hepatitis and Liver cancer
 Diagnosis and Treatment of Hepato-biliary pancreatic cancer
 Clinical trial design

Educational and

Career Experiences

2003 Graduated from Kanazawa University School of Medicine (M.D.)
 2014 Graduated from Graduate School of Medicine, Kanazawa University (Ph.D.)
 March 1 2018 –
 Associate Professor, Advanced Preventive Medical Sciences Research Center,
 Kanazawa University
 March 18 2017 - February 28 2018
 Assistant Professor, Institute of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences,
 Kanazawa University
 October 31 2016 - March 17 2017
 Volunteer, HIV Hepatitis and STI Unit, Division of Communicable Diseases, World
 Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific
 December 1 2015 - October 30 2016
 Assistant Professor, Institute of Medical, Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences,
 Kanazawa University
 April 1 2013 - May 31 2015
 Medical reviewer, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency
 April 1 2005 - March 31 2013
 Medical staff, Department of Gastroenterology, Kanazawa University Hospital
 April 1 2003~March 31 2004
 Medical resident, Department of Gastroenterology, Kanazawa University Hospital
 Honors and Awards
 Japan Society of Hepatology 2019 Hepatology Research Citation Award
 35th THE HOKKOKU CANCER FOUNDATION



Dr. Yosuke Togashi

Professor, Department of Tumor Microenvironment, Faculty of Medicine,
Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Okayama University,
Japan

Areas of Interest
Educational and
Career Experiences

Pulmonary medicine, translational research, cancer immunology, and genome biology
2000-2006: Kyoto University School of Medicine, M.D., Kyoto, Japan
2011-2012: Assistant Professor, Department of Multidisciplinary Cancer Treatment,
Graduate School of Medicine and Faculty of Medicine Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan
2012-2015: Graduate School of Medicine, Kindai University, Ph.D., Osaka, Japan
2014-2015: Research Fellowship for Young Scientist, Japan Society for the Promotion
of Science
2015-2016: Assistant Professor, Department of Genome Biology, Kindai University,
Osaka, Japan.
2016-2019: Researcher, Division of Cancer Immunology, National Cancer Center,
Chiba, Japan
2017-2018: Research Fellowship for Young Scientist, Japan Society for the Promotion
of Science
2019-2021: Division Head, Chiba Cancer Center, Research Institute
2021-present: Professor, Department of Tumor Microenvironment, Faculty of Medicine,
Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Okayama University

Honors and Awards

2010, 2011: Nice Teacher Award in Kyoto University Hospital
2015: Kindai Medical Award
2015: ESMO Asia Travel Grant
2018 45th Naito Conference Best Poster Award
2020 Society for Translational Oncology Fellows Forum (STOFF) Travel Grant
2020 Japanese Cancer Association Young Investigator Meeting Best Oral Presentation
Award
2020 Young Investigator Award of the Japanese Cancer Association
2021 Young Scientist Award of the Japanese Society for Immunology
2022 Watanabe Memorial Award of the Ube Industries Foundation
2022 MSD Life Science Foundation Award
2023 Astellas Foundation for Research on Metabolic Disorders Award



Dr. Hidenori Toyoda

President, Department of Gastroenterology,
Ogaki Municipal Hospital,
Japan

Areas of Interest

- Viral hepatitis
- Hepatocellular carcinoma
- Surveillance
- Tumor markers

Educational and
Career Experiences

- 1990 Graduate from Nagoya University
- 1990 Ogaki Municipal Hospital, Resident
- 1994 Nagoya University Hospital
- 1998 Fujita Health University
- 2001 University Paris V
- 2003 Ogaki Municipal Hospital
- 2023 Ogaki Municipal Hospital, President



Dr. Kaoru Tsuchiya

Director, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology,
Musashino Red Cross Hospital,
Japan

Areas of Interest

- Diagnosis and treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma
- Management of the complications of liver cirrhosis
- Diagnosis and treatment of NASH
- Treatment of viral hepatitis

Educational and Career
Experiences

Kaoru Tsuchiya was graduated with M.D. degree in 1998 from Gunma University in Japan. She obtained her Ph.D. degree from the Graduate School of Medical Science, the University of Yamanashi in 2009. She has been working at Musashino Red Cross Hospital since 2000 and became a director of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in 2020. From 2015 to 2017, she worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the medical university of Vienna, Austria.

Honors and Awards

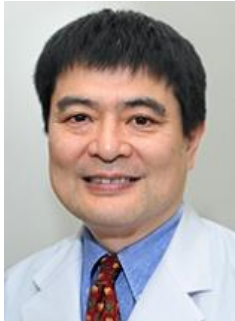
Japan Association of Molecular Targeted Therapy for HCC. The 5th Okita Award June, 2015



Dr. Makoto Ueno

Director, Department of Gastroenterology,
Kanagawa Cancer Center,
Kanagawa Prefectural Hospital
Japan

Areas of Interest	Medical oncology for hepatobiliary and pancreatic cancer
Educational and Career Experiences	1998 Yokohama City University 2003 Kanagawa Cancer Center Hospital
Honors and Awards	JCOG Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Oncology Group Chair



Dr. Yoshiyuki Ueno

Professor, Chairman of Department of Gastroenterology,
Yamagata University Faculty of Medicine,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Cholangiopathy,
Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Viral Hepatitis

Educational and
Career Experiences

Tohoku University School of Medicine, 1987
Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine, 1991
Center for Basic Research for Digestive Diseases, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota,
1992-1994
Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Tohoku University Graduate School of
Medicine ~2011
Professor and Chairman of Gastroenterology, Yamagata University Faculty of Medicine,
2011-current
Dean, Yamagata University Faculty of Medicine, 2020~current

Honors and Awards

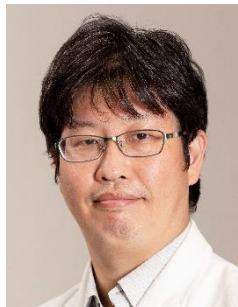
1994	AGA senior research fellowship award
1998	Japanese viral hepatitis research fellowship
2002	Hepatology Research Award (Japanese Society of Hepatology)
2004	Tohoku University Hospital Director Award
2010	Best Research Ajinomoto Award, Japanese Society of Hepatology,
2010	Gold Prize, Tohoku University School of Medicine
2016	Reviewer Award, Japanese Society of Promotion of Science (JSPS)



Dr. Arndt Vogel

Professor of Medicine, University of Toronto, Longo Family Chair in Liver Cancer Research
 Clinician Scientist, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Toronto General Hospital
 Medical Oncology, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto General Hospital Research
 Institute
 Schwartz Reisman Liver Research Centre, Institute for Medical Science
 Canada

Areas of Interest	Liver cancer Precision Oncology
Educational and Career Experiences	1991 – 1997 Medical School, Georg-August-University, Göttingen, Germany 1998 – 1999 Internship, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, ZKH Bremen-Mitte, Bremen, Germany 2000 –2002 Residency, Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Endocrinology, MHH, Germany 2004 - 2012 Residency, Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Endocrinology, MHH, Germany Feb. 2008 Board certification for Internal Medicine Oct. 2009 Venia legendi Internal Medicine since 2009 Senior consultant, Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Endocrinology, MHH, Germany June 2010 Board certification – Gastroenterology 2010 - 2023 Head of outpatient clinic for GI oncology, MHH, Germany 2016 - 2023 Head of GI oncology center MHH, Germany 2021 - 2023 Head of center for personalized medicine, MHH, Germany Since 2023 Clinician Scientist at University of Toronto, Canada Since 2023 Longo family chair in liver cancer research, UHN, Canada
Honors and Awards	since 2010 Head of der AIO group “Hepatobiliary cancers” 2012 Member of the German S3 guideline hepatocellular carcinoma 2015- 2021 Head of the program committee „Hepatische Tumore“ of DGHO, OeGHO, SGMO and SGH since 2018 Coordinator of the ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline HCC 2020 - 2024 Member of ESMO Guidelines Steering Committee since 2020 Member of ESMO Membership Committee 2021 - 2025 Member of ESMO faculty for Gastrointestinal Tumours, non-Colorectal since 2021 Member of ILCA Education Committee since 2021 Coordinator of ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline Biliary Tract Cancers since 2022 Member of ESMO Real-World Data and Digital Health Working Group



Dr. Masaru Wakatsuki

Director of Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Radiation Oncology,
QST Hospital, National Institute for Quantum Science and Technology,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Liver Cancer, Radiation Oncology, Particle therapy,
Brachytherapy, Gynecological radiation oncology

Educational and
Career Experiences

1996 - 2002: Gunma University, School of Medicine with Medical Doctor Degree
2004 - 2007: Gunma University, Graduate School of Medical Science with Doctor of
Philosophy degree
2008 – 2009 Assistant professor, Gunma University
2009 – 2011 Research fellow, Harvard Medical School / MGH
2011 –2016 Medical Doctor, National Institute of Radiological Sciences
2016 –2020 Professor, Jichi medical University
2020 –2024 Director of Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Radiation
Oncology, QST Hospital, National Institutes for Quantum Science and Technology
2024 –present Deputy Director General,
QST Hospital, National Institutes for Quantum Science and Technology

Honors and Awards

2007 Gunma University Graduate School of Medicine GOTO AWARD
2015 Young Investigators Travel Award (ICRR2015)
2016 Best oral presentation award (53rd GUSTRO)
2018 Best oral presentation award (FARO 2018)



Dr. Lai Wei

Dean and Professor,
Hepatopancreatobiliary Center, Beijing Tsinghua Changgung Hospital,
School of Clinical Medicine, Tsinghua University,
China

Areas of Interest	NAFLD, chronic hepatitis, HCC
Educational and Career Experiences	Beijing Medical University, Ph.D Pennsylvania State University, Fellow Peking University Hepatology Institute, Director
Honors and Awards	Associate Editor, Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology Associate Editor, Journal of Viral Hepatitis Board, WHO hepatitis C guideline Board, APASL hepatitis C guideline Board, APASL hepatitis B guideline Board, KDIGO hepatitis C guideline



Dr. Carmen Chak-Lui Wong

Associate Professor, Department of Pathology,
State Key Laboratory of Liver Research,
LKS Faculty of Medicine, University of Hong Kong,
Hong Kong SAR, China

Areas of Interest

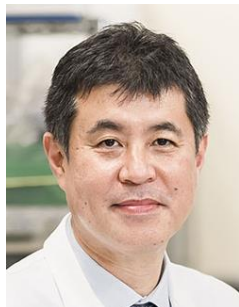
Hepatocellular carcinoma, cholangiocarcinoma, liver cancer metabolism,
liver cancer immunology, mouse liver cancer models,
precision medicine, immunotherapy

**Educational and
Career Experiences**

Postdoctoral training, Johns Hopkins University
PhD, The University of Hong Kong, HK
MSc, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, HK
BSc, University of British Columbia, Canada

Honors and Awards

1. Outstanding Research Student Supervisor Award, HKU
2. NSFC Excellent Young Scientist Fund
3. Junior Investigator Award, International Liver Cancer Association (ILCA)
4. Outstanding Young Researcher Award, HKU
5. UBC Alumni Builder Award, the University of British Columbia, Canada
6. Croucher Innovation Award
7. Croucher Foundation Fellowship
8. Hong Kong Young Scientist Award
9. Li Ka Shing Prize (the best PhD thesis award)
10. Dr. KP Stephen Chang Gold Medal (the best PhD thesis award)



Dr. Taro Yamashita

Department of Gastroenterology,
Kanazawa University School of Medicine,
Kanazawa University Hospital,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Liver Cancer
Cancer Stem Cell
Biomarker
Molecularly Targeted Therapy

Educational and
Career Experiences

1995 M.D. Kanazawa University School of Medicine
2000 Ph.D. Kanazawa University Graduate School of Medical Science
2005 Visiting Fellow, National Cancer Institute, NIH
2008 Assistant Professor, Kanazawa University
2016 Associate Professor, Kanazawa University
2022 Professor, Kanazawa University

Honors and Awards

2003 GRG/AGA Young Investigator Award
2004 AASLD Travel Award
2010 Otsuka Award
2011 Viral Hepatitis Foundation Award
2011 Liver Forum in Kyoto Award
2013 Invention Prize by Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation
2013 Kanazawa Medical Institute Memorial Award
2023 The Hokkoku Cancer Foundation Award



Dr. Osamu Yokosuka

Professor Emeritus, Chiba University

Hospital Business Manager, Matsudo City General Medical Center,
Japan

Main field of Interest

Hepatitis and Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Osamu Yokosuka is an Emeritus Professor of Chiba University, Japan. He graduated from Chiba University School of Medicine in 1975 then worked as a trainee under Professor K. Okuda in Chiba University Hospital till 1978. Dr. Yokosuka was a research fellow worked under Professor S. Scherlock and Professor B. H. Billing in Royal Free Hospital, London, UK from 1978 to 1980; under Professor M. Omata in Chiba University from 1980 to 1985; and under Dr. J Summers in Fox Chase Cancer Center, PA, USA in 1984.

In 1985, he received a Degree of Doctor of Medical Science, and served as an Assistant Professor in Chiba University till 1994, then as Lecturer in Medicine till 2006 when he was appointed as Director and Professor of Medicine. From 2013 to 2015, he served as the Dean of Chiba University School of Medicine.

Dr. Yokosuka was the Secretary General of APASL (2008-2014). In 2016, he was elected as the President of APASL Tokyo, the President of 52nd Annual Meeting of Japan Society of Hepatology, and the President of Funabashi Central Hospital. Dr. Yokosuka's research mainly focuses on Hepatitis and Hepatocellular Carcinoma. So far, he has published more than 700 original papers.



Dr. Changhoon Yoo

Associate Professor, Department of Oncology,

Asan Medical Center, University of Ulsan College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea

Visiting Scientist, Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Korea

Areas of Interest

Clinical trial: early to late phases

Identification of new drug targets or biomarkers

**Educational and
Career Experiences**

2006-2011, Resident, Internal Medicine, Asan Medical Center

2014-2016, Fellow, Medical Oncology, Asan Medical Center

2016-2020, Assistant Professor, Medical Oncology, Asan Medical Center

2020-Present, Associate Professor, Medical Oncology, Asan Medical Center

Honors and Awards

ASCO Merit Award (2012, 2014)

KSMO Merit Award (2018)

Asan Young Researcher Award (2020)



Dr. Hitoshi Yoshiji

Chairman and Full Professor,

Department of Gastroenterology and Metabolism, Nara Medical University,
Japan

Areas of Interest

Liver cirrhosis
Liver fibrosis
Liver cancer

Educational and
Career Experiences

- 1993: Ph.D. (Medical Science), Graduate School of Nara Medical University
- 1994~1997: Visiting Fellow, NIH, National Cancer Institute, USA
- 1999: Assistant Professor, Third Department of Internal Medicine, Nara Medical University
- 2015: Chairman and Full Professor of Department of Gastroenterology and Metabolism, Nara Medical University

Honors and Awards

- 1998: UICC (International union against cancer) Young investigator award
- 1999, 2000: Award of Japanese Society of Hepatology
- 2001: Award of Japanese Association for Metastasis Research
- 2003: Award of Nara Medical University
- 2004: Award of Japanese Hepatology Research
- 2023 Award of Japan Society of Hepatology (Oda-sho)