

Biography

Personal data

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Current position

- Anesthesiologist-in-Chief,
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- Visiting Professor in Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine
Tohoku University, School of Medicine
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- Visiting Professor in Anesthesiology
Saitama Medical University, School of Medicine
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- Visiting Research Associate
Teikyo University, Graduate School of Public Health
1-5-8 Hatanodai Shinagawa-ku Tokyo 142-8555 Japan

- WFSA pediatric anesthesia committee, Chair (since 2020)

Education

- 1986-1992: Doctor of Medicine
Kagawa Medical University, Kagawa, Japan
- 1994-1998: Doctor of Philosophy
Graduate School of Medicine, Kagawa Medical University, Kagawa,
Japan
- 2016- 2017: Master of Public Health
Teikyo University, School of Public Health, Tokyo, Japan

Clinical training

1992-1996: Residency in Anesthesia,
Hospital of Kagawa Medical University, Kagawa, Japan

2000-2001: Fellow in pediatric anesthesia,
Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA

Research training

1994-1996: Graduate Student
Department of Anesthesiology and Emergency Medicine, Kagawa
Medical University, Kagawa Japan (Kenji Ogli, M.D., Ph.D. Analysis
of the basic genetic nature of the anesthetic requirement in two
strains of mice)

1996-1997: Research Fellow
Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine,
University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri, USA (George
R. Kracke, Ph.D. Analysis of the effects of volatile anesthetics on ion
channels in garfish olfactory C-fibers)

Professional career

4/2001-9/2004: Department of Anesthesia, National Kagawa Children's
Hospital, Zentsuji, Kagawa, Japan

10/2004-9/2005: Department of Anesthesiology, Tohoku University School of
Medicine, Sendai, Miyagi, Japan

10/2005-3/2010: Department of Anesthesiology, Division of Pediatric
Anesthesia, Saitama Medical University, Iruma Saitama Japan

4/2010-2/2013: Professor of Anesthesiology, Division Chief, Pediatric
Anesthesia
International University of Health and Welfare Hospital
Nasushiobara, Tochigi, Japan

3/2013 - current: Anesthesiologist-in-Chief, Saitama Children's Medical Center,
Saitama, Japan

License & Certificate

- 1992: Medical License (Japan) #346888
- 1994: Registered anesthetist (Japan) #6925
- 1999: ECFMG Certificate #0-588-290-7
- 2000: Japanese board of Anesthesiology #4640
- 2000: State of Massachusetts Limited Medical License
- 2002: PALS provider
- 2004: Certificate of foreign national medical practitioner from Nepal Medical Council
- 2007: Clinical instructor of foreign medical doctor (Japan)
- 2008: temporary medical license, Mongolia

International teaching and education activities

- Volunteer surgical mission (Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Sierra Leone, Indonesia, Philippine, Cambodia, Ukraine, India, Mozambique)
- Micronesia Anesthesia refresher course (2012, 2015, 2017)
- Advisor of Pediatric Surgery Project, Cambodia, FIDR

SAFE pediatric course experience

- teaching experiences of several pilot courses in Japan only.
- No train the trainer course experience