MEDICAL TRAILBLAZERS

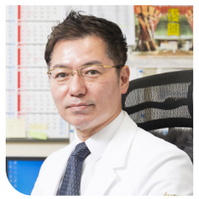
A WORLD-CLASS MEDICAL SYSTEM STARTS WITH world-class people. Across Japan, doctors, researchers and medical staff have been at the top of their game for decades, leading global breakthroughs in novel treatments and preventative medicine. Now, as Japan experiences rapid demographic changes with new challenges emerging, and with other countries set to follow soon, these trailblazers are leading a new frontier in medical excellence.

Tsutomu Fujii
Professor
Toyama University Hospital

Gastrointestinal surgeon and founder of Japan's first Pancreatic and Biliary Center. Takes on complex cases of pancreatic cancer nationwide, while leading working condition reforms for gastrointestinal surgeons.

Katsumi Takizawa
Deputy Director
Asahikawa Red Cross Hospital

Neurosurgeon with experience of over 350 surgeries in 15 countries. Dedicated to mentoring students in Southeast Asia.



Noriyuki Inaki
Professor
Kanazawa University Hospital

Gastrointestinal surgeon at the forefront of minimally invasive and robotic surgery. Committed to bringing advanced care to local communities, while training the next generation of physicians.

Yoko Kato
Professor
Fujita Health University Bantane Hospital

Renowned neurosurgeon known as the "godmother" of brain surgery, performing over 3,000 aneurysm clipping operations.

Kenji Suzuki
Professor
Juntendo University Hospital

Takes on cases others have abandoned, successfully resecting lung cancers once deemed inoperable. Through his unparalleled skill, Dr. Suzuki is elevating Japanese lung cancer surgery to the global pinnacle.

Heii Arai
Director
ALZCLINIC PET Lab

Professor Emeritus at Juntendo University, specializing in geriatric psychiatry with a focus on Alzheimer's disease.

Masaki Tanito
Professor and Chairman
Department of Ophthalmology, Shimane University Faculty of Medicine

Advanced research on glaucoma treatment, with joint development of medical devices for refractory glaucoma.

Kentaro Sugino
Director
Niigata Ladies' Life Clinic

Obstetrician-gynecologist practicing world-leading preconception care that looks beyond safe pregnancy and delivery to a child's growth and development after birth.

Asuka Ogai
Director
Ogai Internal Medicine Clinic

Internist who graduated with honors and received a Teaching Physician Award in her twenties before opening her own clinic. She bridges patients and medicine through both clinical expertise and empathy.

Takayuki Miyagawa
Director
Miyagawa Home Care Clinic, Yuzuriha-kai Medical Corporation

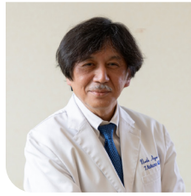
Home care physician overseeing 4,500 house-call visits and 80 end-of-life care cases annually. Pursuing sustainable home medical care for Japan's super-aged society.

Hiroko Miyauchi
Director
Takayama Clinic

General practitioner pursuing personalized, whole-person care that supports patients' entire life journeys through community and home-visit medicine.

Tatsuhiro Yoshida
Director
Uchio Orthopedic Clinic

Orthopedic surgeon performing around 300 spinal surgeries a year. A pillar of community healthcare at a clinic that sees 400 patients daily.



Takumi Nakano
Director
Kitaageo Clinic

After years in gastrointestinal surgery and emergency medicine, opened his own clinic in 2014. Practices holistic care as a community family doctor, seeing patients even on weekends.

Yasuro Ikushima
Director
Ikushima Clinic

Treats conditions using a Kampo (Japanese herbal medicine) approach. Also applies psychological analysis for lifestyle diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and hyperlipidemia.

Yuji Kawano
Chairman
Seimitsu Shinbi-kai Dental Group

Performs microscope-assisted precision dental treatment, delivering root-cause care designed to prevent recurrence. Patients travel nationwide in search of his attention-to-detail.

Kazutaka Matsumoto
Chairman
Matsumoto Clinic, Shotoku-kai Medical Corporation

Board-certified diabetes specialist. On the front lines of community healthcare, he dedicates himself to patient care and mentoring the next generation—in pursuit of eradicating diabetes.

Miyuki Matsumura
Director
Yoyogi Station Neurology & Internal Medicine Clinic

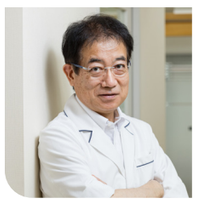
Neurologist who prioritizes care that supports the daily lives of people with dementia, while also working to build communities where both patients and their families can live comfortably.

Kentaro Yasuhara
Director
Shingai Internal Medicine & Cardiology Shonan Clinic, Joujin-kai Medical Corporation

Family doctor guided by patient satisfaction. Through precise diagnosis and open dialogue, he supports the future patients choose for themselves.

Mia Matsuzawa
Director
Kamiyacho Charis Mental Clinic, Kyoujo-kai Medical Corporation

Psychiatrist who challenges the industry assumption that "recovery is bad for business," instead guiding each patient toward recovery and eventual cessation from treatment.



Yasunori Kitayama
Director
Kitayama Dental Clinic, Koso-kai Medical Corporation

Dentist sought out by patients from across the country for implant and "chewable denture" solutions. Continues to challenge conventional denture wisdom in pursuit of life-changing dentures.