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### Current Position

Director, Clinical Research  
Director, Department of Cardiology  
National Hospital Organization, Okayama Medical Center  
  
Clinical Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine  
Okayama University Graduate School of Medicine Dentistry and Pharmaceutical sciences

### Personal Data

Date of Birth: Mar 4, 1964  
Place of Birth: Ehime, Japan  
Nationality: Japan

### Education

Apr 1982- Mar 1988 MD; Okayama University Medical School  
Sep 2000 PhD; Okayama University Graduate School of Medicine and Dentistry

### Medical training

May 1988- Apr 1990 National Okayama Hospital, Department of Internal Medicine  
Residency



May 1990- Apr 1993    National Cardiovascular Center, Department of Cardiology  
Residency

### **Career History**

May 1993- May 1997    Okayama University Graduate School of Medicine and Dentistry,  
Department of Physiology II; Assistant Professor

Jun 1997- Apr 2000    Okayama University Graduate School of Medicine and Dentistry,  
Department of Cardiology; Assistant Professor

May 2000- Apr 2003    Okayama University Graduate School of Medicine and Dentistry,  
Department of Cardiology; Associate Professor

May 2003- active      National Hospital Organization, Okayama Medical Center,  
Department of Cardiology; Director

May 2010- active      National Hospital Organization, Okayama Medical Center,  
Department of Clinical Science; Director

Mar 2011- active      Okayama University Graduate School of Medicine Dentistry and Pharmaceutical  
sciences, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine; Clinical Professor

May 2010- active      Chair of the Research Ethics Committee of Okayama Medical Center

### **Boards**

Apr 2013- Mar 2017    Associate editor, Journal of Cardiology Cases

Apr 2016- active      Director of the Japanese Pulmonary Circulation and Pulmonary Hypertension  
Society



Jun 2015- active      Editorial Board, Pulmonary Circulation

Oct 2017- active      Executive board, International CTEPH Association

Feb 27 – Mar 1, 2018      6<sup>th</sup> World Symposium on Pulmonary Hypertension  
Member of task force 11, Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension;  
Nice, FRANCE

### **Publications, talks, and citations**

SCI-Publications: 117

Book editorship: 0

Book Chapters: 3

Average citations per item: 37.10

h-factor: 25

Total IF as first or senior author (last 20 years): 98.236

28 Standard publications as first or senior author

### **Main research interests**

The participant's research interests have focused on clinical and physiological aspects of

pulmonary hypertension. He has worked to improve the outcome of treatment for pulmonary arterial hypertension and started high-dose and rapid up-titration of epoprostenol combined with other oral drugs. As a result, long term survival of the patients treated at Okayama Medical Center was remarkably improved. Then, he started balloon pulmonary angioplasty (BPA) for chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension in 2004. He has experienced about 2100 procedures of BPA in more than 370 patients during past 14 years. He is going to establish the safety and efficacy of BPA. He has made Department of Cardiology at Okayama Medical Center as the largest BPA center in Japan.