

Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health

Faculty Profiles



FEHÉRVÁRI, Tamás Dávid MD, PhD

Senior Assistant Professor

Tamas Fehervari teaches hearing and language development, neuroimaging, research methodology and programming related courses. His research currently focuses on improving clinical therapy of hearing disabilities, especially of patients with cochlear implants, by investigating brain characteristics of language and hearing development.

(<https://researchmap.jp/fehervari.tamas?lang=en>)



FUJIMOTO, Shuhei (藤本 修平) PhD

Associate Professor

This researcher specializes in health communication, health informatics, marketing of medical/healthcare business, and planning/assessment of healthcare logic-model and pay for success. He teaches healthcare business, presentation skills and rehabilitation at Shizuoka SPH. Also at Kyoto SPH, he teaches health informatics and practice of EBM/Clinical practice guideline.

(<https://researchmap.jp/shuheifujimotomarty?lang=en>)



FURUKAWA, Shigeto (古川 茂人) PhD

Professor

Shigeto Furukawa is engaged in research in cognitive neuroscience (psychophysics and neurophysiology) with a focus on auditory perception. In particular, he has been interested in and studied the mechanisms of auditory scene analysis (cues used by the brain to parse complex acoustic environments), the assessment and modeling of auditory functions, and the mechanisms and evaluation of hearing loss and related difficulties. In recent years, in collaboration with clinical institutions, he has also been engaged in research on cortical plasticity and auditory development associated with cochlear implants, aimed at informing clinical practice, rehabilitation, and patient support.

In addition to his research activities, he is responsible for graduate-level courses covering the foundational knowledge and methods required of hearing specialists.

(<https://researchmap.jp/shig?lang=en>)



HASHIZUME, Hideo (橋爪 秀夫) MD, PhD, MPH

Project Professor

Hideo Hashizume is a Project Professor in the Department of Future Wellness at the Shizuoka Graduate School of Public Health, endowed by TAICA Co. He earned his M.D. and Ph.D. from Hamamatsu University School of Medicine and later completed his MPH at Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. A board-certified dermatologist, he has held numerous academic and clinical leadership positions, including at Hamamatsu University and regional general hospitals. His research interests include dermatology, skin allergies, immunology, and public wellness. He is an active member of multiple Japanese dermatological societies. (<https://researchmap.jp/read0060733>)



HATTA, Taichi (八田 太一) PhD

Associate Professor

Dr. Taichi Hatta is an associate professor at Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. His research interests lie in health science, medical sociology, medical ethics, cultural psychology, quantitative and qualitative research, and mixed methods. His doctoral paper, published online in 2018 in *the Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, demonstrated a new way of analyzing temporal changes of moods in physician-patient dialogues for cancer treatment at hospital in Japan using a Japanese narrative framework. Following that, he was awarded a Ph.D. from Kyoto University in 2019, and also received the Honorable Mention award for the Mixed Methods International Research Association's Dissertation Award in 2022. He served as an Executive MMIRA Board member at Large from 2019 to 2022. He is one of the few scholars having imported mixed methods to Japan, encouraging home students and researchers to engage in mixed methods research and writing articles. Translated *Foundations of Mixed Methods Research* (Tashakkori & Teddlie, 2009) into Japanese as one of the translation supervisors.

(<https://researchmap.jp/7000010694?lang=en>)



HORIUCHI, Yasue (堀内 泰江) PhD, CGC

Professor

Yasue Horiuchi, Ph.D., CGC. is a Professor of the Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. Her area of research interest lies in the field of clinical genetics, personalized medicine, genetic counseling, and comprehending the intricate molecular mechanisms of mental illnesses. She is graduate from University of Tsukuba and earned Ph.D. of Medicine with a specialization in Medical Genetics. After the clinical and basic research training at the Tsukuba University, the Keio University, and the Johns Hopkins University, she acquired official certification as a genetic counselor in Japan. Her exceptional knowledge and proficiency in the field have led her to assume the role of country representative for the Professional Society for Genetic Counseling in Asia (PSGCA), as well as the Chair of the International Committee for the Japanese Society for Genetic Counseling. Furthermore, Dr. Horiuchi actively participates in clinical practice as a certified genetic counselor, while also contributing to the training program for aspiring genetic counselors. As the field of genomic medicine advances, there is a growing need for genetic counseling in Japan. Driven by this demand, she endeavors to play a proactive role in the realm of clinical genetic counseling within the country. (<https://researchmap.jp/yhoriuchi?lang=en>)



KINOSHITA, Kazuo (木下 和生) MD, PhD

Professor

In 1992, Dr. Kazuo Kinoshita graduated from Kyoto University Faculty of Medicine and, after receiving two years of clinical training, entered Graduate School of Medicine at Kyoto University. He joined a laboratory of Professor Tasuku Honjo (Molecular Biology), where he engaged in a study of molecular mechanism of antibody class-switch recombination. After he was promoted to an assistant professor in 1997, he and colleagues cloned a novel gene encoding activation-induced cytidine deaminase (AID), encoded by AICDA. In 2000, they demonstrated that AID is an enzyme essential for class switch and somatic hypermutation of antibody genes. Thereafter, he has been continuing research on AID. In 2021, he became a professor of Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health, where he teaches genomic medicine and oncology. In Shizuoka, his research field extended to cover the mechanism of chronic inflammation that leads to cancer, atherosclerosis, and dementia. (<https://researchmap.jp/evolution?lang=en>)



KOJIMAHARA, Noriko (小島原 典子) MD, PhD

Professor

Noriko Kojimahara teaches epidemiology and public health to MPH candidates at Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. She has been engaged in the research of electromagnetic fields on the human health by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications since 2003 and currently conducts epidemiological studies on “the possible health effects on the pregnant women from intermediate frequencies”. She had promoted international joint research such as INTERPHONE Study and Mobi-Kids Study as the Japan team to find out the relationship between radiofrequency from mobile phones and brain tumors. In clinical epidemiology, she is studying on developing clinical practice guidelines and systematic reviews methodologies in cooperation with Minds and some medical associations to support the publication of the guidelines in Japan. She also has extensive expertise in occupational health, particularly work system reform for hospital doctor, and in evaluation study of medical education.

(<https://researchmap.jp/read0149849?lang=en>)



KURIYAMA, Nagato (栗山 長門) MD, PhD

Professor

Nagato Kuriyama is a Professor at the Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. He graduated from Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine and completed his doctoral studies in neurology there. After serving at the University of California, San Francisco, he held leadership roles at the National Shiga Hospital and Kyoto Second Red Cross Hospital. He later became Associate Professor at Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine, specializing in community health epidemiology and social medicine. He earned his MPH from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. His research focuses on neurology, geriatrics, and community-based health systems. He joined SGUPH in 2021 after serving as a visiting researcher at Shizuoka General Hospital.

(<https://researchmap.jp/read0146554?lang=en>)



MATSUURA, Ammi (松浦 杏美) MPH

Project Assistant Professor

Ammi MATSUURA is currently a Project Assistant Professor at the Department of Future Wellness (Endowed Chair by Taica) at the Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. Her research focuses on investigating the incidence and risk factors of pressure ulcers using medical big data. She also conducts epidemiological research on osteoporosis and proximal femur fractures. (<https://researchmap.jp/amatsuura2007>)



MIYACHI, Yoshiki (宮地 良樹) MD, PhD

Professor, President

Born in Shizuoka City in 1951. Graduated from Kyoto University in 1977(MD). Studied at University of Minnesota as a Post-Doc majoring in clinical immunology. Granted PhD from Kyoto University in 1985. Promoted to Professor and Chairman at Gunma University in 1992 and then at Kyoto University in 1998. Retired from Kyoto University as Professor Emeritus and moved to Shiga General Hospital as President in 2014. Appointed as President of Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health in 2021. Past President of Asian Dermatological Association and past Secretary-General of International League of Dermatological Societies. (<https://researchmap.jp/ym1951?lang=en>)



MIZOTA, Yuri (溝田 友里) PhD

Associate Professor

Dr. Yuri Mizota teaches Behavioral Sciences, Social Marketing, Health Communication, and Risk Communication at Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. In addition, she works at MHLW (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan) as a Consultant, and NCC (National Cancer Center, Japan) as a Part-time Researcher. She obtained her B.S., M.S, and PhD in Sociology of Health from University of Tokyo. Her research interests are in the broad area of health communication, with a specific interest in developing effective ways to promote public health using nudge. She and her research draw much media attention. Her another research focus is the effect of lifestyle and psychosocial factors in cancer progression, and she is a Co-Principal Investigator of ROK Study (Rainbow of KIBOU Study), the world largest breast cancer patient survivorship cohort.

(<https://researchmap.jp/yurimizota?lang=en>)



MORI, Hiroko (森 寛子) PhD

Associate Professor

My research interests lie in health sciences, medical sociology, and quantitative and qualitative research, with a particular interest in the health and well-being of community populations which are receiving both medical and long-term care. My currently conducting researches are on individual values and behavioral norms using qualitative research methods, on disaster prevention in elderly care facilities using epidemiological research methods, and on the cognitive restructuring of caregivers of patients with swallowing difficulties at home. Now, I teach gerontology, qualitative research methodology, and public health crisis management to MPH/PhD candidates at Shizuoka Graduate School of Public Health. (<https://researchmap.jp/18950301?lang=en>)



MORI, Kiyoshi (森 潔) MD, PhD

Professor

My research is focused on the understanding and development of pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment of renal disorders through secretory signals, renal hemodynamics and nutrition. I have been particularly interested in renoprotective role of natriuretic peptides and behaviors of urinary and blood NGAL (or LCN2) in acute kidney injury and chronic kidney disease. My interest is also expanded to epidemiology, new clinical therapy and healthy longevity. I have first authored and co-authored high-impact articles in *Nature*, *J Clin Invest*, *JASN*, *Kidney International*, *Diabetologia*, and *Scientific Reports*, including studies on NGAL, PPAR α , VEGF, and leptin in renal disease and systemic metabolism. (<https://researchmap.jp/read0057279?lang=en>)



SASAKI, Hatoko (佐々木 八十子) Dr.PH, MPH

Senior Assistant Professor

Hatoko Sasaki teaches literature search & critical appraisal, presentation & writing skills, and healthcare organizational theory to MPH candidates at Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. Her research interests center around improving maternal and child health through evidence-based intervention and practice. She serves as an academic research fellow for Cochrane Japan and a member of the clinical guideline assessment committee for the Japan Council for Quality Health Care (Minds). (https://researchmap.jp/sasaki_h?lang=en)



SATO, Sayaka (佐藤 清香) PhD

Senior Assistant Professor

Sayaka Nagao-Sato's research interests are nutritional epidemiology and nutrition education. She has been engaged in studies regarding community-based participatory research and epidemiological analysis using national dietary data during her visiting scholar at the University of Minnesota, and eating behaviors changed by life events among older adults during her PhD program at Ochanomizu University. At the Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health, she will also engage in implementation research based on epidemiological evidence and behavioral science to improve citizens' healthy behavior.

(<https://researchmap.jp/NagaoSatoS>)



SATO, Yoko (佐藤 洋子) DDS, PhD

Senior Assistant Professor

Dr. Yoko Sato received B.S in Dentistry and Ph.D. in Medicine in Tokyo Medical and Dental University (Tokyo, Japan). She is a Lecturer at the Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health and her research activities are in Medical Statistics, Epidemiological Statistics, and Big-data Epidemiology. She is a statistical editor of Journal of Prosthodontic Research. (<https://researchmap.jp/20757017?lang=en>)



SHINYA, Yuta (新屋 裕太) PhD

Senior Assistant Professor

Yuta Shinya is a Senior Assistant Professor in the field of auditory linguistics at the Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health, and a guest researcher at the Center for Hearing and Language, Shizuoka General Hospital. He received his Ph.D. in Education from Kyoto University. His research focuses on developmental cognitive neuroscience, particularly infant vocalizations and crying, auditory-motor integration, and the biological basis of communication. He addresses these topics using acoustic analysis, deep learning, and physiological measures. He is especially interested in how these early processes relate to language and social development and to early support for preterm infants and for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. At Shizuoka SPH, he teaches courses on language, cognition, and development. (<https://researchmap.jp/yshinya>)



SUGAWARA, Akira (菅原 照) MD, PhD

Professor

Human atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP) was identified in 1984, by Hisayuki Matsuo in Japan. Soon after then, I established the measurement system of this peptide and showed that "ANP is released from the heart and circulates in the body." We demonstrated that "heart is not only a pump organ but also an endocrine organ." Our research of the natriuretic peptides contributed to the clinical application of this peptide for cardioprotective medicine and renoprotective effect. Since then, I have been interested in the pathophysiology and treatment of cardiac and renal disorders. From this clinical point of view, to avoid cerebrovascular, cardiac and renal insufficiency leads to the human life span longer. But our interests become the extension of healthy expectancy and reduction of health disparities which are the most important matters to work on. Now we can work on through the public health point of view in this university of public health.

<https://researchmap.jp/asugawar-80974878?lang=en>



TABARA, Yasuharu (田原 康玄) PhD

Professor, Library Director

My research interests include hypertension and geriatrics (mainly frailty, sarcopenia and dementia). I aim to identify risk factors for these diseases from cohort studies of general population. I also engage in research to elucidate the relationship among various clinical and social medical factors, which will lead us closer to understanding the causes of the diseases. In the Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health, I started my activities in 2021 with the goal of building a cohort of 20,000 people in Shizuoka Prefecture. We hope to make it a cohort that attracts many researchers from Japan and abroad, so if you are interested in joining us, please knock on our door. (<https://researchmap.jp/yasuharu.tabara?lang=en>)



TAKAGI, Akira (高木 明) MD, PhD

Professor

While hearing loss can be improved by surgery using a microscope, sensorineural hearing loss cannot be cured by surgery. However, nowadays, it is possible to improve the hearing of those with congenital severe sensorineural hearing loss by cochlear implantation, and it is now possible to acquire speech and language skills. However, early detection of hearing loss and early hearing compensation are important for smooth acquisition of spoken language, and appropriate medical care is necessary thereafter. In other words, it is necessary to put into practice a system of medical care, health care, and education. We would also like to transmit from this university our efforts toward a society where we can live together. (https://researchmap.jp/akira_0415?lang=en)



TAKAYAMA, Tomoko (高山 智子) PhD

Professor

Dr Takayama is a professor at the Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. At the Graduate University, she teaches classes in healthcare policy and health information science. Her research interests are health communication, patient-provider relationships and improving the quality of healthcare. She is a licensed nurse and public health nurse, after completing her PhD at the School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine of The University of Tokyo in 2002, she taught community nursing at the Department of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Okayama University. From 2006, she was involved in the planning and operation of “ganjoho.jp”, the largest cancer information website in Japan, at the National Cancer Centre since the Centre for Cancer Control and Information Services was established. She has also been involved in the education and training of cancer counsellors at the Cancer Information and Support Centers located in designated cancer care hospitals nationwide. She has been involved in a number of Health and Labor Science Research Grants-in-Aid studies, and has contributed to efforts to make better cancer care available anywhere in Japan by disseminating reliable cancer information and improving the quality of consultation services provided by cancer counsellors.

(<https://researchmap.jp/ttakayama1565?lang=en>)



TAKEUCHI, Masato (竹内 正人) MD, MPH, PhD

Professor

Prof. Takeuchi received an MD degree from Nagoya City University and received MPH and PhD degrees from the University of Tokyo. His professional career started as pediatrician, followed by academic physician and researcher. His research interest is epidemiology—such as clinical epidemiology or pharmacoepidemiology—utilizing large healthcare databases (often referred to as “big data”). He is also interested in longitudinal data analysis, causal inference, machine learning, and the combined use of these methods. (<https://researchmap.jp/7000014123?lang=en>)



TANAKA, Yoshihiro (田中 仁啓) MD, PhD

Associate Professor

Dr. Yoshihiro Tanaka is a physician and epidemiologist at the Graduate School of Public Health, Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health, Japan. His research focuses on cardiovascular epidemiology and clinical research using large-scale administrative and health-related databases. He conducts population-based studies to investigate the prevention, management, and outcomes of cardiovascular diseases, including heart failure and atrial fibrillation. His work emphasizes the generation of robust real-world evidence through advanced epidemiological and statistical methods, such as propensity score-based analyses and survival analysis. He has been involved in multiple research projects utilizing regional and nationwide databases to evaluate treatment effectiveness, risk factors, and long-term outcomes. In addition to his research, Dr. Tanaka is actively engaged in graduate-level education, teaching courses in clinical epidemiology, research methodology, and academic writing. He also contributes to the academic community through peer review and collaborative research activities. (<https://researchmap.jp/jnk?lang=en>)



URANO, Testumei (浦野 哲盟) MD, PhD

Professor, Vice-President

Vice President of Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health, and also a Special Research Professor & Professor of Emeritus of Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, where having served as a professor of the Department of Medical Physiology since 2001 till 2021. Received his Doctor of Medical Science from Hamamatsu University School of Medicine in Japan, and served as a post-doctoral fellow at University of Notre Dame (USA), and as a visiting scientist for two esteemed laboratories in Sweden and Denmark sponsored by the Japanese government. Fibrinolysis is the main working field and having focused on the spatio-temporal regulation of fibrinolysis. Having authored and/or reviewed more than 240 medical peer-reviewed articles and publications, and currently serving as a council member of the International Society of Fibrinolysis and Proteolysis, the chair of SSC fibrinolysis subcommittee of ISTH, and also an associate editor of Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis. (<https://researchmap.jp/read0018666?lang=en>)



USUI, Takeshi (白井 健) MD, PhD

Professor, Dean

Takeshi Usui is a clinical endocrinologist. His research interest is clinical genetics not only in endocrinology but many other fields including hereditary tumor syndrome or rare genetic diseases. He is also interested in genetic counselling on genetic disease patients and their relatives. He also holds the post of the Director of Genomic Medical Center in Shizuoka General Hospital. (<https://researchmap.jp/58000169?lang=en>)



YAMAMOTO, Seiichiro (山本 精一郎) PhD

Professor, Vice Dean

Dr. Seiichiro Yamamoto joined the National Cancer Center as staff scientist in 1996, after a PhD was conferred from the School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine of The University of Tokyo. He has supported cancer clinical research projects as a biostatistician while also leading epidemiological research projects throughout his career. He has been focusing on for these ten years the research for precision medicine for individual cancer prevention using health behavioral approach and also a principal investigator of the world largest breast cancer patient survivorship cohort. He is also a principal investigator of development and management of e-learning website for clinical research methodology “ICRweb (Introduction to Clinical Research, <http://icrweb.jp/>)”. ICRweb provides more than 270 contents for 160,000 users and is a de-fact standard training tools for medical doctors involved in clinical research in Japan. Based on the knowledge and experiences so far, he is also focusing on the healthcare data policy in the era of the fourth industrial revolution. After 25 years contribution to the National Cancer Center, he is now working for the Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health since October 2021, focusing on education and research with municipalities to improve the health of their citizens.

(<https://researchmap.jp/siyamamo?lang=en>)



YAMAZAKI, Hiroshi (山崎 浩司) PhD

Professor

Hiroshi Yamazaki is a faculty member at the Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health, where he teaches medical sociology, death and life studies, and qualitative research methodologies to both MPH and PhD students. His primary research focuses on fostering bereavement- and grief-compassionate communities in Japan through participatory action research. He specializes in qualitative research methodologies, with particular expertise in the Modified Grounded Theory Approach (M-GTA), an adaptation of

Barney Glaser and Anselm Strauss's Grounded Theory developed by Japanese sociologist Yasuhito Kinoshita. In addition to his academic duties, Yamazaki serves as a coordinator and supervisor for the Japanese Society of M-GTA, and as a councilor for both the Japanese Society of Health and Medical Sociology and the Japanese Association for Clinical Research on Death and Dying. (<https://researchmap.jp/HRY?lang=en>)



YOSHIOKA, Takashi (吉岡 貴史) MD, PhD

Associate Professor

I am a physician and researcher. I studied clinical epidemiology at Kyoto University and health economics at Keio University, and currently serve as Associate Professor in the Department of Social Epidemiology at Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. My research centers on the commercial determinants of health (CDoH), how corporate commercial activities shape population health. In clinical epidemiology, I have investigated decision support for urolithiasis, including clinical prediction models and prognostic factors. In the field of epidemiology, my work examines key factors associated with tobacco, alcohol, and gambling, with a particular focus on high-alcohol-content beverages ("strong *chū-hai*") in Japan. I have also engaged in cost-effectiveness analysis within health economics. Through these efforts, I aim to generate evidence that fosters a society where public health, commercial interests, and policy advance in harmony. (<https://researchmap.jp/yoshiokatakashi?lang=en>)