

Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health Faculty Profiles



Yoshiki MIYACHI (宮地 良樹) MD, PhD

Professor, President

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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.



Testumei URANO (浦野 哲盟) MD, PhD

Professor, Vice-President

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A 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.



Yasuharu TABARA (田原 康玄) PhD

Professor, Dean

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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.



Takeshi USUI (臼井 健) MD, PhD

Professor, Deputy Dean

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I am a clinical endocrinologist. My research interest is clinical genetics not only in endocrinology but many other fields including hereditary tumor syndrome. I am also interested in genetic counselling on genetic disease patients and their relatives.



Akira TAKAGI (高木 明) MD, PhD

Professor

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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.



Akira SUGAWARA (菅原 照) MD, PhD

Professor

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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 interest become the extension of healthy expectancy and reduction of health disparities which are the most important matter to work on. Now we can work on through the public health point of view in this university of public health.



Noriko KOJIMAHARA (小島原 典子) MD, PhD

Professor

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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.



Nagato KURIYAMA (栗山 長門) MD, PhD

Professor

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Mar 1991 Graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine

Apr 1995 Completed Doctoral program (Department of Neurology), Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine

Sep 1997 Staff of University of California, San Francisco, USA

Dec 2000 Medical Director (Neurology), National Shiga Hospital

Apr 2004 Department of Neurology, Kyoto Second Red Cross Hospital

Apr 2008 Lecturer, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine (Department of Epidemiology for community Health and Medicine) and Department of Social Medicine and Humanities, Research Institute for Neurological and Geriatrics

Apr 2012 Associate Professor, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine Graduate School of Medicine (Department of Epidemiology for community Health and Medicine) and Department of Social Medicine and Humanities, Research Institute for Neurological and Geriatrics

2013, 2014 MPH, Harvard Medical School, School of Public Health, USA

Aug 2019 Visiting Researcher, Research Center, Shizuoka General Hospital

Apr 2021 Professor, Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health



Kiyoshi MORI (森 潔) MD, PhD

Professor

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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 or chronic kidney disease. Recently, my interests expanded to epidemiology and healthy longevity.



Kou SUEOKA (末岡 浩) MD, PhD

Professor

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After graduating from Keio University School of Medicine, I have been at the forefront of the fields of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Reproductive Medicine, and Clinical Genetics at Keio University for many years. The consistent research goal so far has been to establish medical care to meet the wishes of people who desire the birth of healthy life for the next generation. The inheritance of life in the next generation is not only about biological inheritance, but also focuses on the transmission of diseases in humans to future generations. With the advancement of reproductive medicine, the development of genetic analysis technology has given rise to a human innovation known as preimplantation genetic testing. As a pioneer in this field, I have conducted multidimensional research spanning over 30 years, encompassing technological advancements as well as social and ethical considerations, contributing to the realization of clinical applications for various genetic disorders. Additionally, I aim to create a research platform that fosters sufficient knowledge and experience in addressing the choices and challenges associated with prenatal diagnosis when pregnancy is established.



Kazuo KINOSHITA (木下 和生) MD, PhD

Professor

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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.



Seiichiro YAMAMOTO (山本 精一郎) PhD

Professor

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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.



Yasue HORIUCHI (堀内 泰江) PhD, CGC

Professor

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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.



Shigeto FURUKAWA (古川 茂人) PhD

Professor

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I am engaged in research in cognitive neuroscience (psychophysics and neurophysiology) with a focus on auditory perception. In particular, I have been interested in and studied the mechanisms of auditory scene analysis (mechanisms and cues for the brain to understand complex acoustic environments), measurement, evaluation, and modeling of auditory functions, and mechanisms and evaluation of hearing difficulties. In recent years, in collaboration with clinical institutions, I have also been engaged in research on the functional development of the brain with cochlear implants, with a view to contributing to clinical care, rehabilitation, and support. At the graduate university, I am in charge of courses related to the basic knowledge and methods required of hearing specialists.



Tomoko TAKAYAMA (高山 智子) PhD

Professor

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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 designed 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.



Masato TAKEUCHI (竹内 正人) MD, MPH, PhD

Professor

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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 pharmaco-epidemiology — 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.



Hiroshi YAMAZAKI (山崎 浩司) PhD

Professor, Library Director

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Hiroshi Yamazaki teaches medical sociology, death & life studies, and qualitative research methods to MPH/PhD candidates at Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. Yamazaki's main research interest is developing bereavement/grief-compassionate communities in Japan by means of participatory action research. He has conducted a qualitative evaluation study of Setagaya Grief Support Program which is the country's first official public-private partnership program of bereavement support. Yamazaki has extensive expertise in qualitative research methodologies, particularly in the Modified Grounded Theory Approach (M-GTA: the modified version of Glaser and Strauss' GTA devised by a Japanese sociologist Yasuhito Kinoshita), and serves as a supervisor for the Japanese Society of M-GTA. He also serves as a councilor for the Japanese Society of Health and Medical Sociology and the Japanese Association for Clinical Research on Death and Dying.



Takashi AMAGASA (天笠 崇) MD, PhD

Associate Professor

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Takashi Amagasa teaches environmental and health sciences, occupational medicine, behavioral medical science, and mental health promotion research to MPH candidates at Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. His research has mainly focused on exploring work-related mental disorders and suicides in Japan by means of psychological autopsy and epidemiological study. He also has researched in the area of clinical psychiatry and psychiatric rehabilitation. He is currently engaged in a cluster-randomized controlled trial of mental health promotion program at worksite and AMED-RDAS (Development of an ICF-Based Assessment Scale on Disability and Strength Aiming to Promote Attainment of Goals in Social Life of Individuals with Psychiatric Disorders Through Shared Goal Setting between Individuals in Charge and their Supporters). He has extensive expertise in practice,

research, and implementation of SST (Social Skills Training) in Japan, and serves as Secretary General for the Japanese Association of SST.



Hiroko MORI (森 寛子) PhD

Associate Professor

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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. Some of my current conducting researches included the following; decision-making process of elderly Japanese immigrants abroad in the final stage of life using qualitative research methods; a cross-sectional survey on disaster preparedness in elderly care facilities; and the effects of swallowing rehabilitation on the subjective well-being of caregivers of homebound dysphagia. Now, I teach gerontology, qualitative research methodology, and public health crisis management to MPH/PhD candidates at the Graduate School of Public Health, University of Shizuoka



Yoshihiro TANAKA (田中 仁啓) MD, PhD

Associate Professor

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Dr. Yoshihiro Tanaka is a cardiologist specializing in electrophysiology and cardiovascular epidemiology. His interests include primary and secondary prevention of atrial fibrillation (AF), one of the most common and clinically important arrhythmias all over the world. Furthermore, his interest extends to the epidemiology of heart failure and cancer, both of which are prevalent in the ageing society like Japan. He utilizes hospital data, Japanese-specific health check-ups, and publicly available database such as CDC WONDER and National Health and Nutrition Survey in Japan. He also has sufficient knowledge on and experience of prospective cohort studies. He would like to assist with research support for young researchers and energize Japan through research!



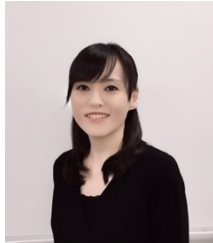
Yasuto SATO (佐藤 康仁) PhD

Associate Professor

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Dr. Yasuto Sato received Bachelor of Agriculture from Hiroshima University in Hiroshima, Japan and Master of Health Sciences from Ryukyu University in Okinawa, Japan. He also received his Ph.D. in Medicine from Tokyo Women's Medical University in Tokyo, Japan. He has been engaged in the research of electromagnetic fields on human health since 2002 and currently conducts epidemiological studies on the IF-EMFs (intermediate-frequency electromagnetic fields). He teaches

epidemiology and public health to MPH/PhD candidates at Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. He also teaches epidemiology and medical statistics as a part-time lecturer at Tokyo Women's Medical University and Tokyo University of Science.



Yuri MIZOTA (溝田 友里) PhD

Associate Professor

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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 Ph.D 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.



Eiji NAKATANI (中谷 英仁) PhD

Associate Professor

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I, Eiji Nakatani, obtained my B.S. in Pharmacy and M.S. in Biostatistics from Kitasato University in Tokyo, Japan. I also earned my Ph.D. in Medical Science from Kyoto University. Currently, I serve as an Associate Professor of Medical Statistics at Shizuoka Graduate University, where I teach Introduction to Medical Statistics, Advanced Medical Statistics, Clinical Trial Analysis, and Observational Study Analysis. In addition, I am a lecturer in the Statistics Program SAS at Osaka University and a visiting researcher in Medical Informatics at Kyoto University. I am also a visiting researcher in medical big data analysis at Hamamatsu University School of Medicine (Shizuoka, Japan) and the Translational Research Center (Kobe, Japan). My present research and teaching activities focus on medical statistics.

I have published over 120 peer-reviewed articles on clinical trials, clinical research, and practical epidemiology. I am interested in developing statistical methods related to interaction and subpopulation analysis using non-randomized study (observational) data. My practice encompasses consulting, planning, and statistical analysis pertaining to clinical trials, clinical studies, and medical big data.

Main research topics:

- Development of statistical methods for interaction (medical statistics)
- Development of medical big data and exploration of new risks (medical

statistics, big data epidemiology)

- Consultation, planning, and statistical analysis of clinical studies/trials (medical statistics)
- Analysis and research of medical big data (SKDB) (big data epidemiology)



Shuhei FUJIMOTO (藤本 修平) PhD

Associate Professor

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This researcher specializes in health communication, health informatics, and marketing of medical business. He teaches presentation skills and rehabilitation at Shizuoka SPH. Also at Kyoto SPH, he teaches health informatics and practice of EBM/Clinical practice guideline.



Tamás Dávid FEHÉRVÁRI MD, PhD

Senior Assistant Professor

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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.



Hatoko SASAKI (佐々木 八十子) Dr.PH, MPH

Senior Assistant Professor

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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).



Taichi HATTA (八田 太一) PhD

Senior Assistant Professor

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Dr. Taichi Hatta is a senior assistant 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 in Japanese. Translated Foundations of Mixed Methods Research (Tashakkori & Teddlie, 2009) into Japanese as one of the translation supervisors.



Yoko SATO (佐藤 洋子) DDS, PhD

Senior Assistant Professor

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Dr. Yoko Sato received B.S in Dentistry and Ph.D. in Medicine in Tokyo Medical and Dental University (Tokyo, Japan). She is a senior assistant professor 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.



Kazuya SETOH (瀬藤 和也) PhD

Adjunct Assistant Professor

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Kazuya SETOH is currently an adjunct assistant professor at the Shizuoka Graduate University of Public Health. His research interest is inflammaging based on epidemiological method. Especially, he currently researches on food derived immune reactions resulting in age-related diseases. Before joining the current university, he studied on immune regulation through T cells as a master course student, and subsequently managed the Nagahama Prospective Genome Cohort for Comprehensive Human Bioscience (the Nagahama Study) as a doctoral course student and as a postdoctoral researcher at the Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University. At Shizuoka from 2021, he has been involved in the project of a novel large cohort study in Shizuoka prefecture (the Shizuoka Study).