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Cardiovascular Core Analysis Laboratory, Stanford, California

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Stanford University, Stanford, California, USA

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Internships and Residencies:

1996 Chief Fellow, Department of Cardiology,
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1992-1993 Resident, Department of Internal Medicine,
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1991-1992 Junior Resident, Department of Internal Medicine,
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1991 M.D. University of Tokyo

Board Certification

1994 Board Certified Member of the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine

1997 Board Certified Member of the Japanese Geriatric Society

1998 Board Certified Member of the Japanese Circulation Society

1999 Fellow of Japanese Society of Internal Medicine

2002 Board Certified Member of the Japanese Interventional Cardiology Society

Medical Licensure

1991 Full Medical License (Japan) #341267

Honors and awards

1997 IBM Irisawa Memorial Award

2002 Most improved presentation award

Center for Research in Cardiovascular Interventions, Stanford
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Previous Professional Positions and Appointments

Hospital and Academic Appointments:

- 1992-1996 Department of Internal Medicine, Department of Cardiology,
Mitsui Memorial Hospital, Tokyo, Japan
- 1996-1997 Physician, Department of Geriatric Medicine,
University of Tokyo Hospital, Tokyo, Japan
- 1997-2001 Attending Physician, Department of Geriatric Medicine,
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Cardiovascular Core Analysis Laboratory,
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Division of Cardiovascular Medicine,
Saitama Medical Center, Jichi Medical University
- 2013- Professor and Chairman (Cardiovascular Medicine)
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Other Professional Positions and Major Visiting Appointments:

- 1996-Present Visiting Staff, Department of Cardiology,
Abe Hospital, Tokyo, Japan
- 1997-1999 Visiting Staff of Interventional Cardiology, Department of
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University of Tokyo Hospital
- 1998-1999 Visiting Staff, Department of Geriatric Medicine
Saitama Kaisei Hospital, Saitama, Japan
- 2000-Present Visiting Staff, Department of Cardiology,

- Kondo Hospital, Chiba, Japan
- 2007-2009 Visiting Professor of Medicine
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- 2008-Present Visiting Lecturer of Medicine,
Department of Geriatric Medicine,
University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013-Present Visiting Professor of Medicine
Saitama Medical Center, Jichi University,
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Other Teaching

- 1996-1998 Student advisor at bedside teaching, Geriatric Medicine
University of Tokyo School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan
- 1996-2001 Instructor of Interventional Cardiology, Cardiology
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**Institutional, Departmental, and Divisional Administrative Responsibilities,
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- 1996-2001 Chairman of computer and internet utilization committee,
Department of Geriatric Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine
University of Tokyo, Japan
- 1999-2001 Staff of Teaching Planning Office, Department of Geriatric
Medicine
Graduate School of Medicine
University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
- 1999-2001 Member of public relation committee,
Japanese Geriatric Society, Tokyo, Japan

Professional and Society Memberships

- 1991- Japanese Society of Internal Medicine
- 1991- Japanese Circulation Society
- 1993- Japanese Society of Cardiology
- 1993- Japanese Society of Interventional Cardiology
- 1995- Japanese Geriatrics Society
- 1999- American Heart Association
- 2000- American College of Physicians
- 2013- Japanese Heart Failure Society
- 2013- Japanese Society of Hypertension
- 2013- Japanese Heart Rhythm Society
- 2013- Japanese Society of Cardiac Rehabilitation

Exclusive Professional Memberships

- 2006- Fellow of American College of Cardiology

Research Grants Awarded

- 1997 IBM Irisawa Memorial Award
 Estrogen receptor isoforms and its role in vascular system
- 1999-2000 Grant-in-aid, Ministry of Education, Science, and Culture in Japan
 Effect of Estrogen on subcutaneous and visceral adipocytes
- 2000-2001 Research Projects on Aging and Health, Ministry of Health and Welfare of Japan
 Long term follow up of diabetic patients
- 2001-2003 Grant-in-aid, Ministry of Education, Science, and Culture in Japan
 Acute coronary syndrome model with apoptosis induction to vascular smooth muscle cells

Reviewer of Major Academic Journals

- 2004- Circulation
- 2007- Heart
- 2007- American Journal of Cardiology
- 2008- Journal of Cardiology
- 2009- International Journal of Cardiology
- 2011- American Heart Journal
- 2011- Geriatrics and Gerontology International
- 2011- Cardiovascular Intervention and Therapeutics
- 2011- Circulation Journal
- 2012- Journal of Interventional Cardiology
- 2012- International Heart Journal
- 2012- Journal of Atherosclerosis
- 2014- Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions

- 2014- PLoS One
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Editorial Board of Medical Journals

- 2013- Cardiovascular Intervention Therapeutics
2014- Circulation Journal
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- balloon angioplasty. *Heart.* 2004;91:e8.
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- treated with novel drug-eluting dedicated bifurcation stent system: Intravascular ultrasound results of the AXXESS PLUS trial. *Catheter Cardiovasc Interv* 2007;70:952-7.
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