

Asahikawa Medical University Advisory Committee of Experts Established

In December 2019, in order to adhere to our service regulations, we established the Asahikawa Medical University Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is to review our administration and promote compliance so that our university is fair and just, obtains more social trust and contributes to regional medicine.

The members of the committee are an external lawyer, advisors to the president of our university, and the director of our hospital. Attended by our consulting lawyer as an observer, the first meeting of the committee was held on January 27, 2020.

For transparency, the committee will announce summary reports on the discussions.

Hokkaido Science and Technology Award Granted

Dr. AZUMA Nobuyoshi, professor of the Division of Vascular, Respiratory and Surgical Oncology at the Department of Surgery, won the Hokkaido Science and Technology Award.

Acute aortic diseases must be treated surgically or intravascularly as soon as possible. The sooner care is provided, the more likely it saves lives. Hokkaido is a large place however, and the number of hospitals that can provide such medical care is limited and quick access to facilities is an issue.

To solve this problem, Dr. AZUMA noticed that cloud-based medical practice can be clinically applied to patients with acute aortic diseases. Doctors in remote core hospitals send compressed CT images to the cloud, our cardiovascular surgery specialists look at them, make decisions about operations, and can start the operation (if needed) as soon as the patient has arrived. He has further applied this medical practice to other vascular diseases such as lower limb ischemia and venous thrombus, and to surgical diseases such as those in pediatric surgery that fewer doctors specialize in.



Introduction of External Interviewer System into our Entrance Examinations

We introduced the external interviewer system into the recommendation entrance examination. Its introduction was carried out based on what local communities wish our entrance examination to be. Reform of our university to make it more open to local communities has been accelerated mainly by the Integrated Medical Educational Center (which was established in April 2019 and renamed the Center for Integrated Medical Education and Regional Symbiosis in May 2020) for collaboration and enhancement in medical education at various levels, such as admission into our university, educating undergraduate students, and providing post-graduate clinical training.

President YOSHIDA Akitoshi Won an Ito Foundation Award

President YOSHIDA Akitoshi won an award presented by the Ito Foundation for his enthusiastic research into ocular circulation studies, his almost 40-year effort developing a new invention: the world's first fully automated Doppler OCT ophthalmometer, and his devotion to reducing urban/rural medical-care disparities for a quarter of a century as the world's leading authority in telemedicine.

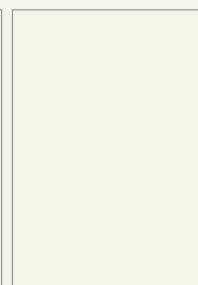
This award is given to those with outstanding research achievements and future visions in medicine, pharmacy, and dentistry who work for universities and research institutes in Hokkaido.



Accreditation of the Japan Accreditation Council for Medical Education

In July 2019, the School of Medicine at Asahikawa Medical University was evaluated and audited by the Japan Accreditation Council for Medical Education (JACME) in order to assure the quality of our educational system. We were certified that we satisfy the global standards for Basic Medical Education. The accreditation period is for seven years, from February 1st, 2020 to January 31st, 2027.

The report of the evaluation results by JACME and our self-evaluation report are posted on our website at <http://www.asahikawa-med.ac.jp/bureau/kikaku/tenken.html#03n>. We will update our efforts to develop our education system every year.



Other

Notification of Academic Records to Students' Guardians (since 2013)

Course Available in the Postgraduate Clinical Program Admission for Junior Residents to be Admitted into Graduate School (since 2013)

Clinical Professors in Charge of Groups of Students in the Medical Course (since 2013) and Clinical Professors as Advisors (since 2014)

Construction of the Forwarding System Using the CT Scanning System in Emergencies (since 2013)

Participation in Taisetsu Anshin *i* Medical Network (since 2014)

Introduction of Annual Salary Scheme to 10% of the Faculty Members (since 2015)

Selected as a Base of the Project for Establishing an Open-access-based Center for Sustainable Creation of New Medical Technology for Translational Research Network Program (since 2017)

Support for Working Cancer Patients by the Cancer Support Center and Public Employment Security Office (since 2017)

Mentor System (since 2018)

[See Telemedicine Center on page 40 for more information about the remarkable activities taking place there.](#)