

**Editorial**

## ISDE Presidential Biography: Dr. Kiyoshi Inokuchi

### Biography

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Oct 21, 1921	Born in Fukuoka, Japan
Sep. 1945	Graduated from School of Medicine, Kyushu Imperial University
Oct. 1945	Admitted to Graduate School of Kyushu Imperial University (Department of Surgery II and Faculty of Physical Chemistry)
Oct. 1947	Research Associate, Graduate School of Kyushu University (Department of Surgery II)
Apr. 1950	Research Fellow, Department of Chemistry, School of Science, The University of Tokyo
Aug. 1950	Awarded Degree of Medical Science (D. Med Sci.)
Apr. 1951	Research Fellow, Department of Chemistry, School of Science, Ochanomizu Womens' University
Nov. 1952	Research Associate, Department of Chemistry, School of Science, Ochanomizu Womens' University
Jul. 1953	Senior Lecturer, Department of Chemistry, School of Science, Ochanomizu Womens' University
Aug. 1955	Research Associate, Graduate School of Kyushu University (Department of Surgery II)
Aug. 1956	Awarded Degree of Doctor of Science (Ph.D)
Jun. 1957	Senior Lecturer of Graduate School of Kyushu University (Department of Surgery II)
Aug. 1957	Associate Professor, Graduate School of Kyushu University (Department of Surgery II)
Apr. 1963	Professor and Chairman of Surgery, Kyushu University
Apr. 1975	Director of Hospital, Kyushu University
Mar. 1985	Emeritus Professor of Kyushu University
Apr. 1985	President of Saga-prefecture Koseikan Medical Center
Mar. 1989	Emeritus President of Saga-prefecture Koseikan Medical Center

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### Societies

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1968	President of The Japan Society for Portal Hypertension
1975	Fellow of International College of Surgeons (FICS)
1977	Fellow of American College of Surgeons (FACS) Chairman of the 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of Japanese Society Clinical Oncology
1978	President of the 78 <sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of Japan Surgical Society
1979	President of the 21st Annual Meeting of Japanese College of Angiology
1981	Society of Vascular Surgery(America) Honorary Member
1981	Member of the Science Council of Japan (12th to 14 <sup>th</sup> sessions)
1982	Member of l' Academie de Chirurgie
1984	First Vice President of International Society for Disease of the Esophagus (ISDE) Chairman of UICC Fukuoka Symposium 1984
1985	Chairman of Japan National Committee for UICC
1986	Honorary Member of American College of Surgeons
1986–1989	President of ISDE
1986–2002	President of the Japanese Foundation for Multidisciplinary Treatment of Cancer
1986–2006	Secretary Member of ISDE
1996	Imperial award: The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Orders of the Sacred Treasure
1998	Distinguished Member of ISDE
2018	Chairman of NPO 'Society pursuing Wisdom for Eternity of Mankind'

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As his profiles show, Dr. Kiyoshi Inokuchi is a great surgeon and scientist. The contributions he has made to the field of surgical and medical research are outstanding. Indeed, Dr. Inokuchi can be considered a pioneer among Japanese surgeons with his development and modification of a number of techniques related to esophageal varices, vascular surgery, and surgical oncology.

His study of portal hypertension was based on the premise that surgical methods of treating esophageal

varices should be those which do not lower the portal pressure, but decrease the esophageal varices only. This is an essential requirement to prevent increased liver dysfunction after surgery. He also established methods of selective decompression of esophageal varices.

His research contributed not only to academia, but also to the public sphere as well. He made efforts to publish *The Japanese Journal of Surgery*, the all-English official publication of the Japan Surgical

Society. Dr. Inokuchi also contributed to establishing the Japanese Foundation for Multidisciplinary Treatment of Cancer, which aims at controlled randomized prospective studies in nationwide institutions. The Japanese Research Society for Portal Hypertension was organized by Dr. Inokuchi in 1968. Since then, he has been the chairman and worked hard to establish the Japanese mode of therapy for controlling bleeding from esophageal varices.

His scientific research and publications led to international recognition, and he has been the recipient of various awards and honors.

One great accomplishment is his work for ISDE, as he played an important role in its establishment. He became first vice-President of ISDE in 1984, and President in 1986.

In recent years, Dr. Inokuchi has a particular interest in the field of 'Human Science.' He thinks that it is important to nurture humanity and had established NPO 'Society pursuing Wisdom for Eternity of Mankind' in 2018. He is still active in his late nineties.

