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Recent progress and problem of reproductive medicine in Japan

Reproductive medicine has made a remarkable progress during past 40 years. In particular, we have obtained a very useful method called as assisted reproductive technology (ART). Its revolutionary advances occur on a global scale and at the speed that has exceeded our expectations. Japan is one of the countries with the most advanced reproductive medicine in the world. Now, the number of attempt of ART is more than about 400,000 per year and that of born babies is about 50,000. Already, ART become common therapy in Japan. On the other hand, we also have a lot of special problems in reproductive medicine, especially of ethics problem. We come face to face with these problem and have a hard time of solving of it. In this presentation, I will talk about recent progress and problem of reproductive medicine in Japan, especially ethics as I am now Chairperson of Ethics Committee of Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

CV

Education: Graduated from Tokushima University School of Medicine in 1979.

Professional Experience: Research assistant (1983-1993), Assistant Prof (1993-2001), Associate Prof (2001) and Professor and Chairman (2001-now) in Department. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Tokushima University. Research fellow in Department. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Maryland University School of Medicine, USA (1995-1996). Director of Tokushima University Hospital (2010-2011), Dean of Tokushima University School of Medicine (2013-2017), Dean of Tokushima University Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (2013-now).

Research Specialty: Reproductive medicine.

Present Academic Activities: Executive board member of Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Chairperson of Ethics Committee), President of Japan Society for Reproductive Medicine.