

## Department of Clinical Nursing

The Department of Clinical Nursing at HSUH offers an extensive range of high caliber educational opportunities to nurses, mainly at the graduate level. We offer advanced practice courses for primary care nurse practitioners as well as the Infectious Disease Clinical Nurse Specialist course.

Originally, we began a certification course for Infection Control Nurse in 2005, and then developed a curriculum for Infectious Disease Clinical Nurse Specialist, implemented in 2009. In addition, the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program was begun in 2010; this was the first NP program at the graduate level in Eastern Japan, and our curriculum was modeled after United States programs. Then, in 2014, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare introduced a new training program by amending the Nursing Act: nurses are now allowed to practice collaboratively, working with physicians to provide medical treatment. We offered this training program in the Primary Nurse Practitioner program starting in 2015.

### Faculty Members

• Professor: Yoko Tsukamoto, RN, CIC, FNP-c, Ph.D.

Specialties: Quality of Health Care, Public Health, HIV Care, Infectious Disease Nursing and Infection Prevention

• Assistant Professor: Reika Ishizumi, RN, MSN

Specialties: Infection Prevention

• Assistant Professor: Hisae Takahashi, RN, BEc

Specialties: Wound, Ostomy, and Incontinence Care

### Main Research Topics

- Infection Prevention of Healthcare Associated Infections
- Outcome of Nurse Practitioner

### Current Publications and Conference presentation

1. "A Report of 10-year History: Educational Program for Medically Underserved Areas in Japan by Infection Preventionists"  
Y. Tsukamoto, Y. Hiraoka, and K. Fumiko  
*American Journal of Infection Control*, Volume 44, Issue 6, S65
2. "The Effectiveness of Computer Based Educational Program Regarding Bioterrorism for Infection Control Practitioners in Japan"  
T. Miyake, Y. Tsukamoto, and M. Saito  
*American Journal of Infection Control*, Volume 42, Issue 6, S163–S164
3. "Decontamination of Intravascular Needleless Connector Valves: The Effect on Scrub Duration by Photographic Evaluation"  
Y. Tsukamoto  
*American Journal of Infection Control*, Volume 41, Issue 6, S44–S45