

SNMMI 2018–2020 Wagner–Torizuka Fellows Announced

SNMMI announced on September 20 the names of recipients of the 2018–2020 SNMMI Wagner–Torizuka Fellowships. These 1- or 2-year fellowships, launched in 2008 by Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD, and Kanji Torizuka, MD, PhD, provide extensive training and experience in the fields of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging for Japanese physicians in the early stages of their careers. The program is intended to advance fellows' research and clinical expertise, as well as facilitate professional development and preparation to make significant contributions to the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

The 2018–2020 fellows, each receiving an annual stipend of \$24,000, are: (1) Gensuke Akaike, MD, University of Washington Division of Nuclear Medicine, Department of Radiology (Seattle, WA), whose research focuses on SPECT/CT and PET/CT, primarily relating to oncology. Akaike currently serves as chief resident in the nuclear medicine residency program at the University of Washington in Seattle under the supervision of Hubert Vesselle, MD, PhD; (2) Osamu Manabe, MD, PhD, Hokkaido University Hospital, Department of Nuclear Medicine (Sapporo, Japan), who has conducted pioneering research with several

PET tracers, such as quantification of myocardial blood flow with ^{15}O water and ^{82}Rb , assessment of malignant tumors with ^{18}F -FDG and ^{11}C -methionine, and evaluation of inflammatory disease with ^{18}F -FDG. He is an assistant professor at Hokkaido University Graduate School of Medicine in the Department of Nuclear Medicine under the supervision of Daniel Berman, MD; and (3) Reiko Nakajima, MD, PhD, Department of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (New York, NY), whose research interests include PET/CT monitoring of the therapeutic efficacy of immune checkpoint inhibitors and related effects of gene mutation and patient characteristics in head and neck cancer, lung cancer, and malignant lymphoma. She is currently a visiting research fellow at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center under the supervision of Heiko Schöder, MD, MBA.

The SNMMI Wagner–Torizuka Fellowship program is sponsored by Nihon Medi-Physics Co., Ltd. (Tokyo, Japan). Applications for 2019–2021 fellowships, due on January 27, 2019, are available at: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/52877-Society-Of-Nuclear-Medicine-And-Molecular-Imaging>.

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