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I am a registered clinical engineer for 25 years and a member of the Japan Association for Clinical Engineers as well as an international exchange committee. I received associated degree on clinical engineering from Kawasaki College of Allied Health Professions, Japan, and master's degree in Health Management, Planning and Policy from University of Leeds, UK.

I have experience to work in hospitals, firms and organizations such as World Health Organization in Geneva, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) in Japan, consulting company, and private and public hospitals in Japan as well as Uganda. When I was dispatched to Mbale Regional Referral Hospital in Uganda as a volunteer worker supporting HTM, I realized the importance of affordable, accessible, appropriate health technology is needed and I started to think about medical devices relating to health care system widely. Moreover, when I worked in Medical devices policy office in Economic Affairs Division, MHLW, I gained experience and knowledge of medical device strategy related to universal health coverage. Currently, based on my experience, I realized that capacity building is essential for this field, and I was blessed with the opportunity to work at Osaka University.

I am very happy and lucky to have a lot of broad and unique experiences, and I think that it is time to collaborate with people all over the world to improve our skills and satisfaction in connecting patient safety.