

**The Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine (JARM)
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Topics in FY2020

Traveling Fellowship program supported by the Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine (JARM)

We provided the assistance to three participants for the 7th Asia-Oceanian Conference of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine, held in Seoul, South Korea, however, it was difficult to provide the other fellowship programs this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Revision of medical fees

On March 5 in 2020, the details of the revision of medical fees were published in the official bulletin. In this revision, the treatment of disease-specific rehabilitation has been reviewed. It was the revision to relax requirements such as facility standards and promote consistent rehabilitation medical care from the acute phase to the convalescent phase, maintenance phase, and living phase. It should be noted that a new addition has been established for swallowing rehabilitation by multidisciplinary teams. For the convalescent rehabilitation, further efficiency and quality improvement were required. Regarding the community-based comprehensive care, medical institutions that fulfill various roles and functions required in the community, such as providing home medical care and long-term care services, would be evaluated.

●Academic Conference of the Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine

The 4th Academic Conference of the Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine was held in a hybrid combination of in-person and online while the third wave of the new coronavirus was coming. In Japan, where the birthrate is declining, super aging is progressing, and the number of deaths is high, the challenges are to fulfill the required number of the medical professions who are responsible for rehabilitation, which is the important infrastructure of medicine and medical care, and to enhance the education for them. It is necessary for a medical professional to acquire the basics of rehabilitation medicine and medical care, learn how to apply the knowledge to daily clinical practice, and invest sufficient effort in research for the development of medicine and medical care. Therefore, the theme of the academic meeting was "Shuhari of rehabilitation medicine" quoting the teachings of Sen no Rikyu. Sen no rikiyu was a famous tea master during the Azuchi-momoyama period (end or 16th century), who invented Wabi-cha," which became the origin of modern tea ceremony. Shuhari means the three stages of mastery: the fundamentals, breaking with tradition, creating one's own techniques.