

Publication of Information Regarding Participation in and Contributions to TriNetX

Introduction

Takatsuki General Hospital participates in 'TriNetX', a clinical research support platform utilising medical information, with the aim of contributing to the improvement of healthcare quality and the advancement of medical research. Through TriNetX, information provided by participating medical institutions is used to assess the actual status of diseases, evaluate treatment outcomes, and examine the safety and efficacy of medicines and medical devices.

At Takatsuki General Hospital, in accordance with laws, relevant guidelines and internal regulations, we may utilise clinical data for research purposes and database analysis, whilst taking the necessary precautions to ensure that patients cannot be personally identified. This page is intended to provide an overview of this process to patients and their families.

1. Purpose of Use

Takatsuki General Hospital may use information obtained during routine medical care for the following purposes.

- Improving the quality of healthcare and enhancing clinical care systems
- Clinical research into the epidemiology of diseases, treatment practices and prognosis
- Evaluation of the efficacy and safety of medicinal products and medical devices
- Expanding opportunities for clinical trials and the development of new treatment methods
- Research activities that contribute to the improvement of public health and the advancement of medicine

2. Information Provided to TriNetX

The information provided by Takatsuki General Hospital to TriNetX may include, for example, the following items:

- Age, gender
- Diagnosis, medical history, comorbidities
- Date of treatment, and whether the treatment was inpatient or outpatient
- Prescription and medication information
- Test items and test results
- Information regarding procedures, operations, imaging tests and medical interventions

- Information regarding clinical outcomes

Information that can directly identify individual patients, such as name, address, telephone number, email address and patient ID, is not included in the information provided. The actual items provided will be limited to the minimum necessary scope, in accordance with the terms of the contract, system specifications, research objectives and applicable laws and regulations.

3. Method of Provision and Data Processing

Takatsuki General Hospital's medical information is provided to TriNetX electronically, subject to appropriate security measures, in accordance with laws, guidelines and our internal regulations. The information is processed as necessary to ensure that individuals cannot be identified and is provided as statistical data from which any link to specific individuals has been removed. Non-anonymised information prior to its processing into statistical data, or any other information capable of identifying individuals, will not be disclosed to other participating medical institutions or third parties via TriNetX.

4. Recipients of External Data and the Possibility of Overseas Transfer

The recipients are TriNetX, of which Takatsuki General Hospital is a member, and researchers, research institutions, companies and other organisations that conduct clinical research, epidemiological studies, quality of care assessments and similar activities through TriNetX. Statistical information compiled via TriNetX may be provided not only to participating organisations within Japan but also to participating organisations overseas. However, only statistical information will be provided, and the recipient organisations will not be able to identify individual patients. As the recipients may vary depending on the nature of the research, we are unable to disclose the names of specific countries or participating organisations in advance.

5. Protection of Patients' Interests and Security Management

Takatsuki General Hospital takes care to ensure that individual patients cannot be identified and handles information appropriately in accordance with laws, guidelines and our internal regulations. We implement the necessary security measures, including the prevention of unauthorised access, restrictions on data management and the management of access rights.

6. Requests to Cease the Use of Information, etc.

Should Takatsuki General Hospital receive a request from patient or patient's representative regarding the use of patient's medical information for research purposes or its provision to TriNetX, we will respond to such requests to the extent permitted by law and the nature of the research. However, please note that it may not be possible to remove information individually if it has already been anonymised or if research analysis and statistical processing have already been completed. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the office listed below.

7. Contact details

Responsible Department	Clinical Research Centre
Address	〒569-1192 1-3-13, Kosobe-Cho, Takatsuki-Shi, Osaka, Japan
Phone number	072-681-3801
E-mail address	tgh-rinsyoukenkyu@ajk.takatsuki-hp.or.jp
Opening hours	Weekdays 9.00 – 17.00

8. Disclosure of Information Regarding Individual Research Projects

Should it be necessary to disclose information—such as regarding opt-out procedures—in relation to individual research projects utilising TriNetX, Takatsuki General Hospital will provide a separate notice on our hospital's website.

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