

## Status of Hokkaido University Medical Association

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This brief describes in outline the Hokkaido Medical Association and the status of the Hokkaido University Medical Association.

### Hokkaido Medical Association

The present chairman of the association is Kiyoshi Nagase, and as of February 2009 the association has a membership of 8,480. Hokkaido has an area of 83,456 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 5.52 million, with 219 physicians per 100,000 population, near the national average of 217. On the other hand, its physicians tend to be concentrated in such major cities as Sapporo (population 1.9 million) and Asahikawa (350,000), and due to its vastness the prefecture faces the issue of regional variation.

The association is made up of eight regional blocks, with a further educational block comprising medical training institutions (three universities).

The Hokkaido University Medical Association of course belongs to this educational block.

### Hokkaido University Medical Association

The Hokkaido University Medical Association has its offices within the Hokkaido University Hospital, and its president is the director of that hospital. As of 2 June 2010, the association has 399 members, including 126 educators—46 professors, 19 associate professors, 16 lecturers and 45 assistant professors—32 medical students and 61 graduate students for a total of 93 student members, and 158 other members, including 22 honorary professors.

The association has its annual ordinary general meeting in March, and with but 400 members makes steady efforts.



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