

# Important Information for Past and Present Patients of St. Mary's Hospital

St. Mary's Hospital is conducting research using medical and/or other information obtained from patients (see below for details). The contents of the research have been approved by Our Lady of the Snow Social Medical Corporation, as well as any applicable committees within said corporation. For those whose information may be included as a Research Target, please contact the below staff member if you are interested in knowing more details or if you prefer not to have your information used for the purposes of this research.

① Research Topic	Foreign Patients Needing Language Assistance ~Setting the Baseline and Considering Future Needs~		
② Research Period	Approval Date ~ 31 March 2020 (planned)		
③ Research Target	Patients during whose visit resulted in staff from the International Cooperation Department to be deployed for interpretation		
④ Target Period	1 April 2016 ~ 31 December 2018		
⑤ Name of Organization	Social Medical Corporation Our Lady of the Snow St. Mary's Hospital		
⑥ Target Department	All departments		
⑦ Person in Charge	Name	Brandi Jones	Affiliation International Cooperation Department
⑧ Research Data Source(s)	The data source is an Excel file, "Foreign Patient Record," created by the International Cooperation Department that contains the following categories which were referenced for this research: 〔Categories〕 Patient's country of birth, native language, language used during interpretation, nature of visa, inpatient/outpatient status		
⑨ Research Outline	The number of foreign patients visiting the hospital will likely increase in the future. We intend to use information gathered from foreign patients who visited St. Mary's Hospital to 1) set a baseline to understand the current situation, 2) identify potential problems that may arise, and 3) endeavor to create a system that allows hospital staff to offer patients who cannot speak Japanese the same level of care as those who can.		
⑩ Ethical Review	Date of Approval by the Ethical Review Committee	<u>15 / 2 / 2019</u>	
⑪ Access to Research Proposal, etc.	The research proposal and other documents (incl. Research Method, etc.) can be obtained or perused in the scope that protection of private information of the research target and the Intellectual property of the Hospital are preserved. For further details, please contact the person in charge at the phone number listed below.		

⑫ Publication of Results	Results will be presented at relevant academic conferences and/or through academic publications.		
⑬ Personal Information Protection	A hospital staff member will be designated as the person in charge of the protection of personal information. Numbers will be assigned to research targets to protect identity. Any report of this research that is made available to the public will not include names or any other individual information by which targets could be identified.		
⑭ Intellectual Property Rights	Intellectual property rights will be wholly owned by St. Mary's Hospital.		
⑮ Source of Research Funding	None		
⑯ Conflicts of Interest	There are no conflicts of interest that may affect research results.		
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