

## **Kyoichi Takaori, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.S.**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Dr. Kyoichi Takaori is a pancreatic surgeon who has extensive experiences of open, laparoscopic, and robotic surgery. His academic career includes Professor of Surgery at Asahi University and Assistant Professor of Physiology and Biophysics at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Thorough his career as a surgeon, he has struggled to improve the prognosis of pancreatic cancer, which is known as the worst malignancy. First, he has focused on early detection of pancreatic cancer so that surgeons can offer truly curative operations to the patients. In 2003, with Dr. Ralph Hruban, Dr. Takaori organized International Expert Meeting on Precursor Lesions of Pancreatic Cancer and created international consensus on the classification of pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PanIN) and intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm (IPMN). World Health Organization has adopted this classification system, which helps researchers and physicians better understand the precursor lesions. Furthermore, in pursuit of early diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic cancer in high-risk individuals, he has founded a Japanese Familial Pancreatic Cancer Registry and is promoting collateral studies as the chairman of the registry committee of Japan Pancreas Society. Second, he has endeavored to improve the surgical techniques for pancreatic malignancies. In order to improve local control and to perform more oncologic resections, he has refined artery-first pancreatoduodenectomy and developed new techniques of artery-first distal pancreatectomy, and artery-first DP-CAR by utilizing the “Tora-no-Ana” approach. He is practicing the artery-first approach in all open, laparoscopic and robotic surgery. Third, he is a great believer of multi-disciplinary approach and presently directing the multi-disciplinary team as the Head of Pancreatic Cancer Unit at Kyoto University. Recently, he has conducted international collaborative study on the clinical managements of pancreatic cancer. Last but not least, Dr. Takaori serves patient’s advocacy and related activities on the Medical Advisory Board for PanCAN Japan and the Scientific Advisory Board for Pancreatic Cancer UK. He is contributing to scientific journals as the Vice Editor-in-Chief of Pancreatology and Consultant Editor of Digestive Surgery, the official journal of the International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists (IASGO). Professor Takaori has served as the International Coordinator of IASGO Educational & Training Projects along with late Professor Nikolaos Lygidakis and Professor Dan Duda. In 2015, he was appointed to the Secretary General of IASGO.