Symposium 6: Japan In Real Life: Data, evidence and an evolving regulatory framework for Pharmacovigilance

Moderator

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Masato Takeuchi, Kyoto University, Japan

Masato Takeuchi received MD degree from Nagoya City University, MPH and PhD degree from The University of Tokyo. He is currently working as an associate professor at Department of Pharmacoepidemiology, Graduate School of Medicine and Public Health, Kyoto University. His research interests are Pharmacoepidemiology/Clinical Epidemiology and Machine Learning.
Mr. Takashi Ando is an epidemiologist in Division of Epidemiology, Office of Medical Informatics and Epidemiology, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA) in Japan. He joined PMDA in 2014 and he was assigned to the team for epidemiological analysis and review for drug safety assessments, through the Medical Information for Risk Assessment Initiative (MIHARI Project). Since 2014, also as a member of MID-NET® project to provide electronic medical record database for drug safety assessments in Japan, he has contributed to verification of MID-NET® system reliability and utilized MID-NET® for post-marketing drug safety assessments.

Cynthia de Luise, Pfizer, USA

Cynthia de Luise, MPH, PhD, PA, is a senior pharmacopidemiologist in the Worldwide Medical and Safety organization at Pfizer with over 25 years of experience in pharmaceutical drug safety research and clinical medicine. Prior to joining Pfizer in 2001 she had a successful career as a physician assistant in surgical critical care. At Pfizer she supports products across multiple therapeutic areas and drug safety issues and has significant expertise using real world data for safety, effectiveness, drug utilization and validation studies. Over the last several years she has led a long-term initiative to develop pharmacoepidemiologic capabilities in Japan, which has included hospital-based validation studies of claims data and scientific oversight of the first post-marketing safety study using the Japan MID-NET. Her product support includes Pfizer’s first in class CDK 4/6 inhibitor, Ibrance for which she developed novel predictive models to identify early and advanced ER+/HER2- breast cancer in administrative claims data, the meningitis B vaccine, Trumenba, and Pfizer’s biosimilar oncology portfolio. Cynthia is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Epidemiology at Rutgers School of Public Health and received her PhD in Public Health/Epidemiology from Rutgers School of Public Health and a MPH in Epidemiology from Columbia Mailman School of Public Health.

Soko Setoguchi FISPE, Rutgers University, USA

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