

As an executive member of the Japanese Society of Anesthesiologists (JSA), I will inform WFSA of JSA efforts to deliver the finest quality of professional care in anesthesiology. Japanese Anesthesiology has a unique history. In 1804, Seishu Hanaoka, a physician in the Edo era, successfully performed general anesthesia using the extract of Datura. This event is now considered the first successful general anesthesia in the world. Following Seishu Hanaoka, Japanese doctors combined oriental herbal medicine and modern medical techniques imported from European countries. Now, JSA represent more than 13,000 physicians, including 57 members outside of Japan. Since being established in 1954, we have strived to raise the standards for the field of anesthesiology in Japan and around the world. Over time, the scope of our focus has expanded into excellence in the anesthesia subspecialties and the fields of critical care, pain-clinic, and palliative care. More recently, we are establishing Perioperative Management Team project all over the country. Our mission is to promote continuous improvement in patient care. We do this through our commitment to the highest levels of education for anesthesiologists, cutting edge research, and advancements in medical technology.