

# NOTICE ON ONGOING RESEARCH

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Department of Infectious Diseases, Osaka Medical Center is cooperating in the following research:

**Research Title:** Investigation on the factors which influence the initial CD4 count of foreign origin patients with HIV  
(Research supported by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare AIDS Research Grant)

**Purpose:** To study factors that support and/or hinder foreign origin patients in receiving HIV treatment, and find ways to better support patients in receiving treatment

**Method:** Collect information about foreign patients with HIV that visited the hospital from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2013. Information to collect includes the patient's nationality, gender, date of initial visit, CD4 count at initial visit etc. Information that could identify the patient, such as name, address etc., will not be collected. The collected information will be entered into a form and sent to primary researcher of this study. Data that will include approximately 400 patients from various hospitals will be analyzed to identify factors that support and hinder patients in receiving care.

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