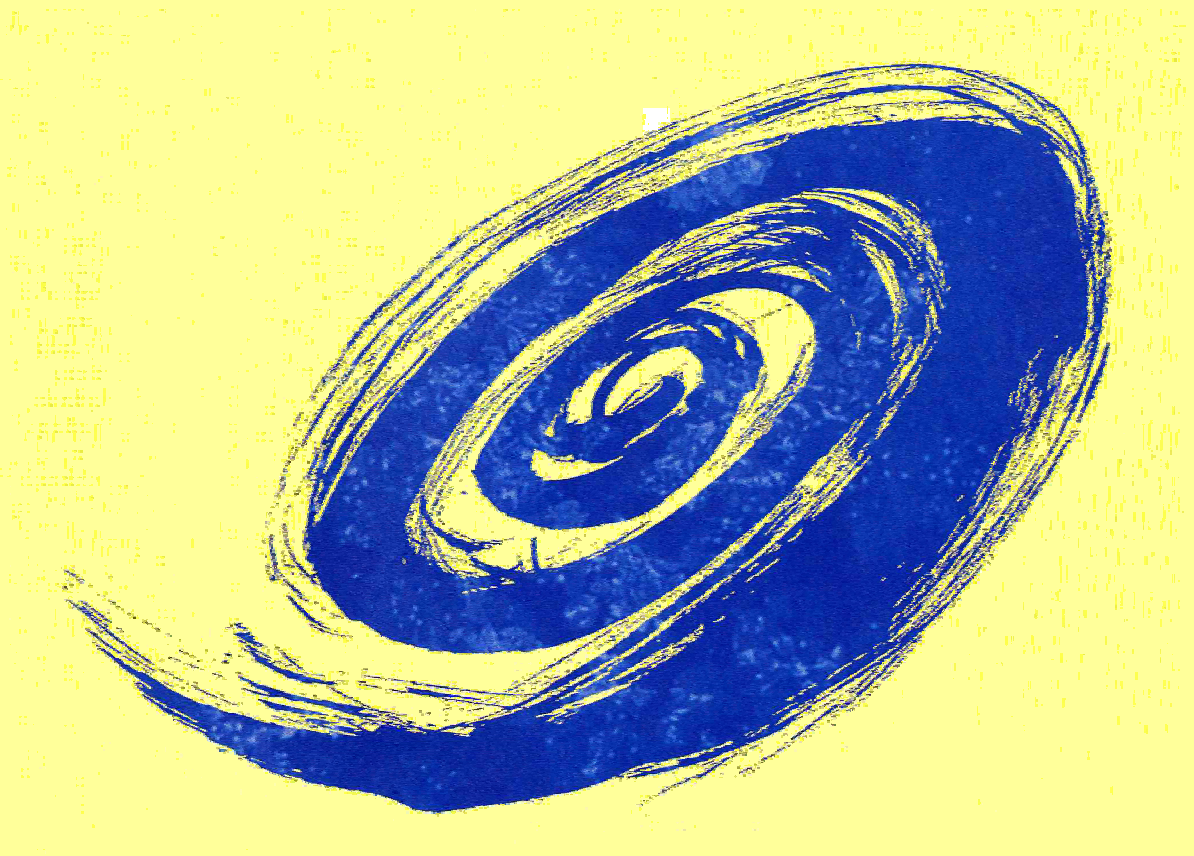


UMIN

Infrastructure for Academic Activities

University hospital Medical Information Network





SINCE 1989

UMIN is now **important information infrastructure** for academic activities of biomedical sciences in Japan, and it is **the largest and most versatile academic medical information network** in the world.

Foreword

The purposes set for UMIN at the time of its establishment are now fully realized with the recent establishment of education-related services such as online evaluation systems for medical education and post-graduate clinical training. I sincerely thank everybody who has contributed to UMIN activities, especially the former chairpersons, Drs. Kaihara and Sakurai, along with the successive groups of staff members from the Medical Education Division of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology. I hope everyone will continue to understand and to support the future activities of UMIN. I believe that all UMIN services for medical professionals and students will finally be available to the general public in the form of good medical practice.

My hope is that this brochure serves to promote a fuller and better understanding of UMIN and facilitates the use of its services.

Sincerely,

Chairperson, University hospital Medical Information Network Council of the National University Hospital Association

Tetsuya Igarashi, M.D., Ph. D. (Tsukuba Univ.)

What does “Infrastructure for Academic Activities” mean?

Who can use the infrastructure?

Any academic-related individuals and organizations!

- (1) Individual researchers
- (2) Research laboratories
- (3) Research groups
- (4) Academic societies
- (5) Universities and research institutes

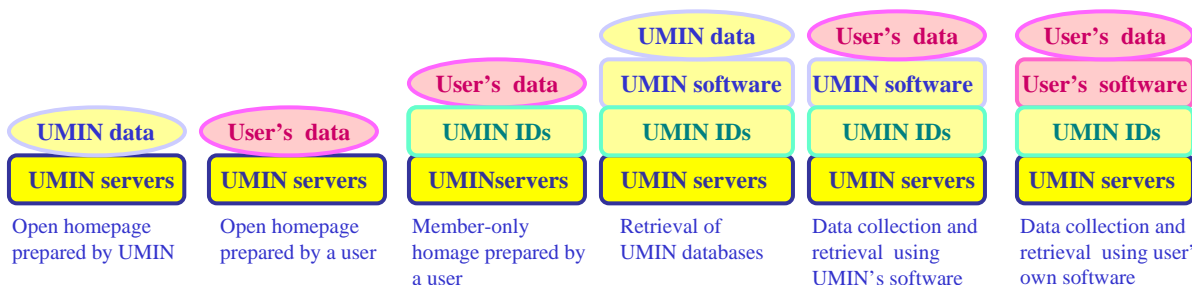
What purposes is the infrastructure used for?

Any academic-related purposes!

- (1) **Research:** Data management of clinical trials, abstract entry for academic meetings, research fund information, etc.
- (2) **Education:** Electronic textbooks, VOD image database, online evaluation of medical education and practice, etc.
- (3) **Clinical practice:** Drug information, intoxication database, online manuals, etc.
- (4) **Others:** Preparation of homepages, communication using mailing lists, email addresses for groups, etc.

Which resources of the infrastructure can be used?

Any combinations of UMIN servers, software, IDs, and data!



1. Purposes

1. Provide up-to-date information to healthcare professionals
2. Support collaborative projects among university hospitals
3. Promote communications between healthcare professionals
4. Support collaborative clinical and epidemiological research
5. Standardize medical data and collect hospital statistics
6. Support medical education and clinical training

2. History

- 1988** UMIN and its Steering Committee established in the Hospital Computer Center, the Univ. of Tokyo Hospital.
- 1989** UMIN started its NI-protocol-based services.
- 1994** UMIN started its Internet-based services.
- 1997** UMIN established its Electronic Library for Biomedical Sciences (ELBIS).
- 1998** UMIN stopped its NI-protocol-based services.
- 1999** UMIN started its VPN network (UMIN VPN) for national university hospitals.
- 2000** UMIN established its Internet Data and Information Center (INDICE) for medical research.
- 2002** UMIN Center established as an independent department in the Univ. of Tokyo Hospital.
- 2004** The Steering Committee reorganized into the UMIN Council under the National University Hospital Association.
The first professor of the UMIN Center was installed.

3. Organization (Feb. 1st, 2008)

National University Hospital Association

UMIN Council

Chairperson: Tetsuya Igarashi (Tsukuba Univ.)

Members:

Representatives from university hospitals

Eleven representative university hospitals
(four-year term)

Representatives from specialists in healthcare

Dentists
Pharmacists
Nurses
Clinical laboratory technicians
Education and clinical training
Clinical and epidemiological research
Infection control

Other Representatives

UMIN Center
National Institute of Informatics
Information Technology Center, Univ. of Tokyo

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Hospital Administration Subcommittee

Drug Information Subcommittee

Nursing Information Subcommittee

Laboratory Information Subcommittee

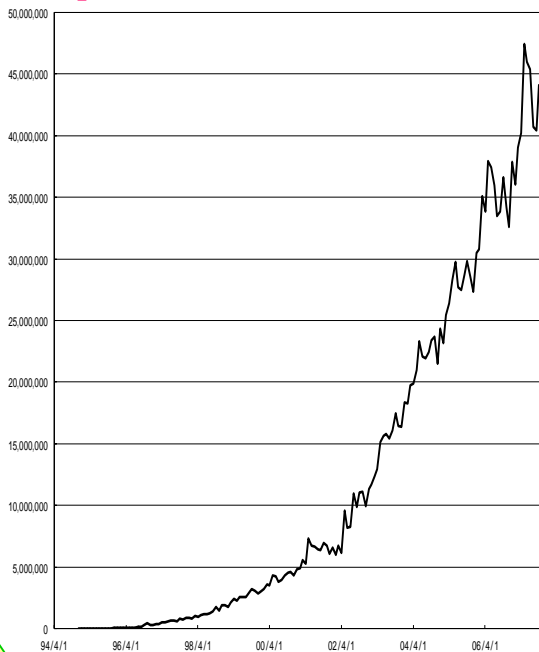
Network Technology Subcommittee

Clinical Research Information Subcommittee

4. Usages

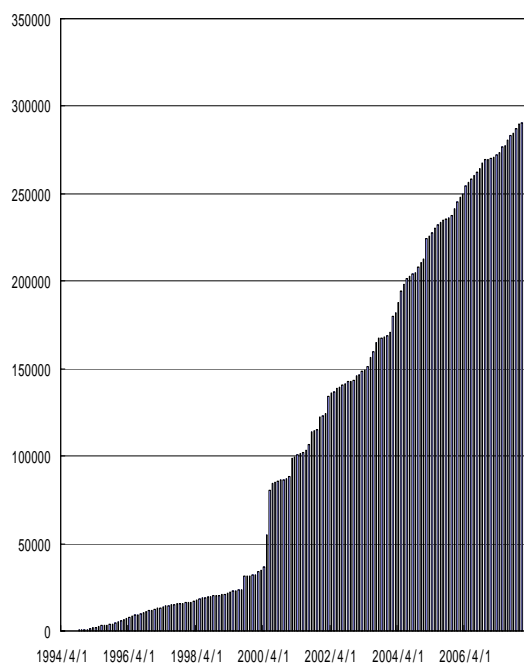
(1) Monthly WWW page views

- More than four million page views per month



(2) The number of registered users

- 290 thousand registered users



5. Application for your UMIN ID

Caution

We are sorry that UMIN IDs are currently not issued to non-Japanese citizens who live outside Japan. An exception is those who want to use UMIN Clinical Trial Registry (<http://www.umin.ac.jp/ctr/>).

How to get UMIN ID for registration of a clinical trial (UMIN-CTR)

http://www.umin.ac.jp/ctr/ctr_regist.htm

Please fill out the form and submit to
touroku@umin.ac.jp

We will issue a UMIN ID and send it via mail or FAX.

If you have any questions,
please contact us
<http://www.umin.ac.jp/english/contact.htm>

Qualification for application

- 1) Faculty, staff, or student of universities related to healthcare
- 2) Healthcare researchers
- 3) Healthcare librarians and clinical data managers in non-profit organizations
- 4) Trainee doctors, supervising doctors, and support staff for clinical training in postgraduate education hospitals

6. Lists of major services

Research

AC -Academic society and meeting database

ELBIS -Electronic Library for Biomedical Sciences

FIND -Fund Information Database

INDICE -Internet Data and Information Center

ROCOLS -Recruiting System for Our Colleagues and Students

Education

EPOC - Evaluation system for Post-graduate
- Clinical training

Debut - Dental training Evaluation and taBUlation sysTem

Web-QME - Web-based system of Quality Management for Educational effectiveness

VHP - Visible Human Project image data prepared by NLM, U.S.A.

Multipurpose services

Information and database services

Collection of biomedical web sites

MINCS-UH broadcasting programs database

Medical terms glossary

Research institutes and hospitals database

Homepage hosting services

Open homepage hosting service

Member-only homepage hosting service

Archival homepage hosting service

VOD hosting service

Communication support

Email service

Mailing list service

News service

BBS service

Clinical practice

Intoxication database

HIV manual

Drug information database

Drug information text database for pharmacists

Drug information text database for patients

Medical supplies and materials database

Standardized nursing procedures database

University hospitals

Official document database

University hospital guide

University hospital statistics

Master database for patient fee calculations

Standardized disease nomenclature database

Mailing lists

Member-only homepages

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8. Major services

Support for clinical and epidemiological study at the initiative of researchers

INDICE

UMIN Internet Data and Information Center for medical research
<http://www.umin.ac.jp/indice/>

INDICE is an application service provider for Internet-based clinical and epidemiological research. Its merits are :

1) Low cost

Low cost hardware and original package software provided by UMIN

2) Wide experience

More than 250,000 patients registered for more than 100 research projects

3) Reliability

Reliable services supported by IT specialists

4) Safety

Security protection mechanisms such as firewalls, encryption, and intrusion detection system, etc.

5) Laborsaving

All of the system management, including that of hardware, software, users, and security performed by UMIN. More than 290 thousand UMIN IDs available for patient data entry



Quality education and clinical training based on proper online evaluation

EPOC

Evaluation system for Post-graduate Clinical training
<http://epoc.umin.ac.jp/>

1. Characteristics

- 1) Web-based evaluations
- 2) Mutual evaluations
- 3) Laborsaving
- 4) Fast

2. EPOC Users

More than one-third of Japanese residents use EPOC



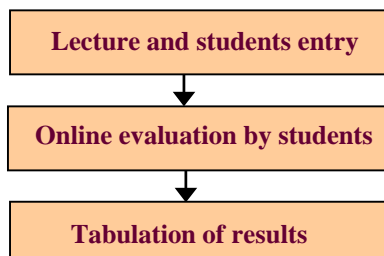
Web-QME

Web-based system of Quality Management for Educational effectiveness
<http://www.umin.ac.jp/web-qme/>

1. Characteristics

- 1) Web-based evaluations
- 2) Secret evaluations
- 3) Laborsaving
- 4) Fast

2. Procedures

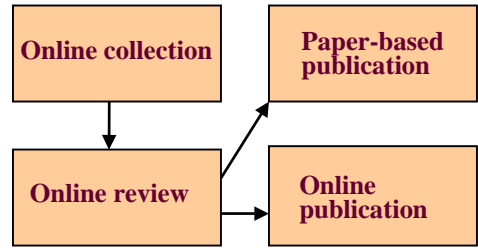


Online collection and delivery of academic information

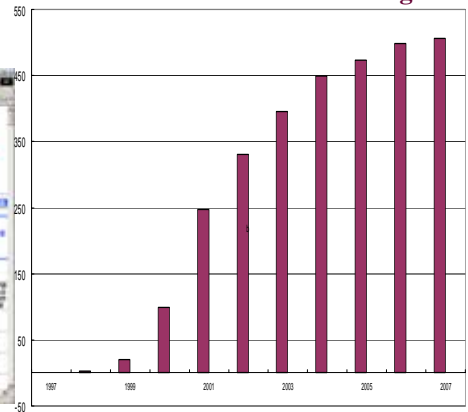
ELBIS

UMIN Electronic Library for Biomedical Sciences
<http://www.umin.ac.jp/elbis/>

- 1) Digitalization of papers and abstracts
- 2) Automated generation of bibliographic database
- 3) Laborsaving
- 4) Fast
- 5) Low cost with flexible, multifunctional software package



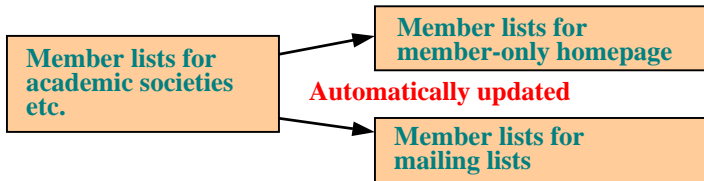
Number of user academic meetings



OASIS

Member-only homepage hosting service
<http://www.umin.ac.jp/oasis/>

- (1) Automated update of member lists for HP and ML



- (2) Application software provided by UMIN

- 1) Member list retrieval system
- 2) Bulletin board system
- 3) Mailing list web archive
- 4) UMIN Electronic Library for Biomedical Sciences
- 5) Internet Data and Information Center for medical research



Major user academic societies

- Japan Academy of Nursing Science
- Japanese Association for Thoracic Surgery
- Japanese Circulation Society
- Japanese Society of Gastroenterology
- Japanese Neuroscience Society
- Japanese Society for Cardiovascular Surgery
- Japanese Society of Nephrology
- Japanese Neurosurgical Society
- Japanese Urological Association
- Japanese Society of Allergology
- Japan Endocrine Society
- Japanese Society of Pathology

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