Supplemental Digital Appendix 1

Design for a Nationwide Cohort Study of Rural Physician Placement Programs in Japan, 2014–2016

Abbreviation: JCCME indicates Japanese Council for Community-based Medical Education; QE: questionnaire.

A part of this figure was reported previously.¹³
Supplemental Digital Appendix 2

Questionnaire for Recipients of a Prefecture Scholarship, From a Study of Rural Physician Placement Programs in Japan, 2014–2016

Please answer the following questions

① Physician identification number : __________________________

② Quota admission or not
※A quota entrant is one whose “geographic background or location of graduated high schools of applicants are restricted and/or working place or specialty after graduation is clearly specified.”

1. Admitted to a regional quota of a medical school and received prefecture scholarship
2. Did not admit to a regional quota of a medical school, but did receive prefecture scholarship
3. Others (    )

③ Name : __________________________
※Name is optional, but if you don’t fill in your name, the questionnaire will be sent again, which you can ignore.

④ Name of graduated medical school : __________________________

⑤ Graduation year : ___

⑥ Home prefecture : __________________________
※Home prefecture is the place in which you have lived for the longest period from your birth to graduation from high school.

⑦ Length of receiving scholarship : _______ years
Obligation period accompanied with receiving scholarship: ________ years within ________ years since obtaining the physician license

※Obligation period is the period in which you are obliged to work in a certain prefecture after being a physician.
※For example, answer “9 years within 12 years” if you have obligation period of 9 years and you can interrupt the obligatory service for 3 years somewhere in the period.

Length of service in rural municipalities within the obligatory period: ________ years

Thank you for your cooperation
Supplemental Digital Appendix 3

Questionnaire for Quota Students Without Prefecture Scholarship, From a Study of Rural Physician Placement Programs in Japan, 2014–2016

Please answer the following questions

① Physician identification number : ________________________________

② Name : ________________________________
※ Name is optional, but if you don’t fill in your name, the questionnaire will be sent again, which you can ignore.

③ Name of graduated medical school : ________________________________

④ Graduation year : ____

⑤ Home prefecture : ________________________________
※ Home prefecture is the place in which you have lived for the longest period from your birth to graduation from high school.

⑥ Conditions on quota admission (please circle all items)
   1. Expected to work in a certain prefecture (prefecture name : )
   2. Expected to work in a rural place or remote island
   3. Expected to work in a certain specialty (specialty name : )
   4. Others ( )
   5. None

※ A quota student is one whose “geographic background or location of graduated high schools of applicants are restricted and/or working place or specialty after graduation is clearly specified.”

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