



**Japan Association
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The History of JAMD From 2004

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On December 4th, 2004, The Japan Association of Microscopic Dentistry (JAMD) was established as the Japan Microscope Study Group. Although the number of members was less than 100, the number of members has increased to about 2,200 over the past 20 years. JAMD activities as a general incorporated association have started since 2019. As a result of conducting satellite seminars in areas where there are few members, case review meetings (current season seminars), video editing seminars, and dental hygienist seminars, microscope is now one of the most desirable equipment for young dentists when they start their practice. The penetration rate of microscopes was only a few percent when JAMD started, but it is now close to 20%. The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's evaluation of microscopes and CBCT in dental care made a difference, and as a result, they were added to the dental insurance score, which helped to spread microscopes. In addition, the addition of microscopes to the examination criteria of the national examination for dentists made it compulsory to educate the treatment using microscopes in university education. In combination with this, the popularization of microscopes has increased in Japan, and JAMD academic members have also increased. In the United States, the Association of Microscope Enhanced Dentistry (AMED) has informed us that one of the reasons why the popularization in the United States has not increased is that specialist courses have made the teaching of microscopes mandatory, but undergraduate students are not taught. JAMD has been interacting with AMED as a friendly association since 2019, with each other's members presenting several presentations at each other's conferences. JAMD certified dentist system started in 2009, and examinations were conducted on November 26 and December 3. Certified dental hygienist system started in 2012, and examinations were conducted on November 8 and 17th. Since then, the number of certified dentists and certified dental hygienists has steadily increased. The International Journal of Microdentistry (MICRO), the official journal of the society, was published by AMED with American Quintessence in 2009, but due to various circumstances, JAMD has been published by Japan Quintessence since 2012. 12 years have already passed, but it has been published in J-stage, which I had hoped for in 2021. If the number of citations increases, the impact factor will be added, so I would like to ask for your cooperation. Although it is gratifying that the number of members is increasing 20 years after the foundation of the society, each member should strive to improve treatment using microscopes and contribute to the health of the people in order to further develop the society.