

## **Current Situation and Prospective of OSCE Trial**

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For a student who does not have a pharmacy license to participate in the practical experience in community pharmacy and hospital pharmacy settings (pharmacy clerkship), it must be proven that the student's competence is at a constant and acceptable level on a nationwide scale. For this purpose, the objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) will be implemented as one of the prerequisites for pharmacy clerkship from fiscal 2009. In fiscal 2007, the OSCE joint committee consisting of members from Pharmaceutical Society of Japan and Pharmaceutical Common Achievement Tests Organization (PhCAT) has requested the OSCE trial on the student capacity scale to all Japanese university offering pharmacy programs. The purpose of the trial is to verify the validity of the OSCE subjects and to extract the inconvenience associated with the implementation of the subjects. The joint committee proposed 8 standard OSCE subjects and the draft of OSCE implementation summary at Kyoto Pharmaceutical University, April 15. The committee held the OSCE evaluator training courses at Meijo University, July 22 and August 21. In addition, the committee held the training course for standardized patients at Kobe Gakuin University, October 14. At the PhCAT general meeting, the number of the subjects that a student performs (6 subjects in 5 fields) and the period of OSCE implementation were approved. At this symposium, the future action plan for OSCE implementation on a nationwide scale will be proposed.