

PICU Awareness Week in Japan

PICU Awareness Week is proposed by the World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS), and the year of 2021 will be the first year to celebrate this event all over the world. The second Friday of May is designated as the World PICU Day and a week prior to this day is World PICU Awareness Week (including the World PICU Day). This year, May 14 is the World PICU Day.

In Japan, the members of the joint group of Japanese Society of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care (JSPICC) and INnovative Support for Pediatric Intensive care Research and EDucation (INSPIRED) are planning daily an-hour-long seminars from Monday, May 10 to Friday, May 14, which will be distributed via internet from 18:00 o'clock to the health-care workers, who are working not only in PICU, but also in the related field in Japan.

Each seminar consists of a short (20-minute-long) lecture related to Pediatric Critical Care, followed by Q&A, then a thematic discussion session among 4 or 5 intensive care workers (including physicians and nurses) will be carried out in the latter half. Lecture themes include Cardiovascular Management, Nutrition, Resuscitation, Restraint (Physical and Pharmaceutical), and Clinical Research. At the discussion sessions, topics related to each lecture will be discussed. We are expecting active exchange of information and experience between the institutions and teams, as the management may vary from one to the others. We want to strengthen ties in the PICU community in Japan, and we look forward that the series of event will facilitate them.