

## **Ethical Considerations in Abstracts for the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurology**

### **A. Ethical Considerations in Abstracts for the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurology**

Depending upon the research, abstracts to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurology must adhere to ethical guidelines on medical research (clinical research, human genome/genetic analysis research, epidemiological research, clinical research involving human stem cells, clinical gene therapy research, etc.) by Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, etc.,\* and the ethical rules of the affiliated institution (including animal experimentation, etc.), and must likewise be reviewed/approved by the affiliated institution's ethical review committee.

Whether research requires ethical review will depend upon the various ethical guidelines and affiliated institution's rules; but **intervention studies with human subjects (e.g. clinical research pursuing new pharmaceutical treatment methods involving patients), human genetic analysis research, or research using human stem cells**, for example, must undergo ethical review and obtain approval. If an affiliated institution does not have its own ethical review committee, review may be undertaken by the ethical review committee of a large institution such as a local university or medical association.

For research that requires ethical review, abstracts submitted to the Annual Meeting must state that the research was conducted with the approval of an ethical review committee. The Annual Meeting will not accept abstracts for research that requires ethical review but has not been reviewed/approved. Please plan your research accordingly.

\* Reference: Ethical Guidelines for Medical Research (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, etc.) (Japanese only)

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