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As Chief Surgical Officer, Toshi leads the clinical implementation of Rakuten Medical's Alluminox® platform-based photoimmunotherapy, overseeing physician training, treatment safety, procedural optimization, and product innovation. He also leads the Surgical Center of Excellence, driving the sharing of clinical insights and best practices across geographies to support the continued advancement and global adoption of the Alluminox platform.

Since joining Rakuten Medical in 2019, Toshi has played a pivotal role in advancing the safe and effective clinical application of Alluminox platform-based photoimmunotherapy, a novel cancer treatment modality. He was instrumental in establishing the clinical infrastructure and supporting the adoption of the therapy in Japan, the only jurisdiction where it is currently approved. Drawing on the clinical experience and knowledge gained through post-marketing use in Japan, he supports the ongoing global Phase 3 clinical trial by promoting consistent treatment delivery and helping maintain high standards of treatment quality and safety, while contributing clinical and procedural insights relevant to the evaluation of efficacy. Toshi has also been central to the development of new medical devices, incorporating physician feedback and clinical insights into product innovation to expand the reach of light delivery to previously difficult-to-treat anatomical areas.

Guided by the belief that every patient experience provides an opportunity to learn and improve, Toshi works closely with physicians and researchers around the world to further unlock the potential of the Alluminox platform. Through these collaborations, he supports the evaluation of broader applications across multiple cancer types and helps advance the platform's global development.

Prior to joining Rakuten Medical, Toshi practiced as a gastrointestinal surgeon at The Jikei University Hospital in Tokyo for more than a decade. From 2016 to 2018, he served as a clinical researcher at the University of California, San Diego, where he conducted research on minimally invasive therapies, including robotic surgery and advanced medical technologies.

Toshi received his M.D. and Ph.D. from The Jikei University School of Medicine and earned board certification in gastroenterological surgery in Japan in 2015.

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