Dr Shin-ei Kudo (Author photos 1–11; Video 1, available online at www.VideoGIE.org), chairman of the Digestive Disease Center, Showa University Northern Yokohama Hospital, and chairman on the Showa University International Training Center for Endoscopy and Endoscopic Surgery (SUITE), is famous across the world for early diagnosis and treatment of colorectal cancer with endoscopy. He received his MD and PhD degrees from Niigata University. After receiving academic and clinical training, he began practicing in endoscopy and discovered depressed type 0-IIc colorectal carcinoma. He also was the first to propose the concept of laterally spreading tumors. Dr Kudo also developed Kudo’s pit pattern classification, which is used around the world today.

Currently, Dr Kudo’s main research topics are endoscopy and artificial intelligence–assisted endoscopy. He is conducting government-funded research on these topics. To date, he has contributed greatly to the development of endoscopy devices and techniques, having performed over 300,000 cases. He still energetically sees patients and is dedicated to training young professionals, frequently traveling all over the world for that purpose. He has published more than 10 books on endoscopy in Japanese and English, which have been translated into other languages.

From 1985 to 2000, Dr Kudo was chief of the Department of Surgery and Gastroenterology at Akita Red Cross Hospital in Akita, Japan. He has been vice president, professor, and chief of department of Showa University, Northern Yokohama Hospital in Yokohama, Japan, since 2000 and chairman of SUITE since 2001. He also has been permanent emeritus professor at Shanghai Fudan Hospital in China since 2007.

In 1990, Dr Kudo won the 15th Memorial Award of Doctor Murakami Prize of Stomach and Intestine. In addition, he won the 18th Mitsukoshi Medical Prize in 1990, the 41st Award of the Japan Endoscopic Digestive Society in 1993, and the Registered Charity of Endoscopic Study Group Prize in 1993. He is the president of The Japan Society of Colon Examination; honorary fellow, academic councillor, board-certified trainer, and board-certified fellow of the Japan Gastroenterological Endoscopic Society; meritorious member of the Japanese Society of Gastroenterology; special member of Japanese Society of Endoscopic Surgery; sponsor and organizing member of the Committee for the General Rules, Japanese Society for the Cancer of the Colon and Rectum; councillor of the Japan Robotic Surgery Society; special member of the Japanese Society for Gastroenterological Carcinogenesis; provisional board-certified gastroenterological trainer of the Japanese Gastroenterological Association; fellow of the American Gastroenterological Association; member of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy;
Author photo 2. Giving a lecture and live demonstration of the first polypectomy in the United States at the Mayo Clinic.

Author photo 3. The first EMR for depressed cancer in the United States, at Cleveland Clinic.
Author photo 4. Detection of depressed type cancer during a live demonstration via satellite from Nice to Paris at United European Gastroenterology Week 1996.

Author photo 5. November 13, 1999.
Author photo 6. Lyon, France, at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) WHO meeting to establish the classification of tumors at Lyon, France.

Author photo 7. Tripoli Medical Center, 2008.
Author photo 8. International Workshop on Nonpolypoid Mucosal Colorectal Neoplasia in Kyoto, February 10, 2008.

Author photo 9. Japan-United Arab Emirates Business Forum in Abu Dhabi, March 2014.
Author photo 10. Dr Kudo’s “Yokohama Live 2019,” where he served as course director.

Author photo 11. A person changes in 28 years, but a “protruded tumor” does not change because it grows slowly. At Pão de Acar.
and member of the European Association for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy.

Dr Kudo served as the 78th president of the Japan Gastroenterological Endoscopy Society (JDDW 2009 KYOTO), the 69th president of the Japanese Society for Cancer of the Colon and Rectum, the 26th president of the Japan Society of Colon Examination, and president of the International Workshop on Nonpolypoid Mucosal Colorectal Neoplasia in Kyoto in 2008.

Dr Shin-ei Kudo’s career has been prodigious and impressive. There is no end to the number of international doctors who visit his Digestive Disease Center hoping to see him and to study under the direction of this living legend. He is happy to pass his knowledge on to them.

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