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## Professor Dr Akira Homma, Japan

Professor Homma studied medicine in Japan, graduating in 1973. He did his post graduate training in geriatric psychiatry and was a visiting associate at the Institute of Demography and Cytogenetics, Aarhus State Hospital, Denmark. He was a lecturer at the Department of Psychiatry, St. Marianna University School of Medicine. He later went back to Japan to work at the Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology, as the department Director. From 2009 onwards he holds the position of the Director of the Research Institute for Dementia Care in Tokyo. His main interest is in behavior intervention and is currently involved in behavioral interventional studies to delay the onset of dementia in the community. He is also involved in the development of the educational program on the management of dementia for GPs. In addition, he has been involved in the development of anti-dementia drugs in Japan. He is currently serving as a board member of Japan Society for Geriatric Psychiatry and as the president for Japan Society for Dementia Care.