

# Mission of JAM



The mission of JAM is to advance the science of midwifery in order to raise the standards of health care provided by professional midwives to mothers, babies, families, and women at all stages of life, as well as to contribute to the welfare of human beings by joining in international cooperation with midwives around the world.

## Midwifery Terminology (work in progress)

Standardized definitions of midwifery terms has been an urgent issue as different terms have been used depending on textbooks. This work will help midwifery education and constitute the national exam.

## Evidence-based Guidelines for Midwifery Care



The first edition was published in 2012 and focused on intrapartum care. In 2016, it was revised and antepartum care was added.

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## Project “Diversity and Commonalities of Birth: Sharing Women's Voices” in collaboration with Myanmar and Laos.

Reproductive health comprises policies, religions, gender relations, and cultural aspects such as the nature of families. This project begins to create opportunities for women to talk about their birth experience and/or their hopes for birth with other women, their families, and their communities in Lao, Myanmar, and Japan. Moreover, we share the importance of esteeming each woman’s birth experiences and listening to women's voices. In this project, we discover and respect the common ground and diversity of women's voices among countries and communities, and lay the groundwork for a network to achieve a truly affluent society by putting our heads together and learning from each other about a happy birth, which could be achieved by listening to women's voices.



## History of JAM

The Japan Society of Midwifery Education (JSME) recognized the urgent need to establish a midwifery science to improve education in the field. In addition, a growing sense of crisis over the status of midwives facilitated the founding of JAM. The Japanese Nursing Association approved at its 1984 general meeting a proposal to unify the licenses of nurses and midwives, despite the opposition from midwives. There was a need to develop and clarify the role and responsibility of midwives and to establish a place for professional midwives to exchange views on midwifery for quality care. The preparation for the establishment of JAM was fostered with the approval of two existing organizations: the Japanese Midwives Association, Inc. and the Japanese Association for the Education and Study of Midwifery. On March 15, 1987, the first general meeting was successfully held, and the JAM was inaugurated.

## Aims of JAM

1. To improve the quality of midwifery practice worldwide through affiliation with an international organization of midwives and promotion of international exchange between midwives.
2. To establish the midwifery practice standards that will function as guidelines, and to provide fair and appropriate health care to all women.

3. To address fundamental issues concerning conception, pregnancy, and childbirth, and to participate in the policy-making process along with women to ensure that no woman has to tolerate unfair treatment.
4. To establish ethical standards for midwives and the role of midwives.
5. To develop midwifery science by promoting research on midwifery theory, methodology, assessment, and other related issues.

## Research Activities

1. Holds a scientific meeting once every year in March for members and non-members.
2. Holds a scientific lecture meeting once a year for members and non-members.
3. Holds a workshop once a year for members.
4. Promotes and commissions midwifery research: provides research-aid grant according to JAM regulations.

## Publications

1. JAM issues a journal three times a year distributing to members. The journal is registered at the National Diet Library (International Standard Serial Number: 0917-6357).
2. JAM publishes and distributes newsletter three times a year to its members. The newsletter is distributed free of charge to educational organizations and libraries that subscribe to the JAM journal

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