A Large-Scale Survey Targeting All Pediatricians: Research on Identifying Challenges and Providing Policy Recommendations for Constructing a 'Safety Net to prevent Child and adolescent Suicide: SANCS'

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Summary:

The most significant value of this research, and its biggest hurdle, is "involving the Japan Pediatric Society." To achieve this, the following steps were taken: 1) creation of a survey, and 2) negotiations with the Japan Pediatric Society's committee to handle it as a committee matter. During the research period of the current fiscal year, the following milestones were reached: 1) completion of the digital version prototype and ongoing pretesting, and 2) securing internal approval from the committee. To facilitate smooth approval for implementation at the Japan Pediatric Society, the research's purpose was explained at the comprehensive symposium of the 127th Annual Meeting of the Japan Pediatric Society, where the researcher served as chair and speaker, garnering a positive response from the audience. Additionally, preparations are progressing smoothly to conduct it at the Japan Pediatric Association should the Japan Pediatric Society face difficulties in implementation. Concurrently, work is underway on creating a *suicide prevention manual for pediatricians*. During the survey design process, the clinical pediatric application of "Notice + TALK" for risk grade C (A to D) was identified as a practical solution, and accordingly, the structure (menu) was organized, with authors assigned and a schedule set to complete it in the next fiscal year, all of which has already started moving forward.