

Hayazo Ito

Hayazo Ito was the first surgeon in [Japan](#) who took interest in [epilepsy surgery](#).

During three years' stay in [Bern](#), he learned cranial decompression for epilepsy from [Emil Theodor Kocher](#), and performed experimental studies on the treatment of [epilepsy](#) based on Dr. Kocher's idea that epilepsy occurs due to abnormal excitation of [motor cortex](#) following abrupt [increased intracranial pressure](#).

After returning home as Professor of Surgery at [Kyoto](#) University, he reported his own experience on 39 cases at the first meeting of the Japan Medical Association in [1902](#).

Chugai Yamagata of Sendai, impressed by Ito, also reported six cases of cranial decompression in the same year ¹⁾.

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