

## About Dr. Yasuhiko Kojima, M.D.

The Japanese immunologist Yasuhiko Kojima is credited with the discovery of interferon, a natural protein that triggers the body's immune system to attack invading microbes and boosts the immune system's ability to mount an immune response. In 1954, while conducting research at Tokyo University Institute of Medical Science, Dr. Kojima isolated interferon in studies on rabbits and since then, his insights have generated a large body of study on interferon and antiviral responses in animals and humans.

After his ground-breaking discovery, Dr. Kojima received his Doctor of Medical Science degree from Tokyo University in 1964 and went on to devote more than 40 years of his life to research on the interferon-inducing activities in Chinese herbal medicines. Believing that it was possible to find a way to naturally boost interferon production in the body through the use of herbs, Dr. Kojima screened, tested and evaluated over 200 different botanicals, ultimately isolating four herbs that, in combination, naturally increase the body's production of its own interferon. As a result, he holds more than 30 patents for interferon inducers and related processes as they relate to Chinese herbal medicines and engineered and created the natural-based formulation NutriFeron™.

Because of his extensive expertise in immune science, Dr. Kojima now serves as president and chairman of the board of the Interferon Herb Research Institute and is a member of Shaklee Corporation's Scientific Advisory Board. Dr. Kojima has also published numerous studies in scientific journals and has served in senior advisory roles at Kitazato Pharmaceutical and Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical.

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