

ePanc teleconference in Kesennuma City Hospital (2012/6/13)

Venue: Kesennuma City Hospital

Topics: Update from Kesennuma and future of pancreatic surgery

On June 13, Prof. Shinichi Egawa conducted Pancreas Internet Teleconference in collaboration with International Research Institute of Disaster Science and International Symposium on Pancreas Cancer 2012, connecting seven Japanese cities with high volume centers of hepato-biliary-pancreatic surgery (Kesennuma, Sendai, Fukuoka, Tokyo, Kyoto, Kanazawa and Sapporo) and two American cities (Bois, ID and Seattle WA).

Prof. Egawa presented the damage and recovery process of Kesennuma City and the trend of surgical treatment of pancreatic disease especially chronic pancreatitis. Colleagues from U.S. asked the expecting recovery time and Prof. Egawa indicated the long way but the acceleration of reconstruction process is necessary to avoid the disperse of dislocated people. Kesennuma City Hospital is actively protecting the public health in spite of insufficient number of doctors and medical personnel. A VPN connection is already established to Tohoku University Hospital to make the telediagnosis of patients with epilepsy possible. ePanc teleconference is another option to make the world medical trend closer to Kesennuma City. Improvement of ICT network contributes the stronger personal network between local community and high volume centers like Tohoku University Hospital and can be a medical assistance to disaster stricken area. Many clinics in Kesennuma were damaged by Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. Kesennuma City Hospital is congested with patients from early in the morning.

It is necessary to establish the medical networking stronger to protect the public health.. Kesennuma was beautiful coastal city with fine weather when I visited.



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TV conference in Tokyo Hub
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