

Workshop for Disaster Medical and Public Health Coordinators (2013/2/11, 2013/3/20-21)

Venue: Ishinomaki Red Cross Hospital (Ishinomaki)

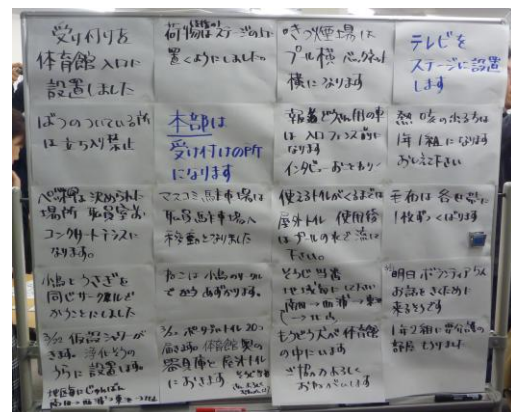
Topics: Basic and advanced course for disaster medical and public health coordinators

Feb. 11 and Mar. 20-12, Prof. Shinichi Egawa and Hiroyuki Sasaki attended the Basic and Advanced courses of the Workshop for Disaster Medical and Public Health Coordinators held in Ishinomaki Red Cross Hospital by NPO Act Institute for Disaster Medicine. NPO ACT Institute is constituted of the specialists who supported the Ishinomaki Coalition of Medical Assistance. Medical and Public Health Coordinator matches the medical, public health and welfare needs of affected areas and the resources within the area and from outside. It is a key player in medical and public health management in the chaos to build a team, facilitate the information integration and connect the needs and supports at all levels. Our lab conducted a nation-wide questionnaire about installation of medical coordinators and its role and facilities. All prefectures answered and it was revealed that 39 of 47 prefectures has or will establish the coordinators.

The workshop assumed that megadisaster occurred in Kyushu area and simulated the coordination according to a realistic scenario with time frame. We could experience the chaotic situations as a member of the coordination team. We also performed role playing game for the management simulation of an evacuation shelter, HUG (Hinanzyo Unei Game). It assumes the immediate congestion of elementary school gymnasium as a shelter. Coping with unexpected events stimulated the players how to manage the congestion and claims and make the shelter a peaceful space. This HUG was created by Dept. of Risk Management in Shizuoka Prefecture and propagated among the local communities to think about the realities.



Playing HUG



Notices at the Imitated Shelter

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