

2nd NRDCM workshop and working group meeting. (2013/10/24)

Venue: Tokyo Forum (Tokyo)

Topics: Surveillance and standardization of medical responders in nuclear and radiological disaster.

On Oct. 24th, Prof. Egawa attended the 2nd Nuclear and Radiological Disaster Casualty Management (NRDCM) open workshop and business meeting. It was held within the 7th Asian Conference for Emergency Medicine (ACEM), and had two hour open workshop in the morning, followed by two hour business meeting in the afternoon.

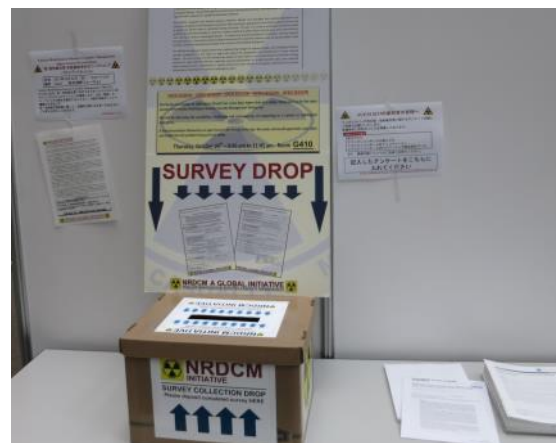
In the workshop, the experience and the preparation of medical response for nuclear disaster in the U. S. A, South Korea, Thailand and in Japan, educational curriculum for medical response team, possible nuclear disaster simulation including detonation were discussed. The major problem in nuclear and radiological medical response in Japan is that sectionalism between Ministry of Health who controls DMAT and Radiological Regulating Agency who will control nuclear-radiological medical assistant team (NR-MAT) in near future. Although there is a high possibility that same person can be assigned both as DMAT and NR-MAT, the regulating ministry may order differently.

The working group pointed out that regarding the nuclear and radiological disaster so special may produce a sectionalism into the medical response team resulting in ineffective response. The working group favored more that disaster response team should take all hazard approach including CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Emergencies) . The working group will include and evaluate a new competency curriculum to respond nuclear and radiological disaster using South Korea as a field because they are ready to do so.

A sheet of inquiry that was approved by IRB were handed out to all participants of ACEM and will be translated and collected in all DMAT members to investigate the general consciousness of emergency medical workers about nuclear and radiological disaster.



NRDCM business meeting



NRDCM inquiry for ACEM attendees
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