

20th Pediatric Critical Care Colloquium in Washington DC (2013/11/3)

Venue: Faimont Washington Georgetown (Washington DC)

Topics: Lessons learned from Tsunami: Medical management in large scale disaster, how to save our children

On Nov. 3, Prof. Shinichi Egawa lectured in the 20th Pediatric Critical Care Colloquium in Washington DC as an invited faculty. National Children's Hospital in Washington DC is a leading hospital in USA to provide efficient emergency command and control system for children. The attendees are not only medical doctors related to intensive care, anesthesiology, neurosurgery, respiratory but also advanced and qualified nurses. They know the importance of collaboration of different professions to save the vulnerable children in daily practice and especially in disaster.

Prof. Egawa lectured the importance of recognition and reduction of risks and appropriate action, and also about the importance of basic knowledge in radiological and nuclear disaster. The scientific literacy in medical providers is essential to provide appropriate care. Medical care providers would not be contaminated by caring radiologically contaminated patients. The attendees showed great interest and questions. One of the question is how to organize the general medical care providers in disaster. Prof. Egawa answered that it is impossible to forecast the medical needs in disaster, but it is vital to build a team on-site to provide an efficient medical support. Non-pediatric doctors should care children and pediatricians also should care adults thus the primary care concept in all-hazards approach is important.

Prof. Egawa announced the World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015 Sendai, and the International Symposium in Disaster Medical Management in Washington DC 2014 May. Prof. Egawa visited JSPS Washington Office, George Washington University, Japanese Embassy and Society of Disaster Medicine and Public Health to organize the international symposium.



Lecture by Prof. Egawa



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