# Damages and Response to Great East Japan Earthquake



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## **Disaster Medical System**



## **Disaster Base Hospital**

## Disaster Base Hospital

• 695Disaster Base Hospitals (as of April, 2015)

- 61Core Disaster Base Hospitals Generally, one core hospital in each prefecture
- 634 Regional Disaster Base Hospitals One regional hospital in each secondary medical service area

## Requirements for Disaster Base Hospital

- Respond within 24 hours in emergency, accept and transport injured people from disaster area
- <u>Heliport</u> on the hospital premises
- Dispatch medical team (DMAT) to disaster area
- To have <u>sufficient rooms and folding beds</u> to respond and accommodate emergency patients (expected to receive double of inpatients and five times of outpatients during an emergency)
- Supply lifelines such as <u>water and electric power</u> (prepare water tanks and private power generators)
- Store food and drinking water

etc.

## JAPAN Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT)



## **Basic concept of Japan DMAT**



## Main Roles of DMAT

- Give medical support to Disaster Base Hospitals
- 3Ts (Triage, Treatment, Transport) in devastated area including <u>wide-area medical air transportation</u>
- Give medical support to Staging Care Unit (SCU)\* \*SCU: a medical strong point for evacuation to non-devastated area, usually located in military and commercial airports

## Structures and Activities in JAPAN DMAT

Respond to	Natural and man-made disasters	
Control by	Prefectures and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)	
Under Law/Act	Disaster Countermeasures Basic Act	
Number of teams	1,426 teams (as of April 2015)	
Number of personnel in each team	4 personnel, hospital-based* (typically composed of 1 physicians, 2 nurses, 1 logisticians)	
Deployment	within 48 hours	

\*Hospitals which have DMAT receive medical incentive fees

## Medical Team Deployment System



### JAPAN DMAT Secretariat (established in 2010)

### **Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Health Policy Bureau**

Coordinate with prefectures during disaster occurrence



• National Hospital Organization Disaster Medical Center (Tachikawa city, Tokyo)

National Hospital Organization Osaka Medical Center

### Peace time

- Administer Japan DMAT
- **Exploratory Committee**
- Run training courses
- Register new personnel
- Update roster of personnel

#### **Disaster**

Coordinate with devastated Prefecture

(Commander DMAT) and Disaster Base Hospitals

- Provide information to DMAT personnel
- Collect information (hospital damage, patient number) from Emergency Medical Information System (EMIS)
   Support DMAT activities

## Emergency Medical Information System (EMIS)

# Characteristic EMIS

- Information Sharing Tool
- Information
  - Needs:
    - Hospital damage
    - Patients number in hospital
  - Resource
    - Capacity of hospital: Check in normal time
    - DMAT Activity
- Information List
  - For sharing
  - For Hospital Managemant

### **1. Emergency input items (information just after occurrence)**

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Emergency input (information					
just after occurrence)					
Last renewal	date 2005/10/12: 20:00				
Please tick items applicable to your medical institution.					
There <b>is collapse</b> or danger of collapse of the buildings or the medical facilities.					
The <b>number of accepted patients</b> exceeds the capacity.					
It is impossible to use <b>lifeline.</b> (Impossible to have medical activities)					
Others/remarks Put reasons except the above why accepting patients is difficult.					
Medical institutions with <u>no check marks</u> in the above items means it is possible to accept patients.					
* Please click entry button even if there are no check marks.					
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#### 2. Input items of detail information



## **Monitoring Picture**





# JAPAN DMAT activities in Great East Japan Disaster

### Damages in Great East Japan Earthquake

- M9.0 earthquake occurred in the offshore of Sanriku coast at 14:46, 11-Mar 2011. Enormous damages were brought to Tohoku region due to the earthquake and tsunami.
- This is the largest earthquake ever recorded in Japan, 4<sup>th</sup> largest earthquake in the world after 1900.



Casualty	
Death	15,844
Missing	3,450
Injured	5,891

Damages of buildings	
Collapsed	127,213
Partially collapsed	232,489
Partially damaged	658,123

(National Police Agency, as of 11-Jan 2012)

Support for the affected people	
Evacuees (nation wide)	334,786

\*Including those who sought shelter outside evacuation centres (houses of relatives, acquaintances, public housing, residents in temporary houses)

(Reconstruction Headquarters 10-Jan 2012

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MHLW



### Initial Response by MHLW to Great East Japan Earthquake

MHLW







### Support Hospitals inside the affected area



Red area





Yellow area (electrical power down)





### Hanamaki Airport Staging Care Unit

#### **Received 136 pts**

- Air evacuated 16 pts
- Transported to Morioka city 120 pts





### In the C-1 jet plane to Haneda AP





### Receive patients from coastal are



### THE DMAT SUPERVISORS WERE ALLOCATED IN EACH OF THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENTS' OFFICE











Miyagi Prefectural Office

Iwate Prefectural Office

Fukushima Prefectural Office



#### [DMAT]

### Content of activity

 Because of the enormous damages by tsunami, measures to chronic diseases are needed, though trauma care had been expected.

### Duration of activity

 Lack of supplies and materials due the activities lasting more than 48 hours.

### Communication systems

 Some teams had difficulty in communications, while others had no access to the Internet to encode Emergency Medical Information System (EMIS).

### Logistics, coordination and instruction

DMAT office and DMAT coordination office in the prefectural level had the burden of increased administrative works because there were many DMATs active in the affected area.

Difficulty in understanding medical needs in community level

### Transfer of patients in region

- Collaboration among the related agencies for transfer of patients took time because there had been no existing plans.
- DMATs which flied to join the activity had difficulty in bringing supplies and materials sustaining themselves. 29



DMAT Activity Plan			
	【Pre-Eq: as of 31-Mar 2010】		【Post-Eq: as of 30 Mar 2012)】
	<ul> <li>Based on JATEC (DMAT training program)</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>In addition to JATEC, DMATS needs to respond to chronic diseases</li> </ul>
Duration	<ul> <li>Within 48 hours after the disaster</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>48 hours per team (excluding transportation time to the field)</li> <li>Deployment of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> batch shall be considered in accordance with size of the disaster</li> </ul>
●Communica tion	<ul> <li>Between the hospital of origin and the DMAT</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Secure more than two communication systems (i.e. using satellite cell phones)</li> <li>Secure internet accessibility</li> </ul>
Instruction			<ul> <li>DMAT medical facilities shall actively deploy members to DMAT coordination offices in the prefectural level</li> </ul>
Logistics			<ul> <li>Establishment of DMAT logistical support team and support for Registered DMAT Commanders.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Participatio</li> <li>n through air</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Prefectures shall provide supplies and materials required for DMAT which flied to participate the activity</li> </ul>

### THE NEXT STEPS

- Enhance the command and control function
- Upgrade the telecommunication equipment
  - Available to connect to internet during a heavy congestion
- o Brush-up the wide-area medical evacuation strategy
- Reinforce the logistic support function
  - Procurement of fuel, vehicles... in the affected area
  - Communication system