

Enforcement of the Medical Care System at the TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant

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1. Dispatch of a new medical team
 - (1) Dispatch requests
 - Both the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology request a dispatch of a medical team as the representatives of the government.
 - The “emergency medical care system network for the TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi NPP,” hereinafter referred to as the “Network,” will be established at Hiroshima University to coordinate the dispatch plan and other programs.
 - (2) Overview of the program
 - A team consists of medical doctors specializing in emergency radiation medicine, nurses (male), and radiation protection experts.
 - Team members work 2-night 48-hour shifts.

This system along with a dispatched group of medical doctors enables 24 hours of continuous services by a fully staffed medical team.
 - This medical team is responsible for primary care medicine of workers who are suffering from injuries due to radiation exposure, heat stroke, cardiac disease, cerebrovascular disease, and other illnesses.
 - (3) Evaluation of the dispatch program
 - The dispatch program will be continuously improved through regular evaluations conducted by members who come primarily from our Network.
2. Role sharing with previously dispatched medical doctors
 - (1) New medical team
 - Provide primary care medicine in emergency at newly established medical facilities.
 - (2) Existing dispatched medical doctors from the University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan and Rosai hospitals
 - Provide care and conduct medical examinations for general disorders at a seismically isolated building.

*A new medical facility will be established and equipped with medical beds and emergency

medical instruments after renovating first floors of the service buildings for fifth and sixth reactors

3. Roles of the government

The government will continue strengthening the system of emergency medical dispatch by facilitating coordination with relevant organizations, particularly in the areas of securing a sufficient number of qualified medical staff and improving transportation systems.