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◆ Introduction

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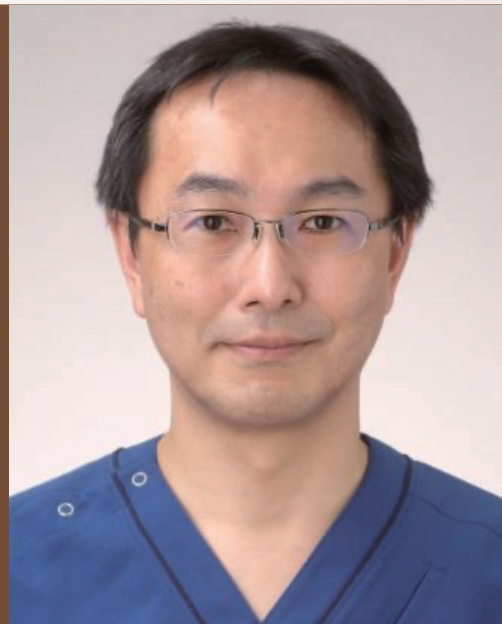
◆ Seminar
(Presentation)

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Disaster Medicine:
Preparing for Future Emergencies

Keywords

Disaster Medicine

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Evacuation Shelters

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Japan is one of the safest countries in the world. However, it experiences many natural disasters and has accumulated numerous lessons from them. For better or worse, Japan is often described as a disaster-prone nation.

Disaster medicine in Japan began to develop following the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. Since then, the country has experienced major disasters, including the Great East Japan Earthquake, the Kumamoto Earthquake, and increasingly severe flood disasters that occur almost every year.

In every disaster, situations arise that exceed expectations, often resulting in extensive damage. Even when the unexpected occurs, it is important to maintain the flexibility to respond effectively and to prepare at every level, from individuals and communities to healthcare systems and social infrastructure.

In this lecture, I will discuss lessons learned from past disasters and consider how we can better prepare for future emergencies.