

Special Issue

Future Challenges in Emergency Response and Public Health in Compound Disasters

Message from the Guest Editor

The Fukushima nuclear accident, which was the first compound nuclear disaster in human history, highlighted important health issues related to the accident. Over the last several decades, the world has been hit by natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, huge typhoons/hurricanes and floods, some of which have not been experienced in modern history. Furthermore, in 2019, a global pandemic of the new coronavirus, COVID-19, occurred, which has had not only a great impact on hundreds of millions of people's health but also made it more difficult to respond when compounded by a natural disaster. I believe it is time to look back on how we have responded to evolving disasters, and what challenges and solutions we have for the future. In this Special Issue, we are focusing on risk communication, mental health, and public health during technological disasters or disasters in pandemics. All medical and public health professionals must be prepared to respond to these disaster situations. We would like to solicit quality articles to this Special Issue which, we hope, will help us to better prepare for a future disaster.

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