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State of the Science Workshop: Radiation Exposure, Medical Countermeasures and Treatment

Tuesday, October 11, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (registration at 7 a.m.)
Omni Chicago Hotel
676 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

Plenary sessions:
"Where we are now and where we are going" (Richard Hatchett)
Biodosimetry (Sally Amundson, Joseph Lucas & Harold Swartz)
Supportive care/cytokines (Tom MacVitte)
Hematopoetic reconstitution (Nelson Chao, Chandan Guha & John Chute)
Immune system reconstitution (Marcel van den Brink)
Gastrointestinal toxicity (Martin Hauer Jensen)
Pulmonary toxicity (Zeljko Vujaskovic)
Novel mitigators (Valerian Kagan & David Kirsch)
Pros/Cons of autocollection for radiological responders (David Weinstock)

Keynote Address:
Dr. Robert Bazell, Health and Science Editor, NBC News, “The Japan Nuclear Crisis”

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Response to a radiological mass casualty incident will stress the capacity of the entire U.S. medical community. Through optimization of care and thoughtful planning, some of the resource gaps can be closed and resiliency improved.

Presentations will provide updates on research in the biology of radiation exposure, biodosimetry, supportive care, immune reconstitution and medical countermeasures.

TARGET AUDIENCE
Physicians, and other clinicians, support staff, emergency managers, research scientists, and appropriate federal agency staff involved in radiation response and treatment of patients with bone marrow toxicity.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
1) Describe developments in the research of biological effects of exposure to ionizing radiation.
2) Explain currently available and research methods for measuring the dose of radiation absorbed by victims.
3) Outline organ system and systemic responses to ionizing radiation exposure.
4) Describe the impact of the Japanese Nuclear Power Plant incident on clinical and research infrastructure.
5) Discuss the path to preparedness for a mass casualty incident with injuries due to the exposure to ionizing radiation.

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