

Great East Japan Disaster 2011.3.11



We would like to offer silent prayer in sorrow for the victims of the disaster.

A deep sense of gratitude for

Great Support from All over the World

Japan deeply appreciates for the assistance offered from **156** countries and regions and **41** international organizations

Rescue teams were sent from **28** countries, regions and international organizations

(As of May 9th,2011)



US Navy/US Pacific
Command
(Operation Tomodachi)

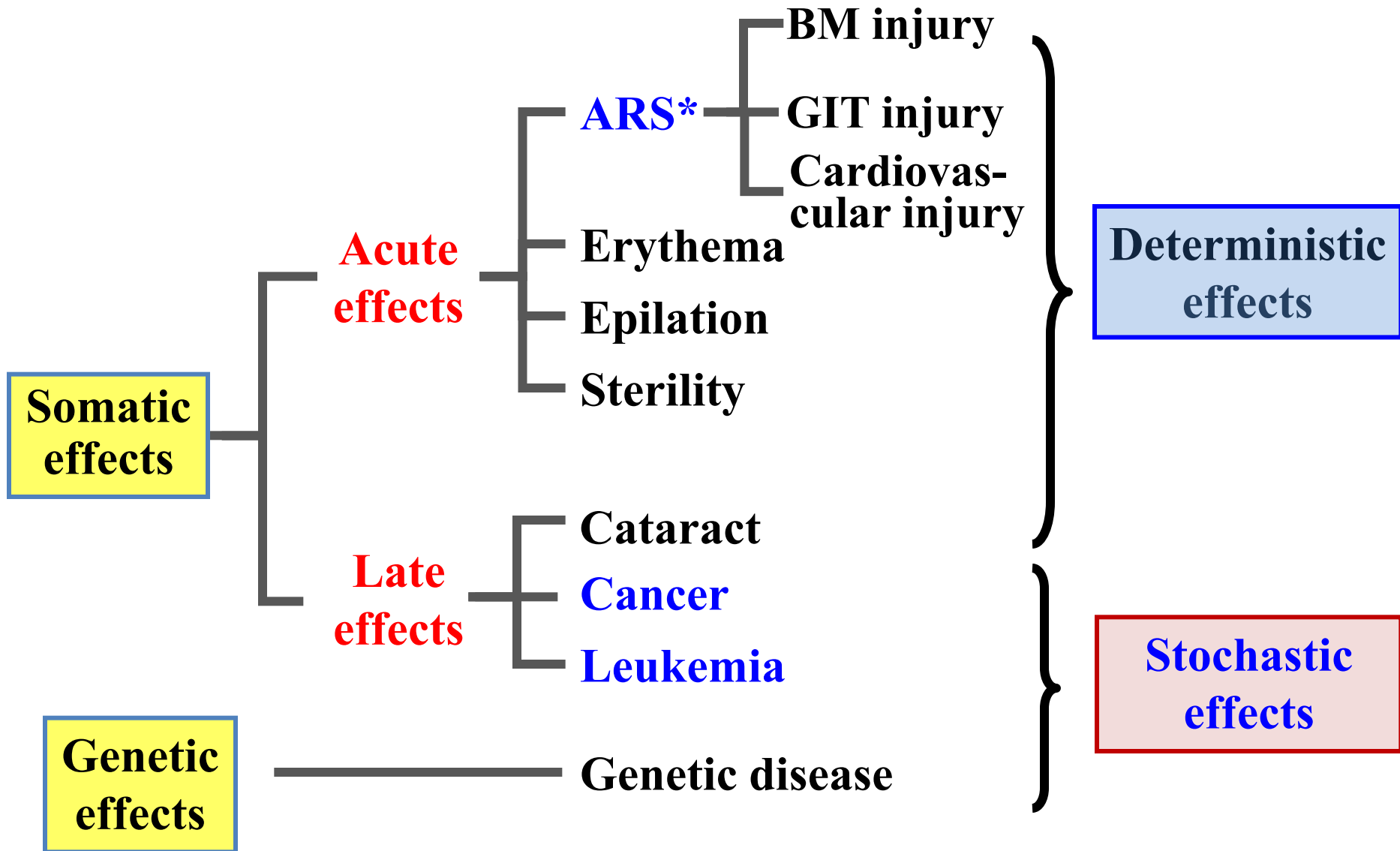
Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant Accident and Comprehensive Health Risk Management



To aid a recovery on behalf of the Fukushima Medical University group

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Human Health Effects of Radiation Exposure



* acute radiation syndrome

Radiation Dose Response (Stochastic effects)

Background

- **Limitation of low-dose epidemiological studies related to Atomic bomb survivors data and even from Chernobyl because of various type of heterogeneity in population and non-specificity of radiogenic cancer**
- **Limitation of science for contribution to risk assessment for the uncertainty because of no direct evidence of radiation-induced cancers**

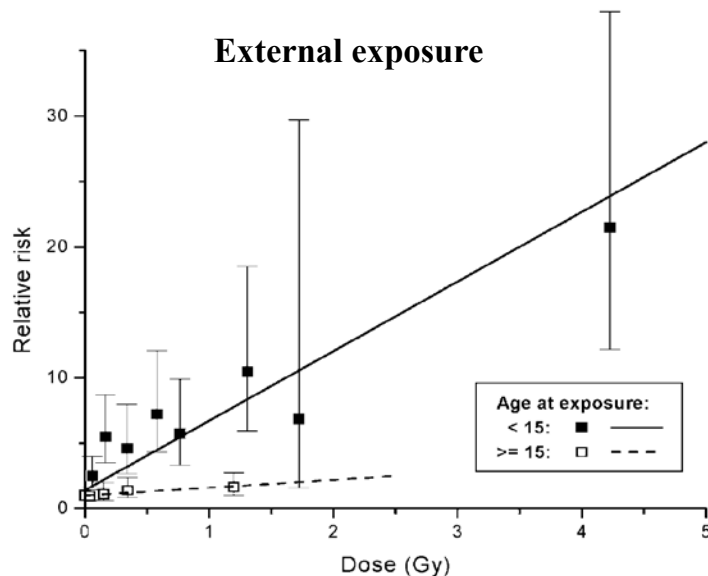
Radiation epidemiology

Radiation exposure of the thyroid at young age is the most clearly defined environmental factor associated with thyroid cancer

External radiation exposure

- A-bomb survivors
- Marshall Islanders (fall-out)
- Children exposed to EBT

ERR/Gy~7.7 [1.1 – 32]

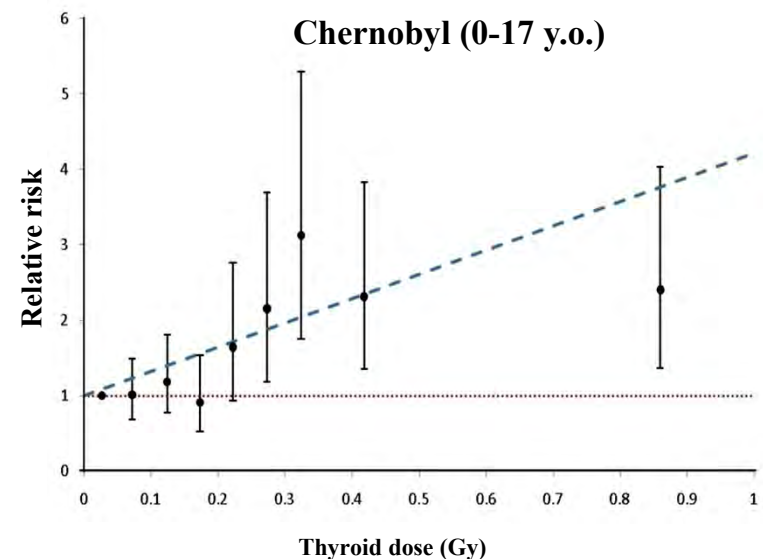


E.Ron 2002

Internal radiation exposure

- Therapeutic radioiodine
- Hanford (fall-out)
- Chernobyl

OR at 1 Gy~5.5 – 8.4 [ERR/Gy 1.9 – 19]



V.Ivanov 2010

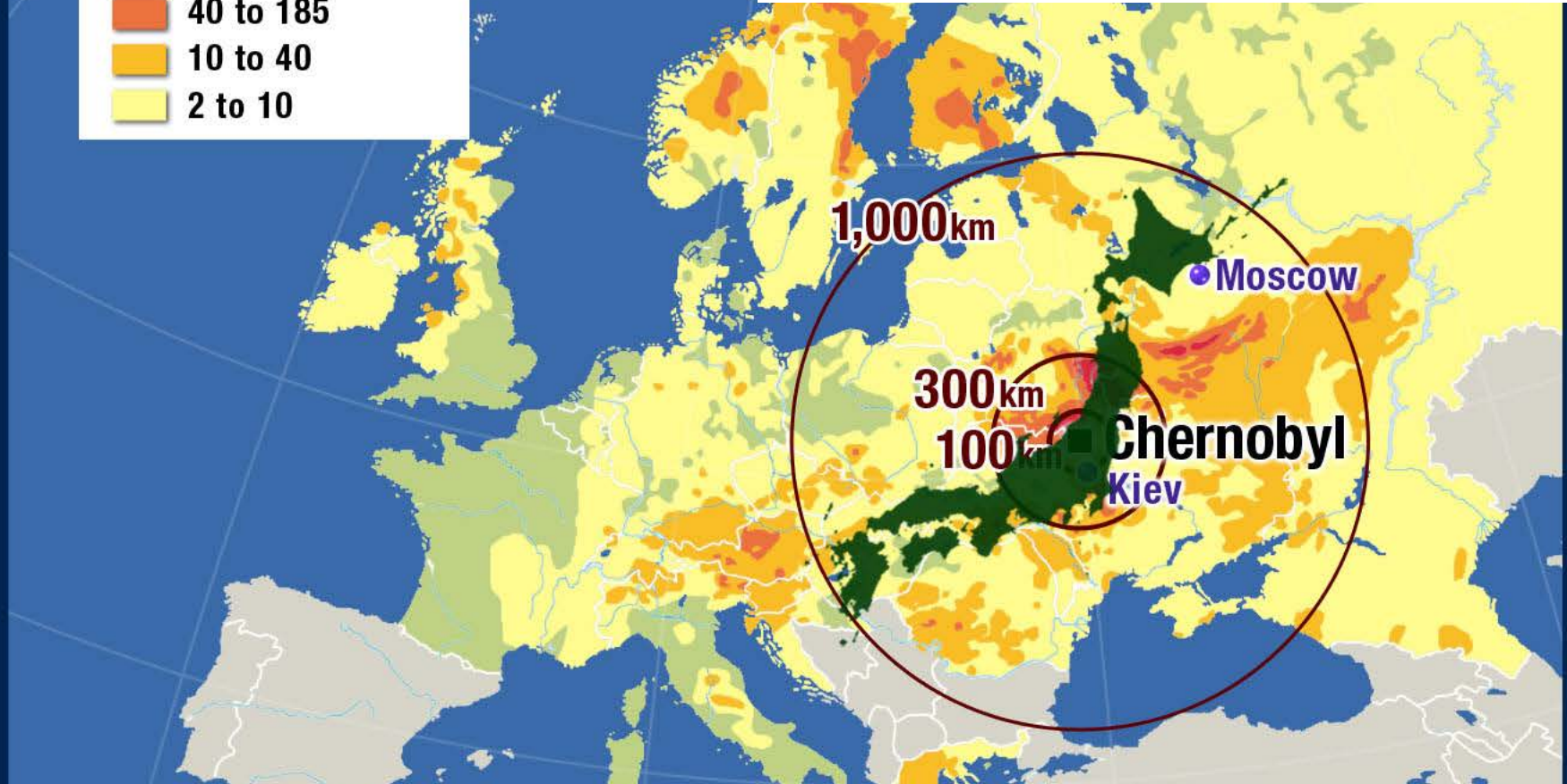
Lesson Learned from Chernobyl to Fukushima

- **Information Blockade during the Cold War**
- **Man-made Disaster**
- **Not well done for public protection against short-lived radioactive iodines and internal exposure subsequently by radioactive cesiums**
- **Breakdown of the USSR**
- **Psycho-social and Mental Consequences**

Similarity between Chernobyl and Fukushima ;psycho-social and mental impact

Cesium 137, KBq/m²

- more than 1,480
- 185 to 1,480
- 40 to 185
- 10 to 40
- 2 to 10

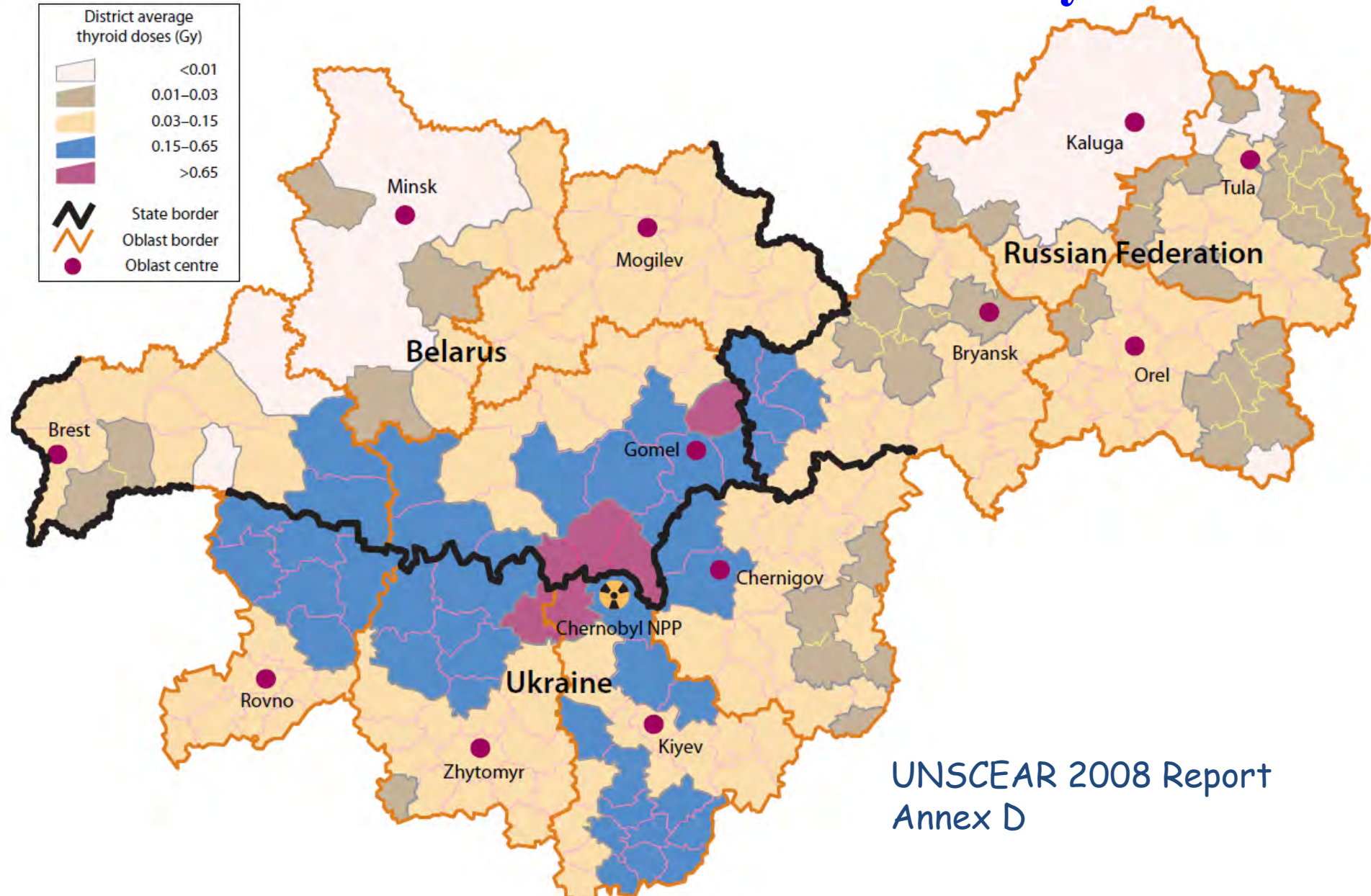
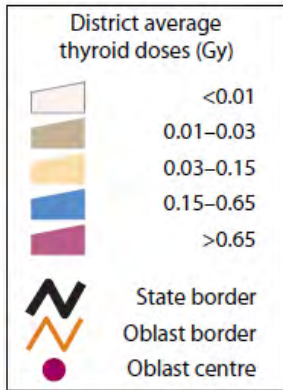


Difference between Chernobyl and Fukushima

Source: Philippe Rekacewicz, UNEP/GRID-Arendal

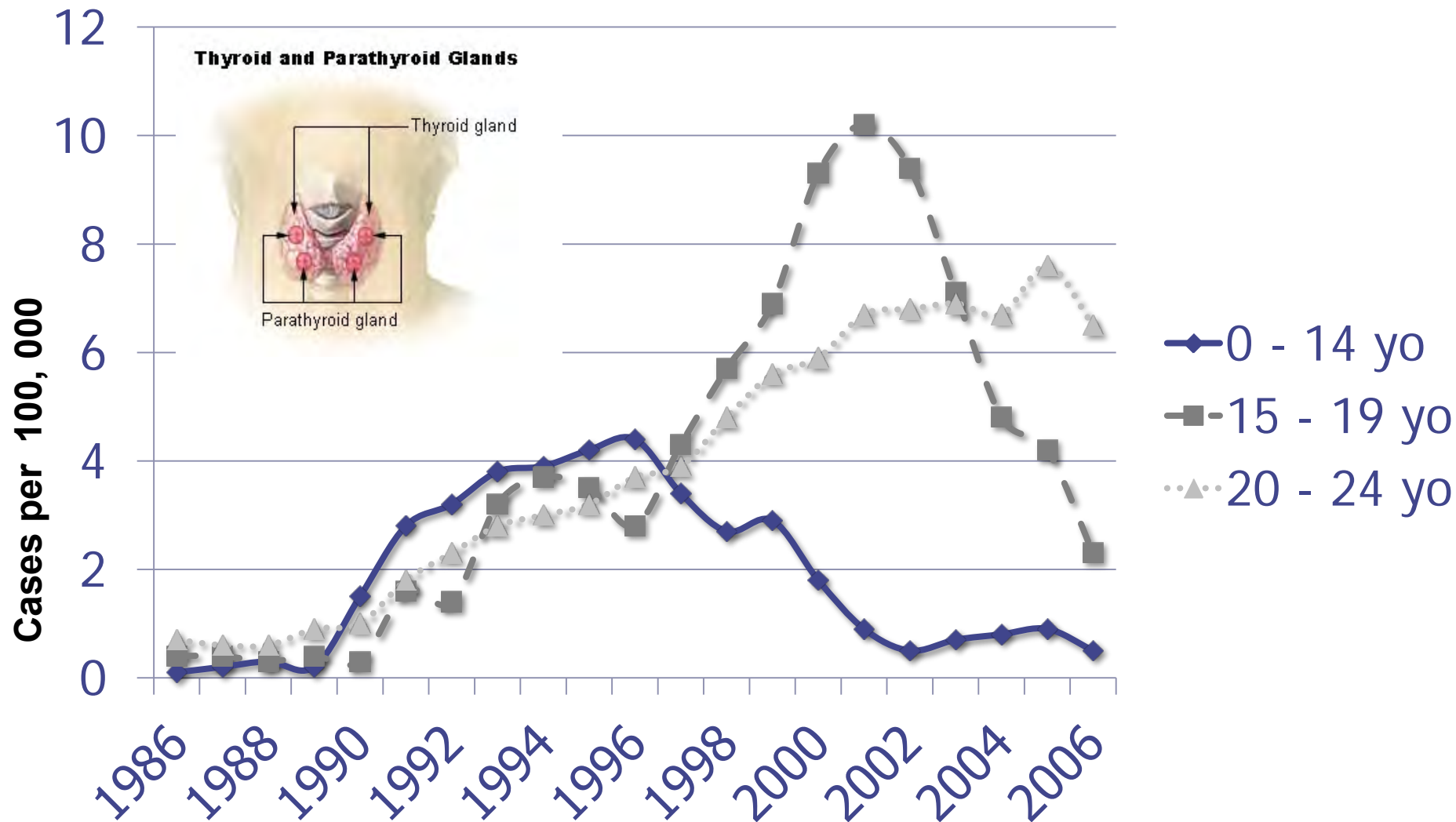
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Estimated average thyroid doses to children and adolescents around Chernobyl



UNSCEAR 2008 Report
Annex D

Increase of Childhood Thyroid Cancers in Belarus



(Demidchik Yu, Saenko V, Yamashita S. ABEM 2007 51:748-62)

Frequency of Childhood Thyroid Cancer in the Gomel region of Belarus (1998-2000)

Date of Birth

1 Jan 1983~
26 Apr 1986

27 Apr 1986
~31 Dec 1986

1 Jan 1987~
31 Dec 1989

31 / 9720

1 / 2409

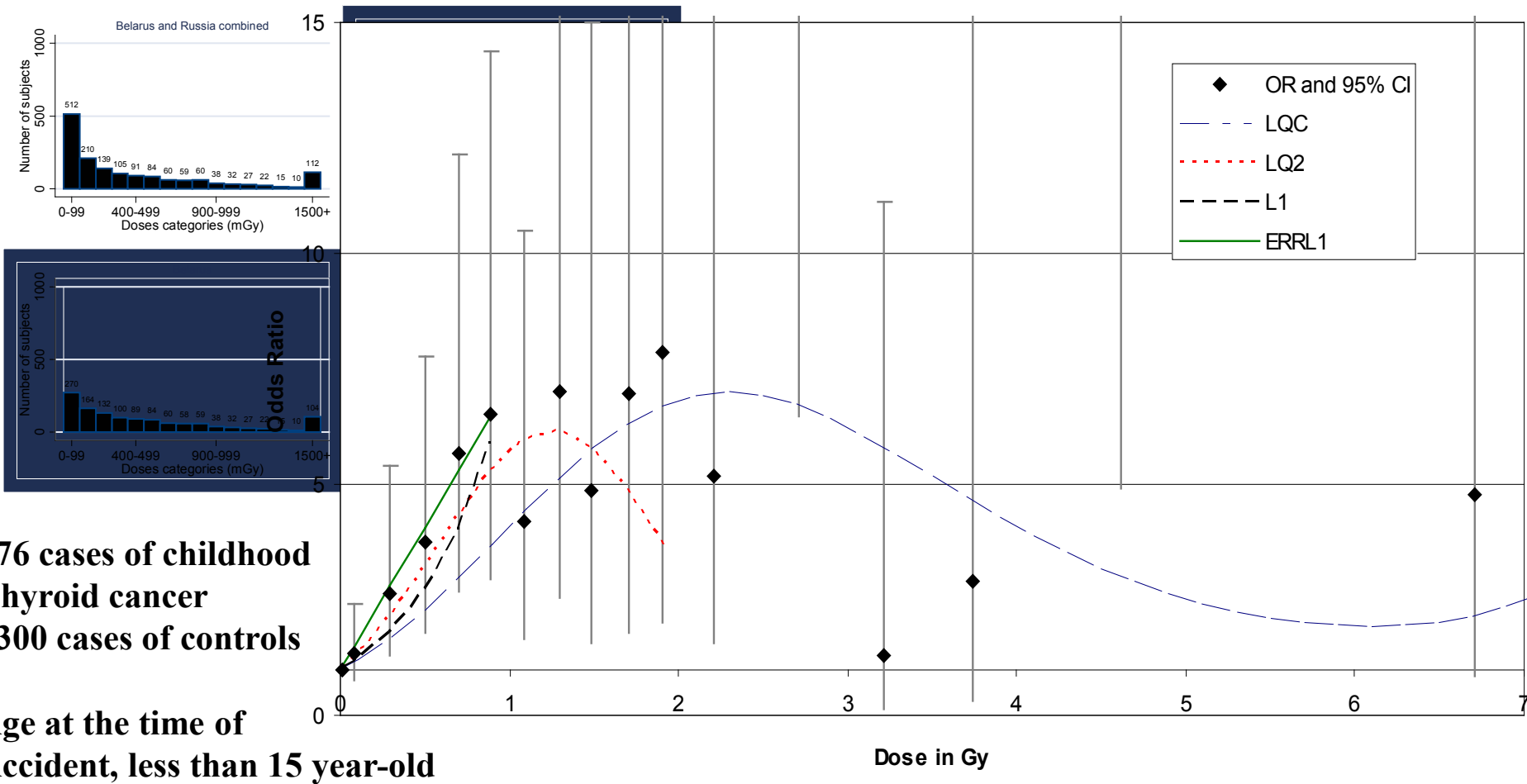
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Number of **thyroid cancers**/number of children screened

Y. Shibata & S. Yamashita. Lancet 358:1965-66, 2001

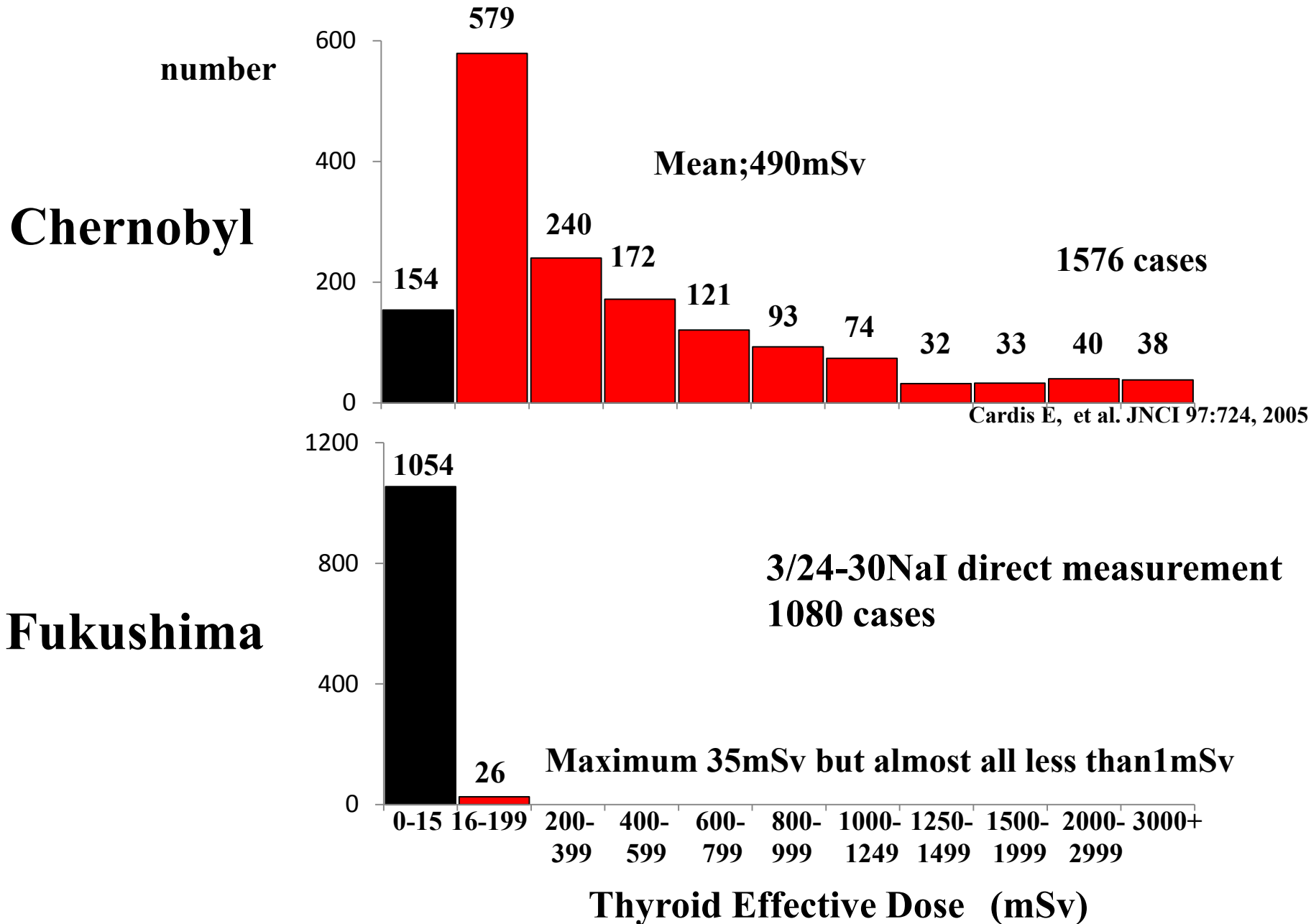
No evidence of Cs-137-induced solid cancer risks including thyroid cancers

Risk of Childhood Thyroid Cancer around Chernobyl



(Cardis E et al; J Natl Cancer Inst. 97(10):724-32, 2005)

Thyroid dose in the children between Chernobyl and Fukushima



Effect of iodine deficiency and of stable iodine consumption

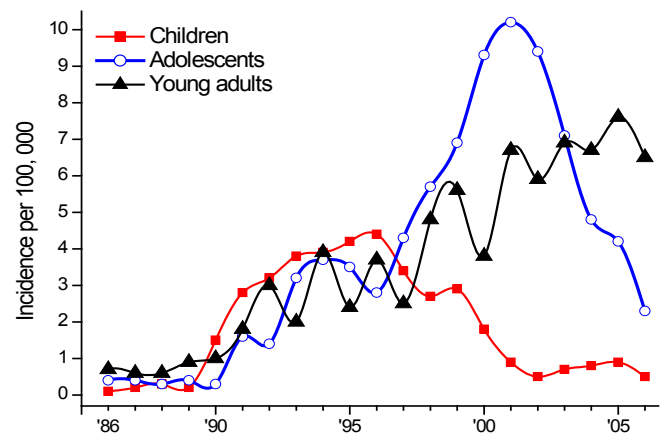
Table 4. Estimated risk of developing thyroid cancer after a radiation dose of 1 Gy, by level of soil iodine in the settlement of residence at the time of the accident and by potassium iodide (i.e., antistrumin) consumption status (analyses restricted to subjects with radiation doses to the thyroid of less than 2 Gy)*

Consumption of potassium iodide	OR at 1 Gy (95% CI)	
	Highest two tertiles of soil iodine	Lowest tertile of soil iodine
No	3.5 (1.8 to 7.0)	10.8 (5.6 to 20.8)
Yes	1.1 (0.3 to 3.6)	3.3 (1.0 to 10.6)

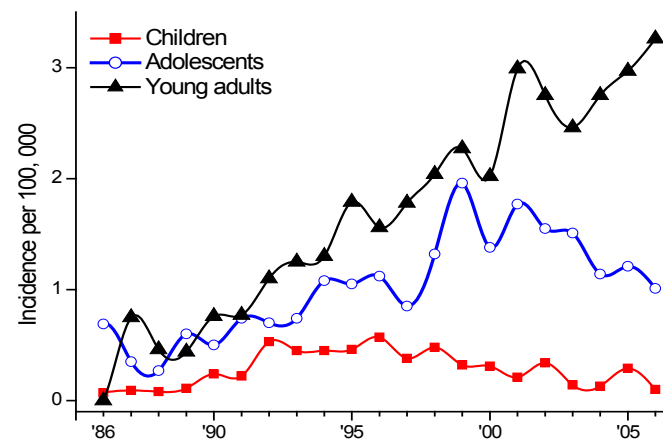
*Levels of iodine in soil in settlement of residence at time of accident were divided into tertiles. OR = odds ratio at 1 Gy compared with no exposure; CI = confidence interval.

Incidence of thyroid cancer in residents of radiocontaminated territories

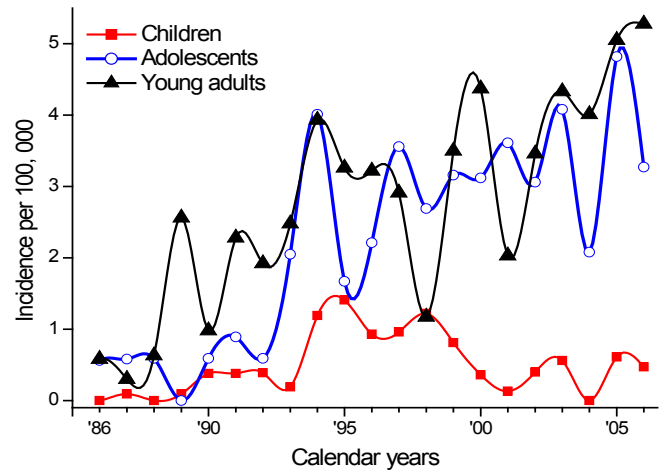
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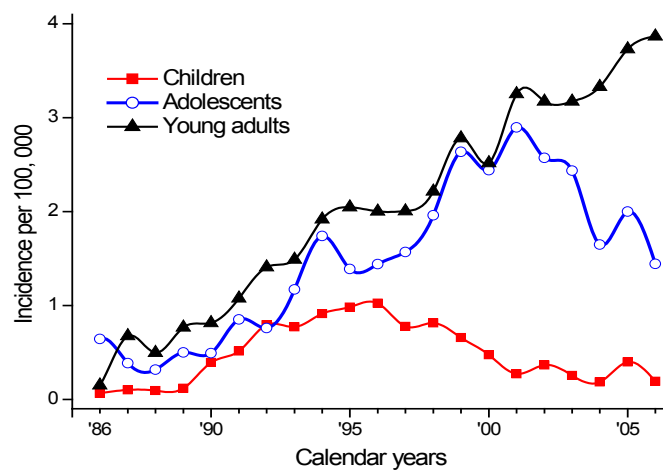
Ukraine



Russia

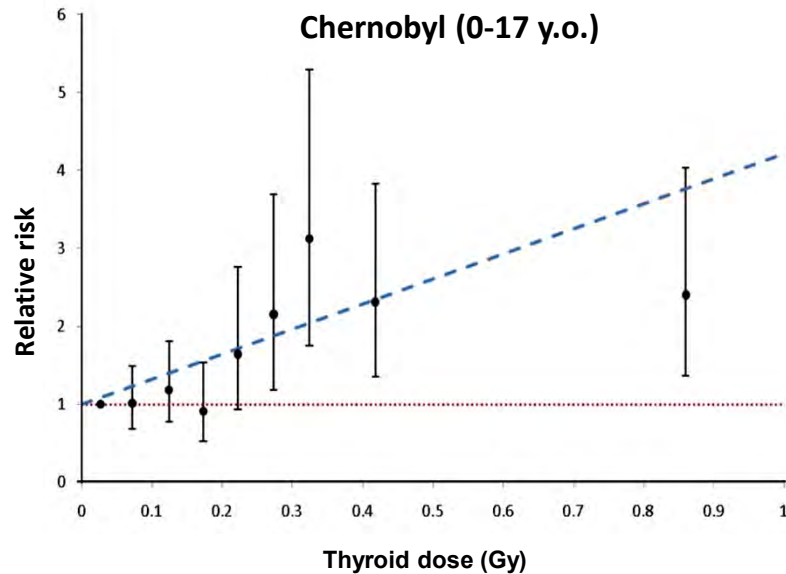


Three countries



Major radiation epidemiology conclusions

OR at 1 Gy ~5.5 – 8.4 [ERR/Gy 1.9 – 19]



V.Ivanov 2010

Dose-response relationship (up to 2 Gy)

Young age at exposure is a risk factor (0-5 y.o.)

Latency may be short (4-5 years)

Iodine deficiency increases risk (~3-fold)

No significant risk for thyroid cancer for radiation doses below 100 mSv

No increase in cancer incidence in the population with accumulated doses <100 mSv during 25 years

No increase in cancer incidence in emergency workers with doses <150 mSv

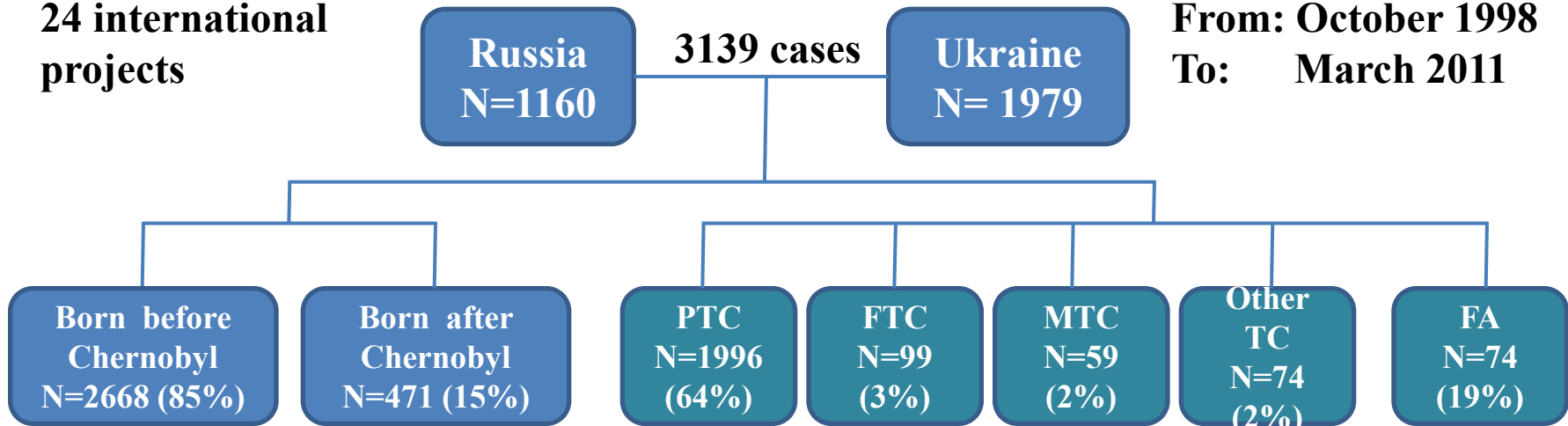
Characteristics of Chernobyl Thyroid Cancers



Chernobyl Tissue Bank
www.chernobyltissuebank.com

24 international projects

From: October 1998
To: March 2011



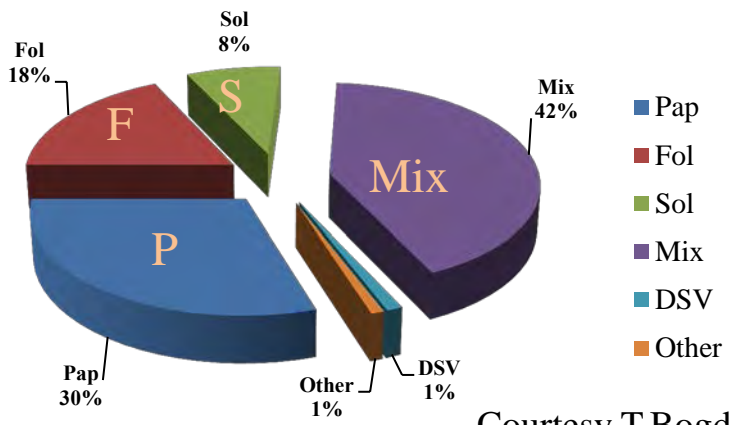
- the best possible diagnostic service
- specimens of thyroid cancer are properly described and sampled
- archive of data generated from research studies carried out

Funding: EU, NCI (USA), SMHF (Japan)

<http://www.chernobyltissuebank.com>

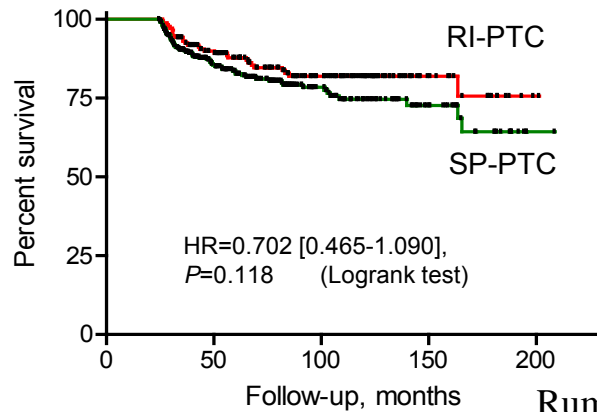
Pathological and clinical characteristics of Chernobyl PTC

Pathology: 2478 PTC cases from Ukraine



Courtesy T.Bogdanova

Clinics: risk for recurrence 497 PTC cases from Russia (172 Rad + 325 Spor, matched)



- No etiology-specific risk factors for recurrence
- Chance of recurrence is comparable in RAD and SPOR PTC

Rumyantsev et al., 2011

Time-related trends

Prevalence of less differentiated structures (solid component) decreases

Pathological aggressiveness (extrathyroidal extension, vascular invasion and nodal disease) declines

Proportion of encapsulated and small tumors increases

Age-related trend

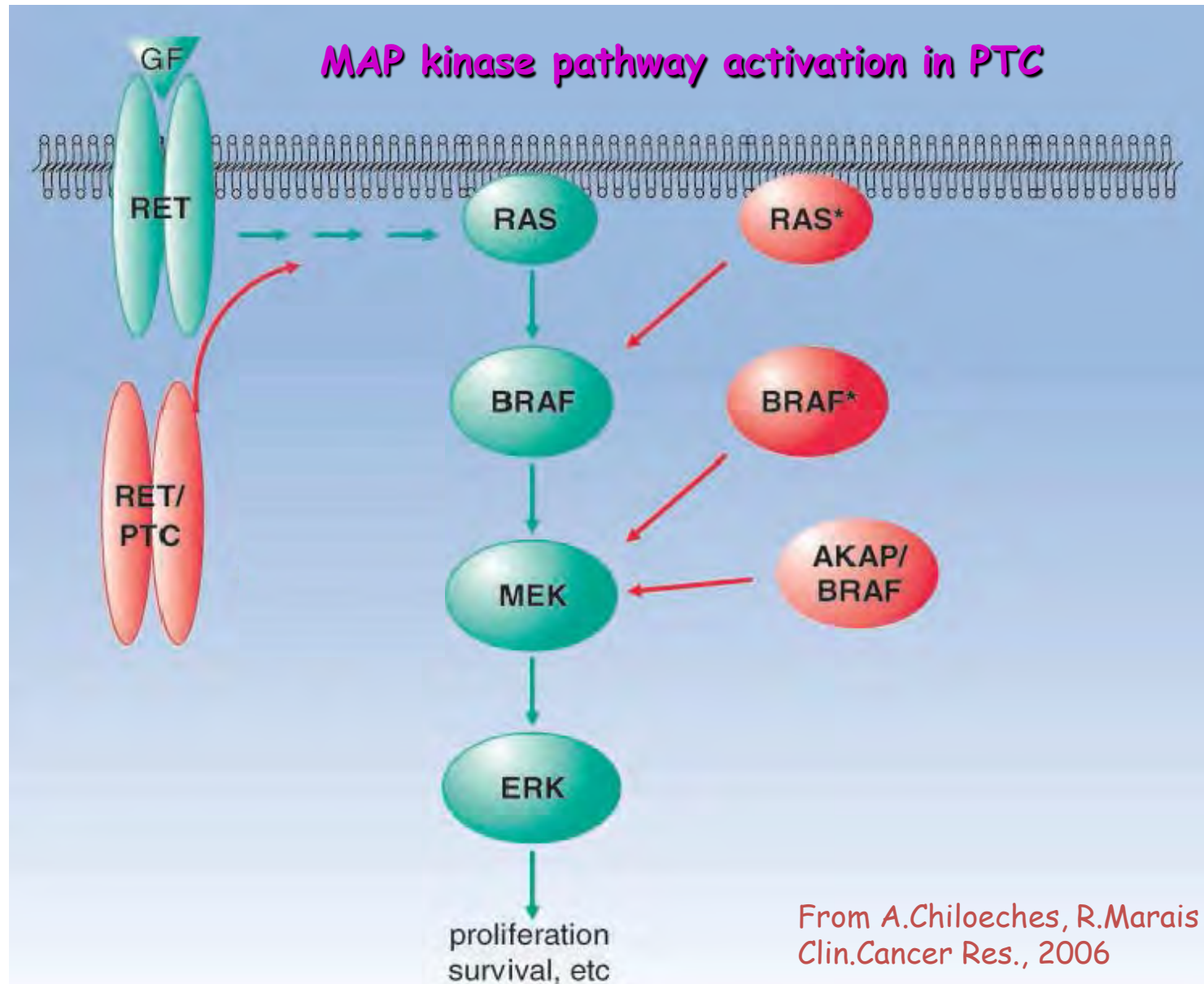
Pathologically, the aggressiveness declines in the row children > adolescents > adults

Radiation-induced PTC may be pathologically more aggressive than sporadic PTC in age-matched groups

Variables	Comparison	P	HR	Wald's CI
Radiation exposure	yes vs no	0.104	0.54	0.26–1.13
Tumor size >10 mm	yes vs no	0.472	1.47	0.51–4.20
pN	Na+Nb vs N0	0.0053	5.21	1.63–16.7
Tumor capsule	yes vs no	0.0003	0.17	0.06–0.45
Treatment according to the Guidelines	yes vs no	0.0002	0.16	0.06–0.42

Radiation-induced thyroid cancer is suggested to be treated and followed in the same way as sporadic thyroid cancer

Molecular characteristics of PTC

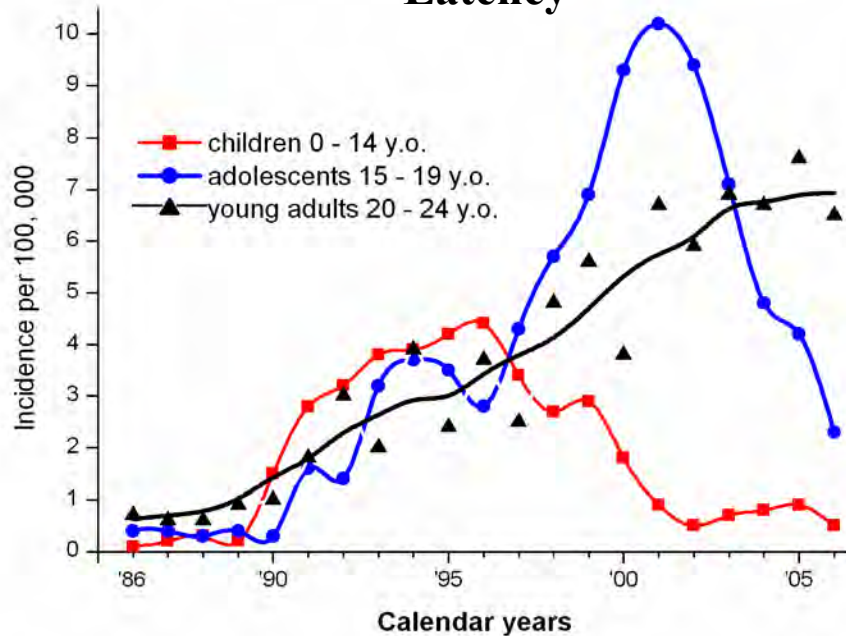
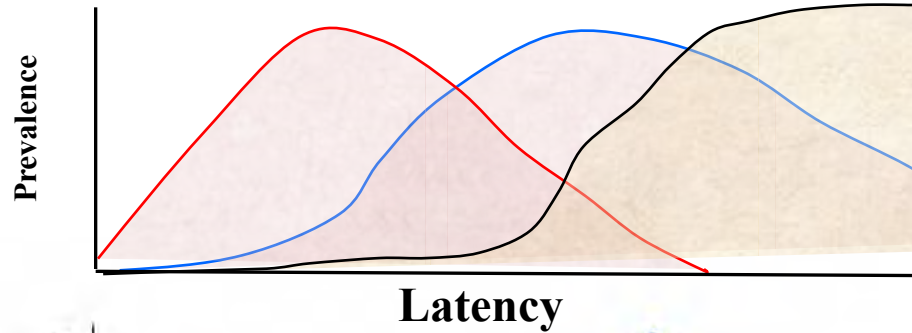


Evolution of mutational events in time

Chernobyl

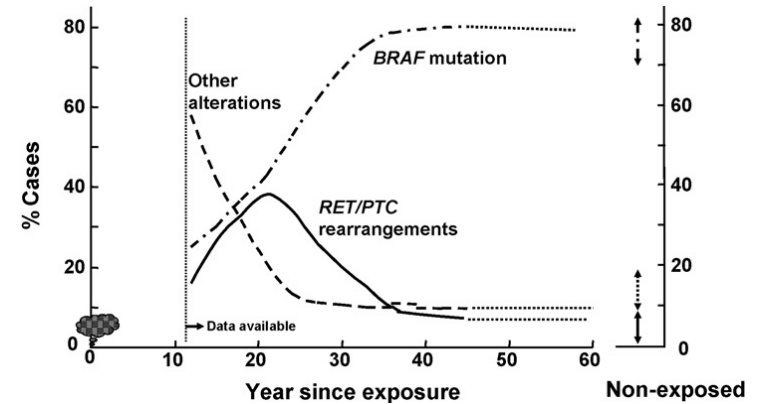
RET/PTC3 RET/PTC1 BRAF, RAS

Williams 2008



Japanese Hibakusha

Nakachi 2006

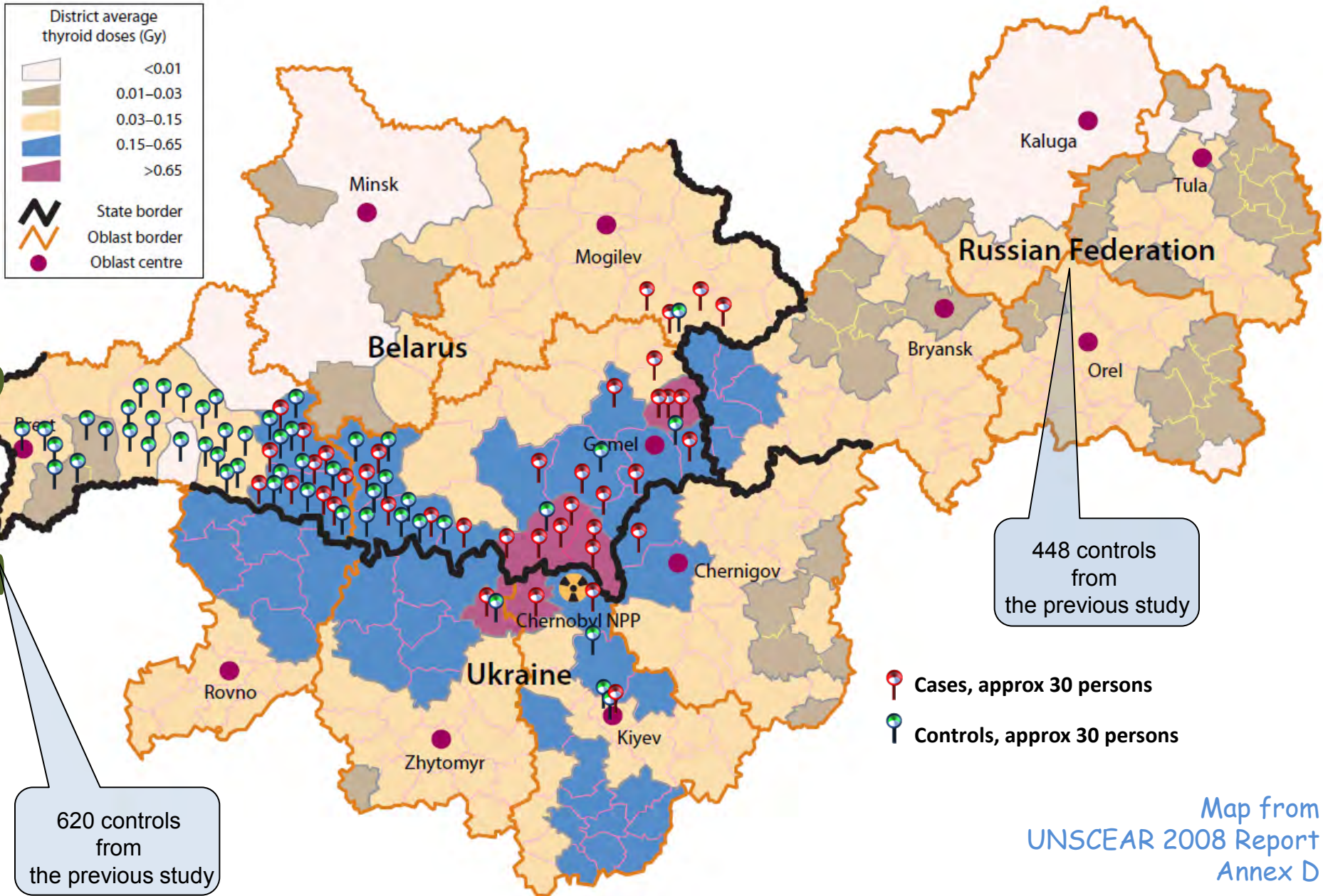


Major oncogenic events in PTC

Alteration	Chernobyl PTC	Sporadic PTC
RET/PTC	50-86%	13-43%
NTRK1	3%	5-13%
AKAP9/BRAF	11%	1%
BRAF ^{T1799A}	0-16%	29-69%
RAS family	0-10%	0-21%

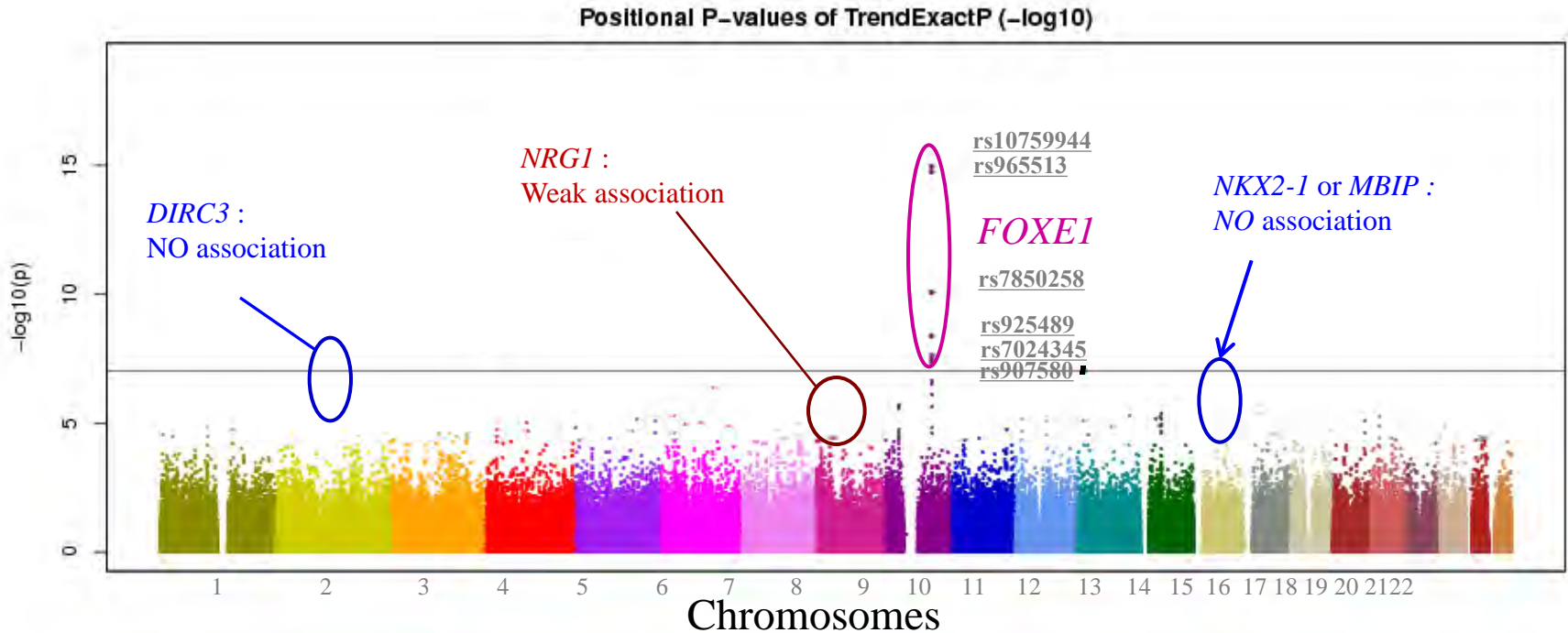
Morphology	Sol, Sol-Fol	Classic	Classic, Encaps
Clinical course	Aggressive↑	Typical	Aggressive↓
Latency, years	4 - 10	7 - 17	15 - ...

Molecular Epidemiological Studies on Chernobyl Thyroid Cancers



Map from
UNSCEAR 2008 Report
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Result: pooled analysis



FOXE1 locus at 9q22.33 is confirmed as the strongest

NO association with 2q35 (*DIRC3*) and 14q13.3 (*NKX2-1* or *MBIP*)

Weak association with *NRG1* at 8p12

All SNPs associating with radiation-induced PTC
also associate with sporadic PTC

Final analysis

Cases: 953(Bel) + 145(Ukr) = **1098 (1057 after QC)**

Controls: 1084(Bel) + 157(Ukr) + 448(Rus) + 620(Pol) = **2309 (2287 after QC)**

rs#	Chr	Gene	GWAS	Validation	Meta	OR (95% CI)	OR published	Etiology
			837 Cs + 1,242 Ctr	220 Cs + 1,045 Ctr				
rs965513	9q22.33	FOXE1 upstream	1.13E-16	3.62E-04	5.80E-19	1.69 (1.51-1.90)	1.75 / 1.69	Sp & Rad
rs1867277	9q22.33	FOXE1 5'UTR	7.50E-03	3.75E-04	1.38E-05	1.52 (1.26-1.83)	1.49	Sp & Rad
rs944289	14q13.3	NKX2-1 or MBIP	0.0208	0.093	4.50E-03	1.17 (1.05-1.30)	1.37	Sp
rs116909374	14q13.3	MBIP	0.0438	0.0756	0.0169	2.19 (1.15-4.16)	2.09	Sp
rs2439302	8p12	NRG1	8.85E-04	0.0182	9.11E-05	1.35 (1.16-1.57)	1.36	Sp & Rad
rs966423	2q35	DIRC3	0.235	0.316	0.125	1.9 (0.98-1.21)	1.34	Sp

Candidates in Chernobyl PTC

rs6920544	6q21	LOC442245	4.71E-07	0.645	6.03E-06			
rs4697477	4p15.2	ATP5LP3	1.19E-05	0.417	5.03E-05			
rs10455038	5q23.2	PPIC	2.57E-06	0.0703	1.55E-03			
rs7666030	4p15.3-p15.1	SOD3	1.13E-04	0.618	7.59E-04			
rs3014966	13q14.13	COG3	5.33E-06	0.190	8.67E-04			
rs11197463	10q26	ATRNL1	1.60E-04	0.371	4.97E-03			
rs7199669	16p13.12	ERCC4	4.42E-05	0.505	1.31E-04			
rs7861296	9p21.2	LRRN6C	7.40E-07	0.716	1.01E-05			
rs7241128	18q11.2	LOC390843	2.15E-05	0.944	1.90E-04			
rs2691546	7q21	MAGI2	4.59E-05	0.624	1.21E-03			
rs2691542	7q21	MAGI2	1.08E-05	0.710	9.41E-05			

The *FOXE1* locus is a major genetic determinant for radiation-related thyroid carcinoma in Chernobyl

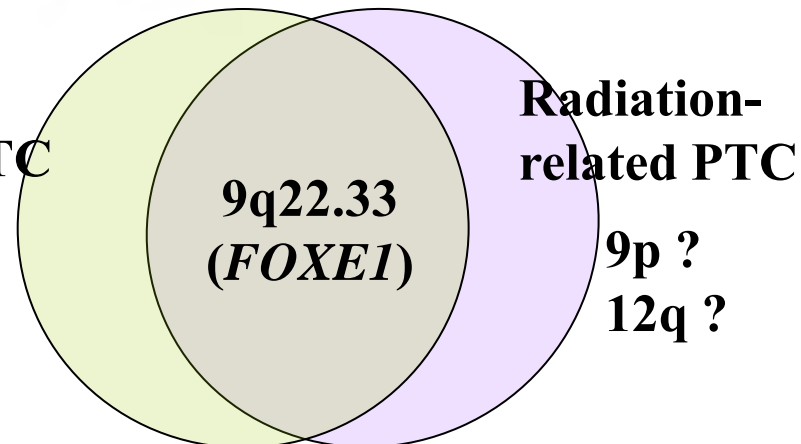
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Genetic susceptibility of thyroid carcinogenesis based on a common genetic background and environmental factor

Sporadic PTC
14q13.3



FOXE1 and NKX2-1 loci with sporadic and Chernobyl thyroid cancer

Findings	FOXE1 (9q22.33)	NKX2-1 (14q13.3)
<i>Study: Gudmundsson 2009, Nat Genet; European decent</i>		
MAF Cases/Controls	0.490 / 0.352	0.650 / 0.558
OR (95% CI)	1.75 (1.59, 1.94)	1.37 (1.24, 1.52)
P-value	1.7×10^{-27}	2.0×10^{-9}
<i>Our Study: Matsuse 2011, J Med Genet; Japanese</i>		
MAF Cases/Controls	0.090 / 0.057	0.466 / 0.411
OR (95% CI)	1.69 (1.29, 2.21)	1.21 (1.04, 1.39)
P-value	1.3×10^{-4}	0.012
<i>Our study: Takahashi 2010, Hum Mol Genet; Chernobyl</i>		
MAF Cases/Controls	0.474 / 0.357	0.616 / 0.583
OR (95% CI)	1.65 (1.43, 1.91)	1.13 (0.95, 1.36)
P-value	4.8×10^{-12}	0.17

“Great East Japan Earthquake” Triple Disasters in Fukushima

1,301 deaths were disaster-related deaths.

1,599 died and 211 are still lost due to Earthquake and/or Tsunami.

Earthquake



Fukushima City

Tsunami



Minami-soma City

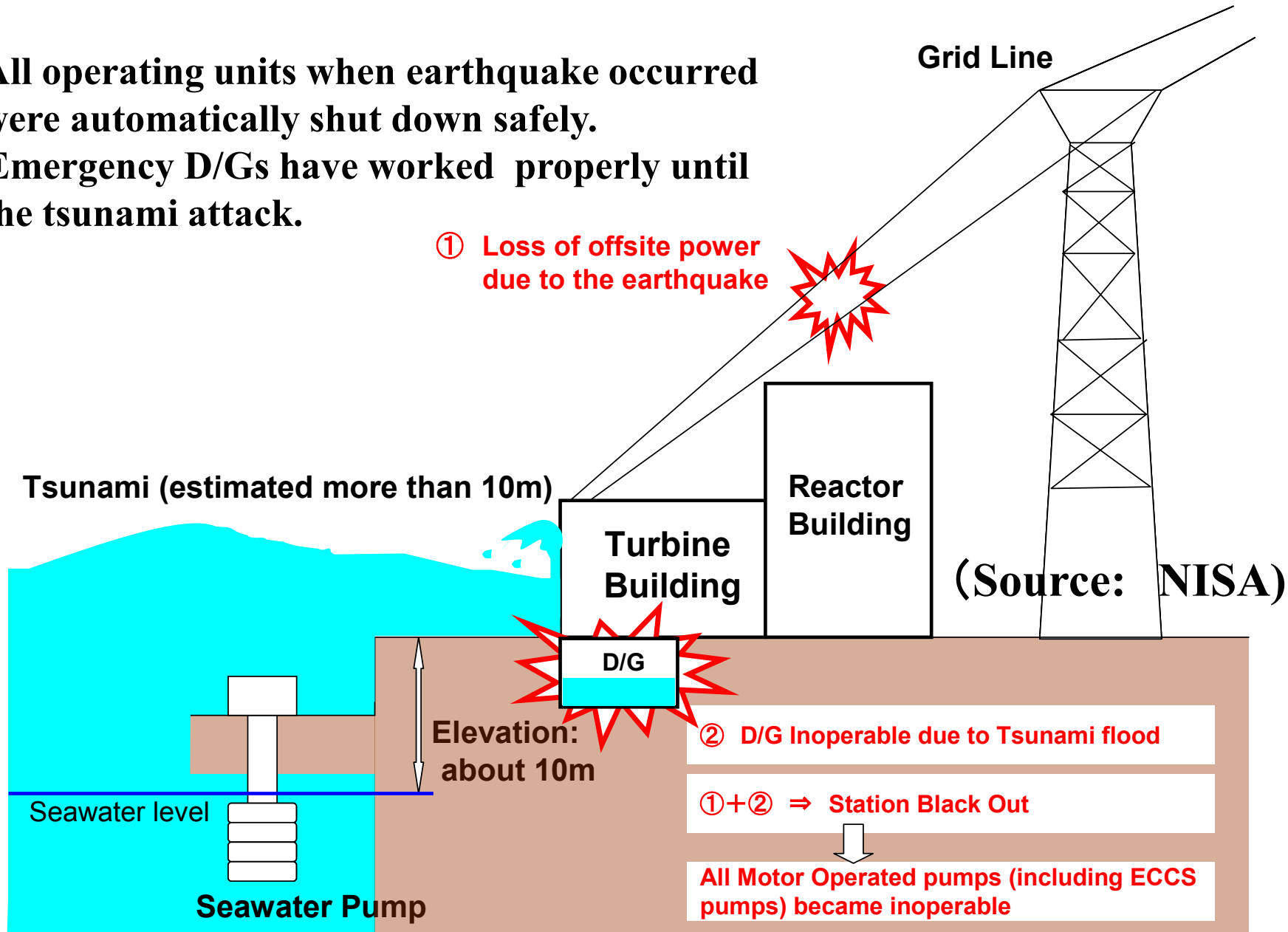
**Nuclear Power
Plant Accident**



**Fukushima Dai-ichi
Nuclear Power Plant**

Fukushima Daiichi-Nuclear Power Plant

- All operating units when earthquake occurred were automatically shut down safely.
- Emergency D/Gs have worked properly until the tsunami attack.



Evacuations and Sheltering at the Initial Period

Successfully handled by the Government

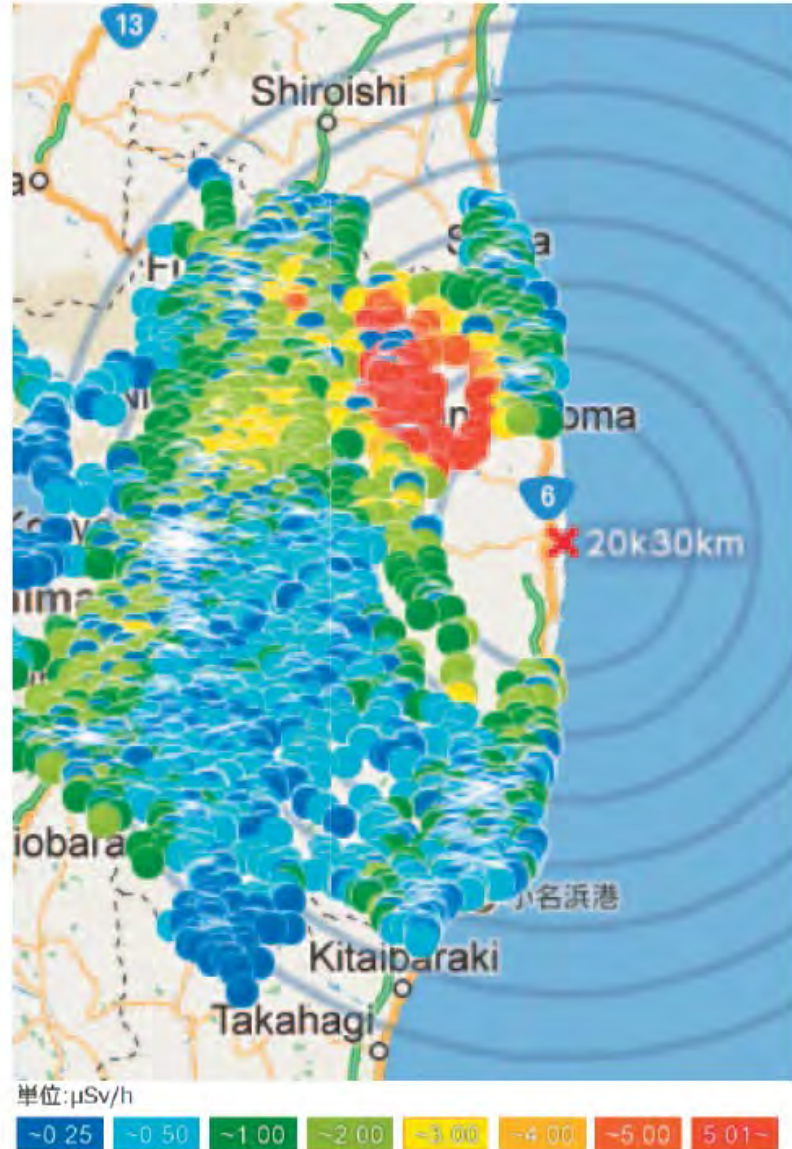
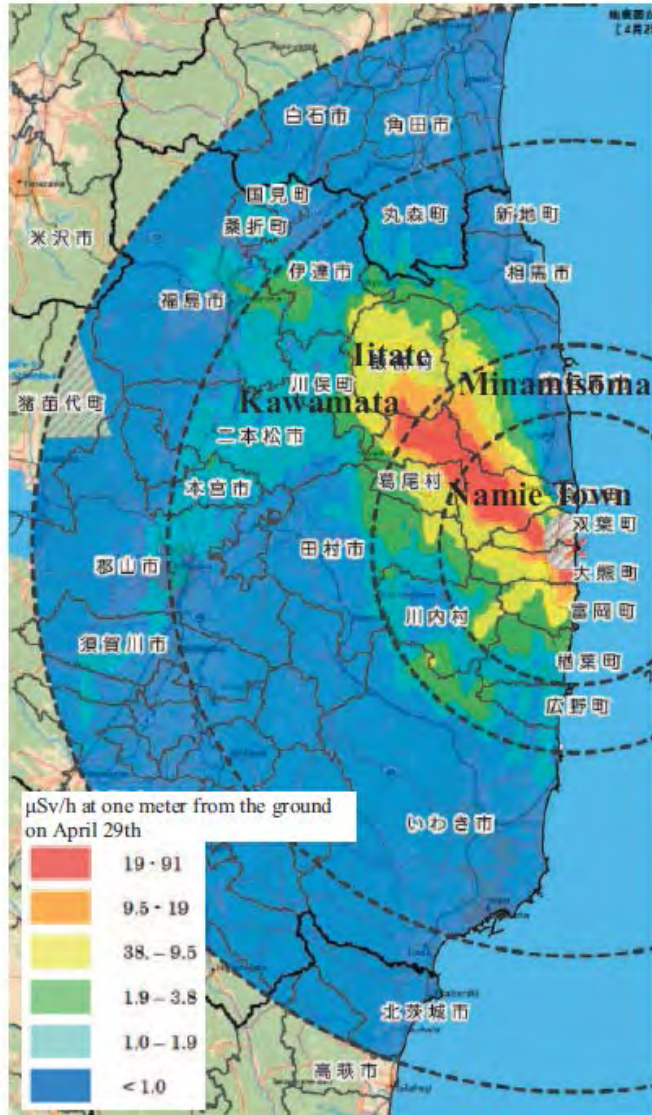
1) Instructions of Evacuation, etc. Issued by the Director General of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters Regarding Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station

- March 11 [21:23] Instruction of evacuation to the residents living within a radius of 3 km from the NPS was issued.
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|-------------------|---------------|
| Evacuation | 3km |
| Sheltering | 3-10km |
- Instruction of stay in-house to the residents living within a radius of 3 to 10 km from the NPS was issued.
- March 12 [05:44] Instruction of evacuation to the residents living within a radius of 10 km from the NPS was issued.
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|-------------------|-------------|
| Evacuation | 10km |
|-------------------|-------------|
- [18:25] Instruction of evacuation to the residents living within a radius of 20 km from the NPS was issued.
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|-------------------|-------------|
| Evacuation | 20km |
|-------------------|-------------|
- March 15 [11:00] Instruction of stay in-house to the residents living within a radius of 20 to 30 km from the NPS was issued.
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|-------------------|----------------|
| Sheltering | 20-30km |
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Radioactive Materials on the Ground

Radioactivity expressed as $\mu\text{Sv}/\text{hour}$ at 1 m from the ground

Airborne monitoring on April 29th Monitoring points in Fukushima in April



After the great earthquake and tsunami in eastern Japan, the NPP(Fukushima-Daiichi) was severely damaged and a significant amount of radioactive material was released to the environment. (*Industrial Crisis and Environmental Damage*)

In order to limit and reduce the exposures, countermeasures including **evacuation from surrounding area, **sheltering**, restrictions on consumption of water and certain food products were taken by the government in an appropriate manner.**

With regard to the workers, operational staff and emergency response personnel were exposed to certain levels of radiation in managing the emergency situation.

Since there has been much concern about the levels of exposure and effects both on general public and workers, we are prepared to collect and offer further information to the world.

- **Public concerns about the long-term health effects of radioactive contamination** have increased considerably since March 11, 2011, sparking *anger, anxiety and distrust* towards the government's handling of the crisis and fueling support for renewable energy alternatives.
- **Bans on food shipments from contaminated areas due to anxieties about food safety are ruining farmers' livelihoods and raise concerns about their ability to resume their livelihoods.**
- **The role of experts and academic societies are important but reliability/credibility has been lost by confusion and misunderstanding partly due to an inappropriate and immature media literacy.**

Fukushima Medical University



Earthquake and Tsunami Victims



(Hospital Entrance Hall)



(Hospital Hallway)

**180 medical professionals of 35 DMAT team +
FMU doctors, interns, nurses, technicians and students**

**168 cases of triage (93 Green, 44 Yellow, 30 Red, and 1 Black) over
3 days and more than 500 evacuees accepted and triaged.**

Large-scale patient transfer and screening of radiation exposure

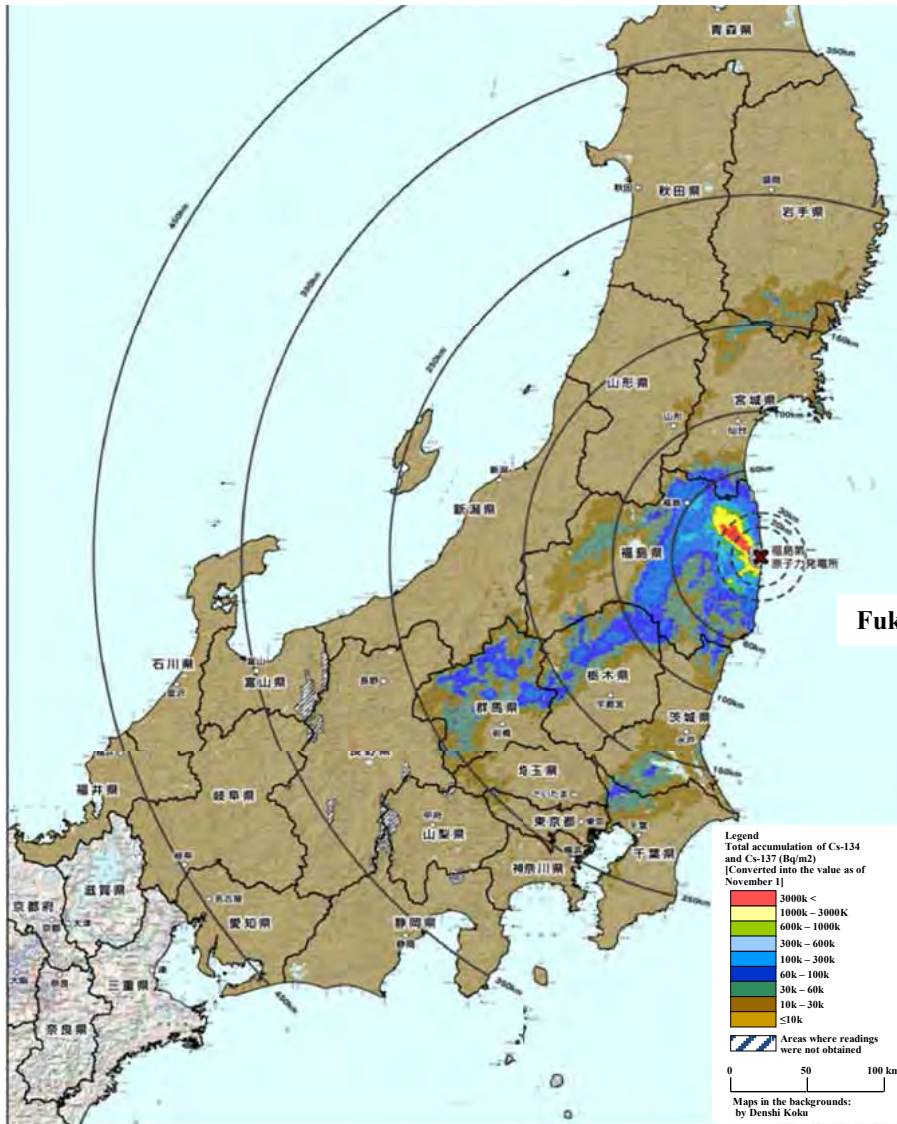


**175 patients were temporary accepted
(of which 125 were hospitalized)**

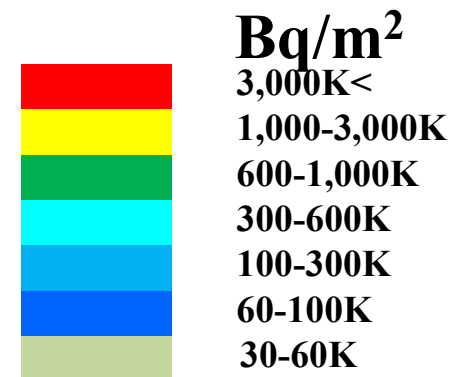
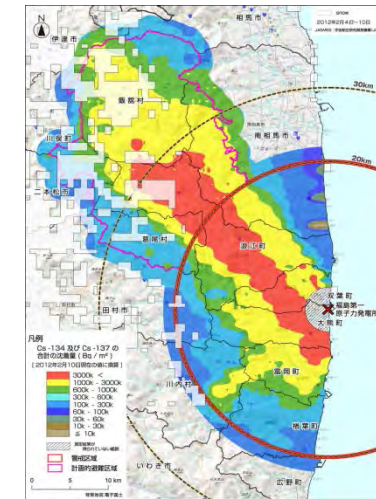


**ca. 500 people were screened,
of which 10 were decontaminated**

Results of the Airborne Monitoring Survey by MEXT as of November 1, 2011 (Total accumulation of Cs-134 and Cs-137 on the ground surface)



Fukushima Dai-ichi NPP



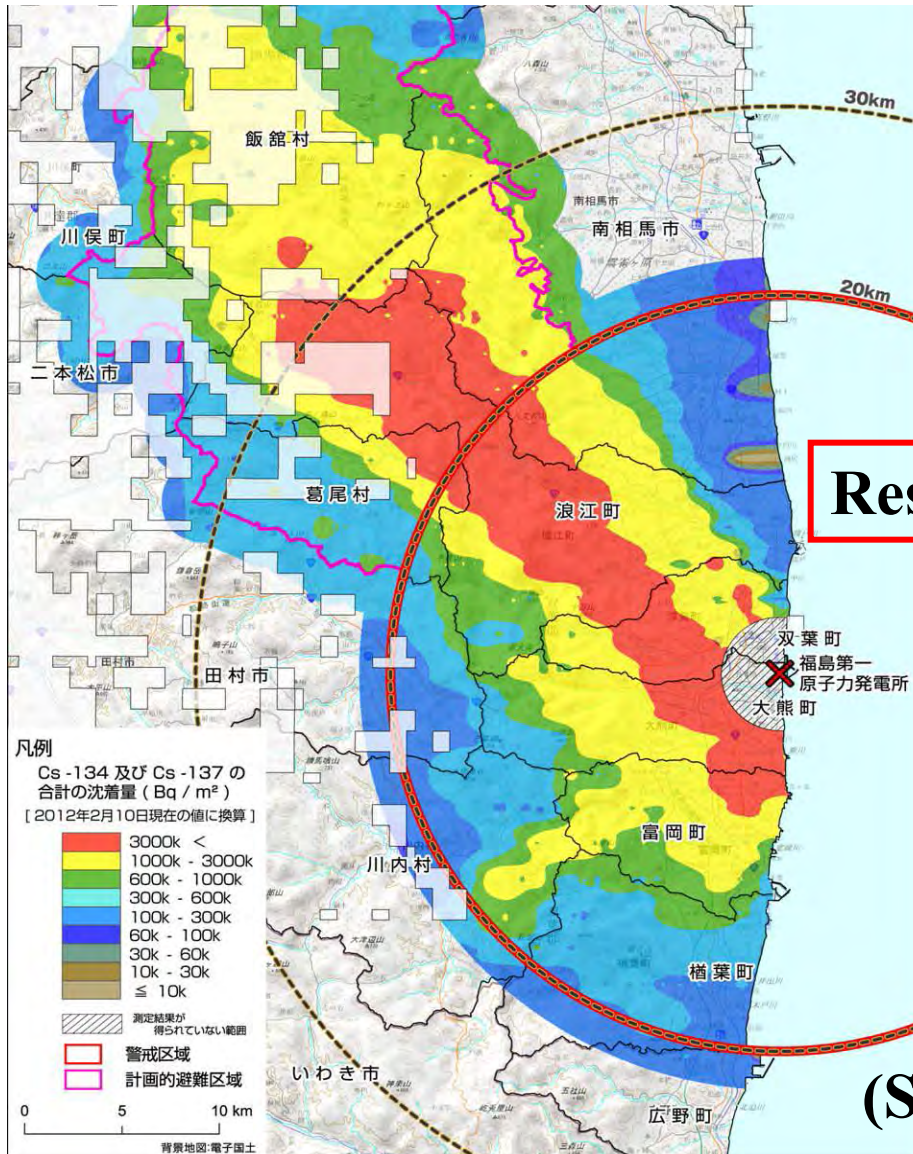
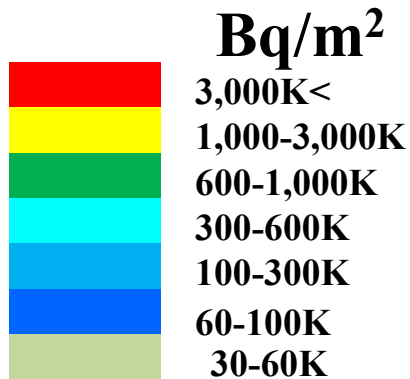
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**Deliberate
Evacuation Area**

Restricted Area

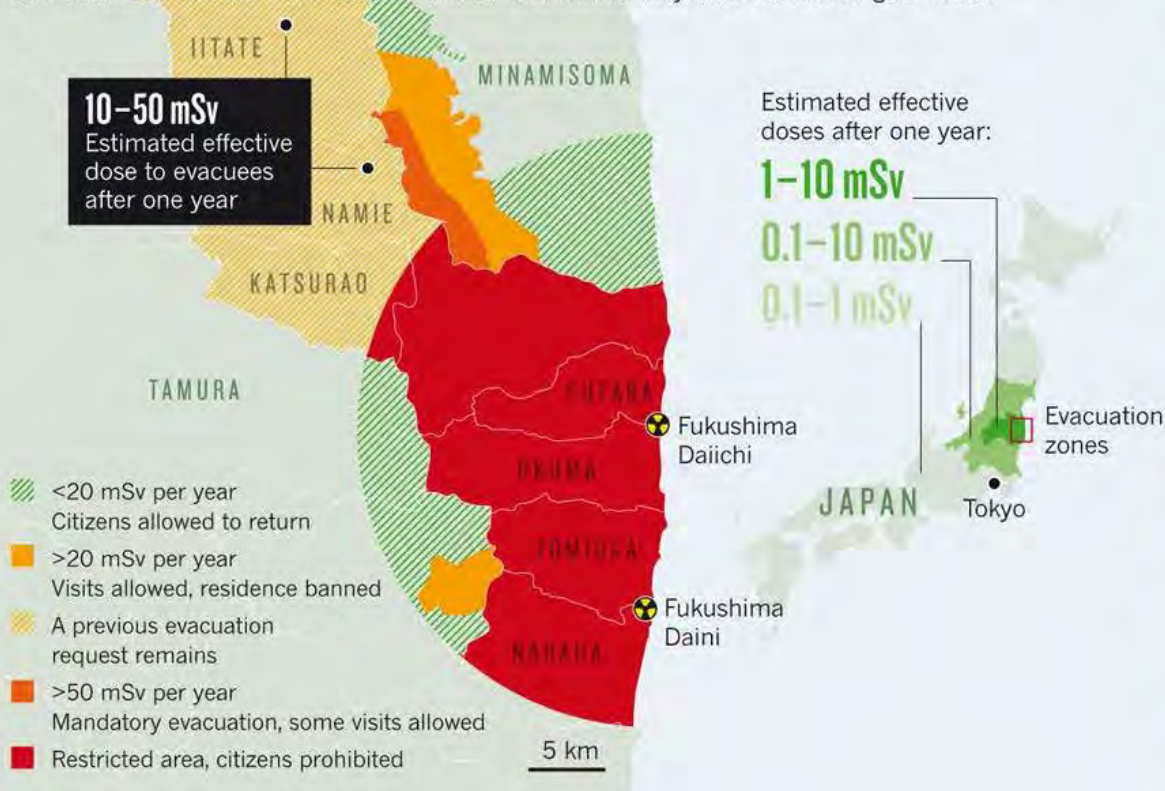


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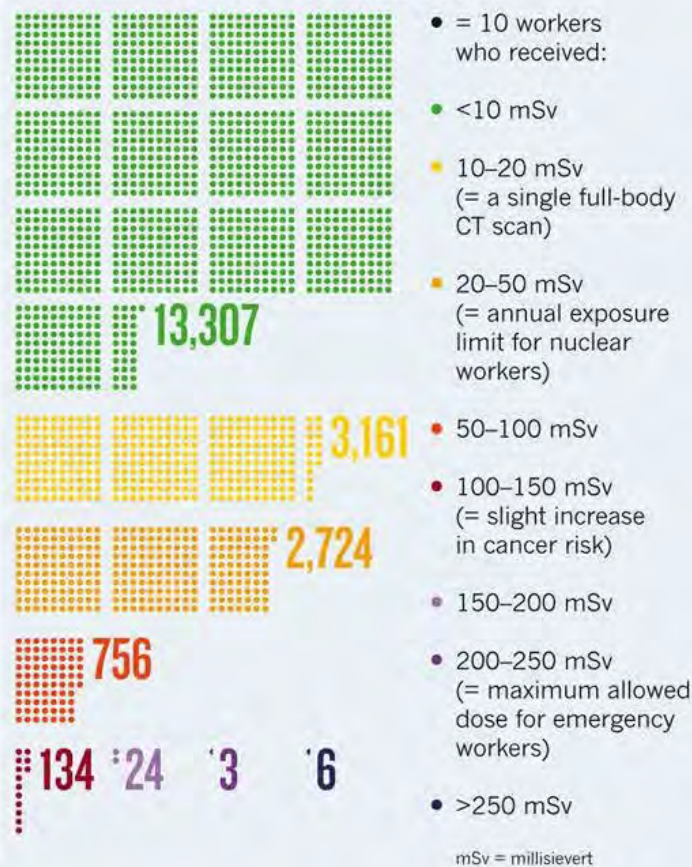
IN THE ZONE

Most residents and nuclear workers in the Fukushima region received modest radiation doses from the power-plant meltdown, and in April the Japanese government lifted some restrictions on citizens' access to their homes. But residents of Iitate and Namie may have received higher doses.

10–50 mSv
Estimated effective dose to evacuees after one year

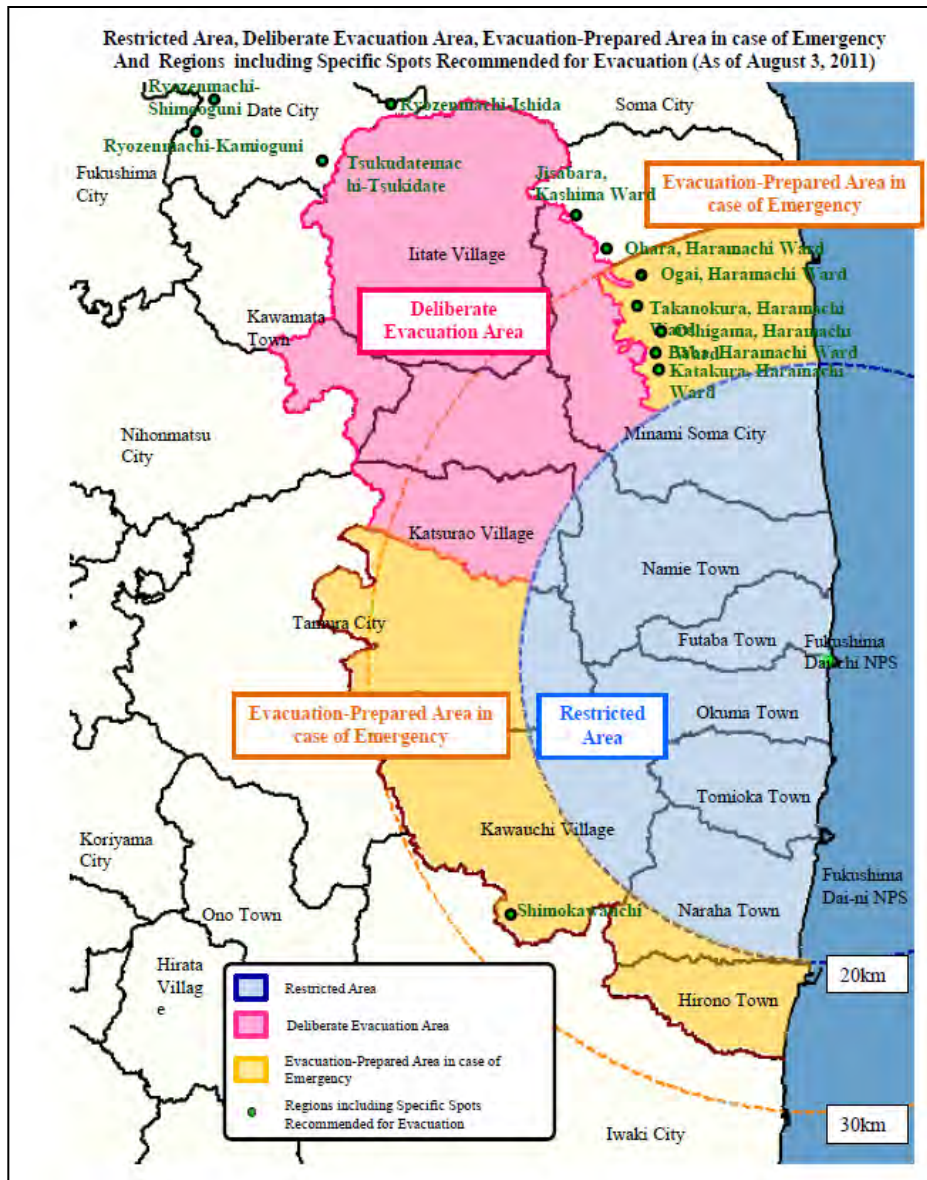


FUKUSHIMA PLANT-WORKER DOSES



Preliminary report on dose estimation by WHO, May 2012

Evacuation Status of Residents in Fukushima



Number of evacuees from designated evacuation areas:

- **Restricted Area:**
about 77,000
 - **Deliberate Evacuation Area:**
about 10,000
 - **Evacuation-Prepared Area:**
about 26,000
-
- Total: about 113,000**

(Source: Cabinet Office, Feb 2012)

Countermeasures on different targets

Object	Situation	Contents
Plant workers	High risk in radiation exposure & contamination, accident	Radiation Emergency Medicine
Emergency responder	High risk in radiation exposure & contamination	Consultation clinic for mental, physical, radiation
Residents	Chronic low dose exposure, stress/fear for risks	education/communication/information

Fukushima Disaster causes

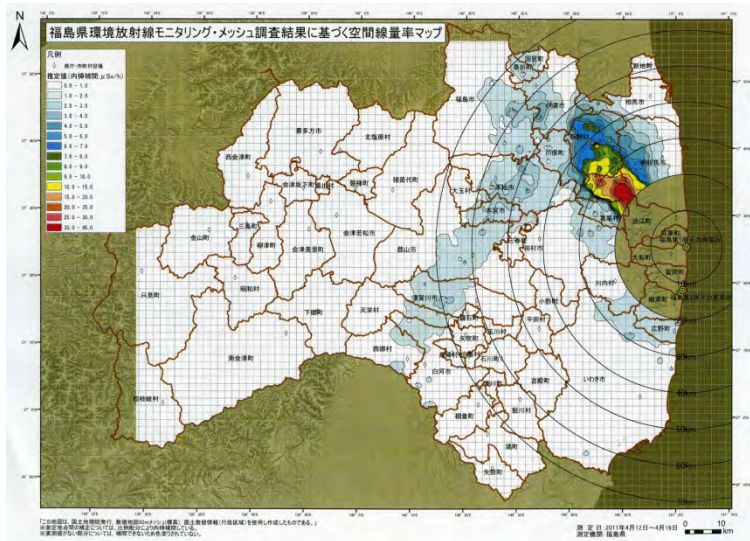
- **Uncertain health effects; ~~acute and~~ chronic?**
- **Psychological and mental effects; anxieties, anger, sleep disturbance, post-traumatic stress diseases**
- **Environmental effects; soil and food contamination continued**
- **Social and economical effects; decontamination, compensation, safeguard**

Radiation Health Risk Control

- There are uncertainties about the risks of chronic low-dose radiation exposure for human health but *no alternative than to take responsibility to monitor health condition* of local residents in Fukushima and to *promote their health* based on the common concept of early diagnosis and treatment for any radiation-related disease exists.
- This is an unprecedented health management program for a 2 million population for almost whole lifespan.

The Fukushima Health Survey

- The design of the health management is divided into two categories: **a basic survey** medical sheet for all the residents and **further examination** of target populations.



Fukushima Health Management Survey Outline

Basic survey

Subjects: 2.02 million people living in Fukushima
Method: self-administered Questionnaire

Ascertain health conditions

Detailed survey

Thyroid ultrasound examination

Subjects: 360,000 children aged 18 years or younger as of March 11, 2011

Comprehensive medical checkups

Subjects: Residents residing in evacuation areas, etc
Details: General medical checkup items as well as differential white blood count, etc.

Subjects: Residents not residing in evacuation areas

Details: General medical checkup items

Having workplace medical checkups, municipal medical checkups and/or cancer screening helps ensure early detection and early treatment of diseases.

Conducting of medical checkups for Fukushima prefecture

Mental health and lifestyle survey

Survey on pregnant women and nursing mothers

Health management file

(provisional name)

- ☆ Results of health surveys and examinations recorded and retained by individuals
- ☆ Increase awareness of radiation

Creation of a database

- ◆ Utilized for long-term healthcare and medical treatment of Fukushima prefecture residents
- ◆ Knowledge acquired in providing healthcare will be used for future generations

- Whole-body counter
- Individual dosimeter

Consultation and support

Follow-up

Treatment

Fukushima Health Management Survey May 2011

Objectives:

- **To monitor long-term health condition of resident in Fukushima and to promote their health**
- **To investigate whether a long-term low-dose radiation exposure has an effect on their health**

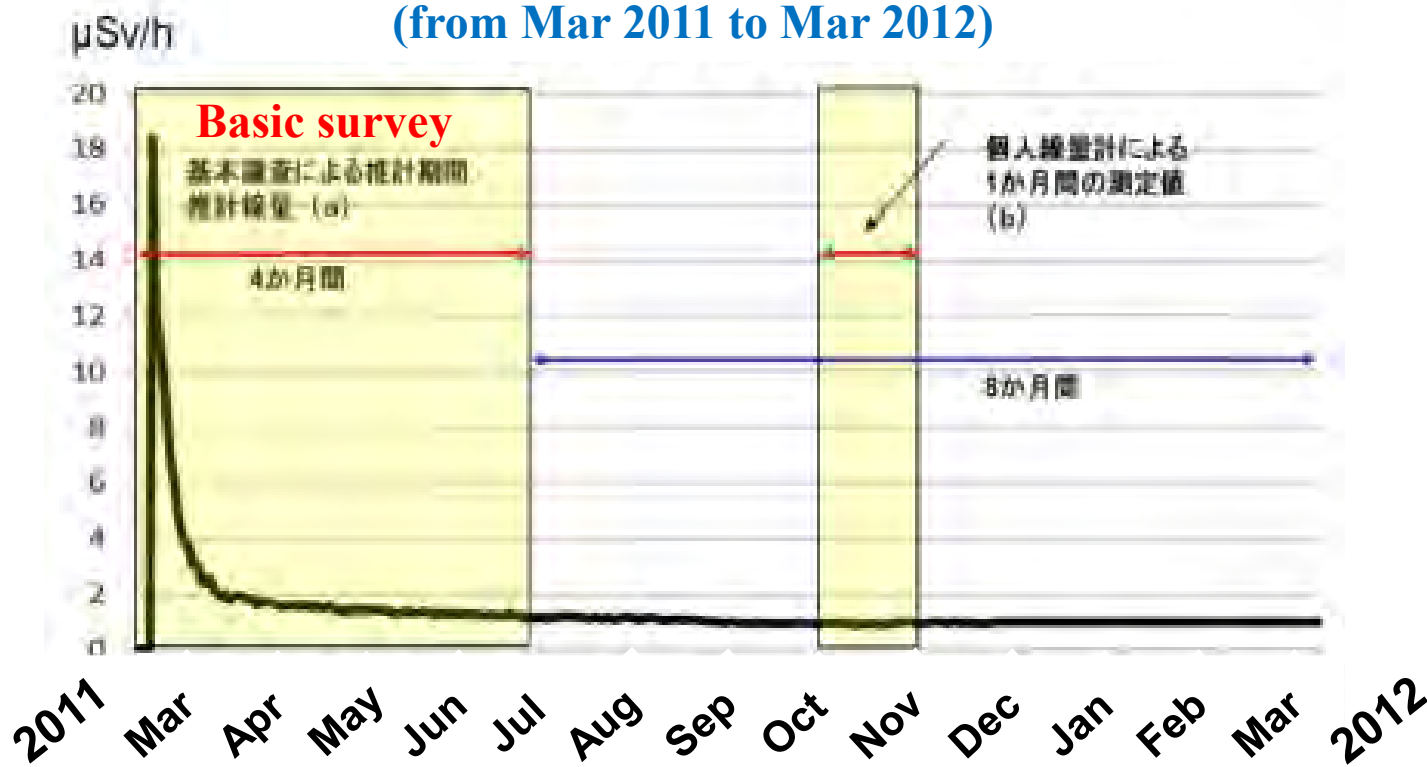
Contents:

- 1. Basic survey (subjects: 2 million all resident in Fukushima)**
- 2. Detailed survey**
 - **Thyroid examination by ultrasonography (360,000; 0-18 y/o)**
 - **Comprehensive medical checkups (210,000 ; Evacuees)**
 - **Mental health and lifestyle survey (210,000 ; Evacuees)**
 - **Survey on pregnant women and nursing mothers (16,000)**

Basic Survey

- Estimated External Dose from 12 Mar to 11 July 2011
- Annual estimation dose = (a) first 4 M + (b) remained 8 M

Air dose rate in Fukushima city (from Mar 2011 to Mar 2012)



Basic Survey

Estimation of individual radiation dose as baseline data for the long-term health

Fukushima Health Management Survey

Survey Questionnaire (Record of movements)

Study period: 11 March 2011 – 11 July 2011 (four months)

Target population:

-Residents of Fukushima officially registered between 11 March and 11 July 2011

-Residents of other prefectures who stayed, worked or studied in Fukushima between 11 March and 11 July 2011 (upon request)

-Visitors to Fukushima between 11 and 25 March 2011 (upon request)

Target area:

Preceding Survey: Yamakiya; Namie; and Iitate (29,000 people)

Full-scale Survey: Rest of Fukushima

	Whereabouts	Time												Place / Facility			
		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24							
March 11 (Fri)	Indoors	← ① →		← ② →			← ① →		← ③ →			① Home					
	Moving												② Place of employment				
	Outdoors												③ Evacuation center (District community center) (C)				
March 12 (Sat)	Indoors	← ③ →			← ⑤ →									④ District community center car park			
	Moving				← ⑤ →												⑤ Car
	Outdoors				← ④ (2.5 hours) →		← ⑥ →										⑥ Evacuation center (oo City gymnasium) (C)
March 13 (Sun)	Indoors	← ⑥ →			← ① →		← ⑥ →									① Temporarily returned home (Caring for pets, etc.)	
	Moving				← ⑤ →		← ⑤ →										
	Outdoors																
March 14 (Mon)	Indoors	← ⑥ →			← ② →						← ⑥ →			② Place of employment oo Company, Ltd. 60, ncho, oo City			
	Moving				← ⑤ →		← ⑤ →										
	Outdoors																
March 15 (Tue)	Indoors	← ⑥ →			← ⑦ →						← ⑥ →			⑦ City, oo Prefecture			
	Moving				← ⑤ →		← ⑥ →										
	Outdoors																

Individual external exposure was estimated using the for external exposure dose assessment developed by the National Institute of Radiological Sciences.

How to analyze radiation dose

Questionnaire

2 3月中旬に発生した場所と期間についてお聞きします。記入例に倣って、3月11日
から15日までの行動について記入してください。

記入例

- 滞在した場所を矢印で記入してください。自宅、職場地・通学地等は円の名前を、
- ○○部○にのみある時は、○○部(村)名等の部分で記入してください。
- 学校や会社・機関などの場合は、所属だけでも構いません。
- 屋内、写真撮りなど屋外に移動することになる場合は、その建物の建物の形
- 大まかの住所(市町村)を記入してください。住所の記入は、○印で示してください。
- ただし、居住地、避難先については、不足または不正確な住所の記入は構いません。
- 旅行にいた場合はその旨に記入し、その場所について正確に記入してください。
- 旅行中の滞在先(宿舎)は「旅行先」欄に、移動、宿泊をまとめて記入してください。

滞在場所	時間	備考	地名・施設名
自宅	8:00 - 11:00		
職場	11:00 - 17:00		
自宅	17:00 - 21:00		
自宅	21:00 - 24:00		

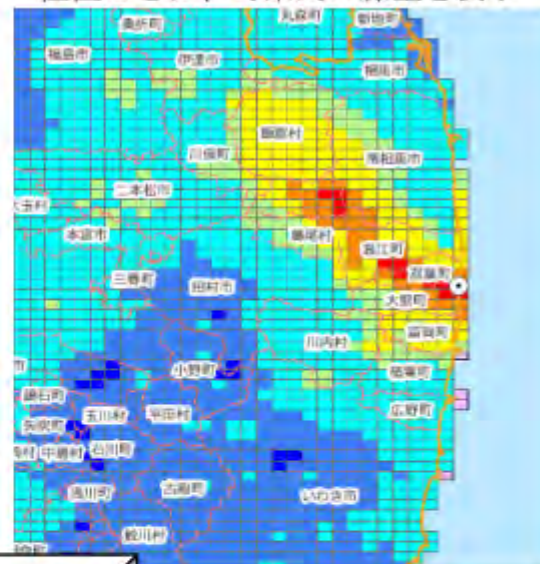
実際の行動を記入してください。

滞在場所	時間	備考	地名・施設名
3/11			
3/12			
3/13			

Movement & behavior 調査



Time-course of air dose map



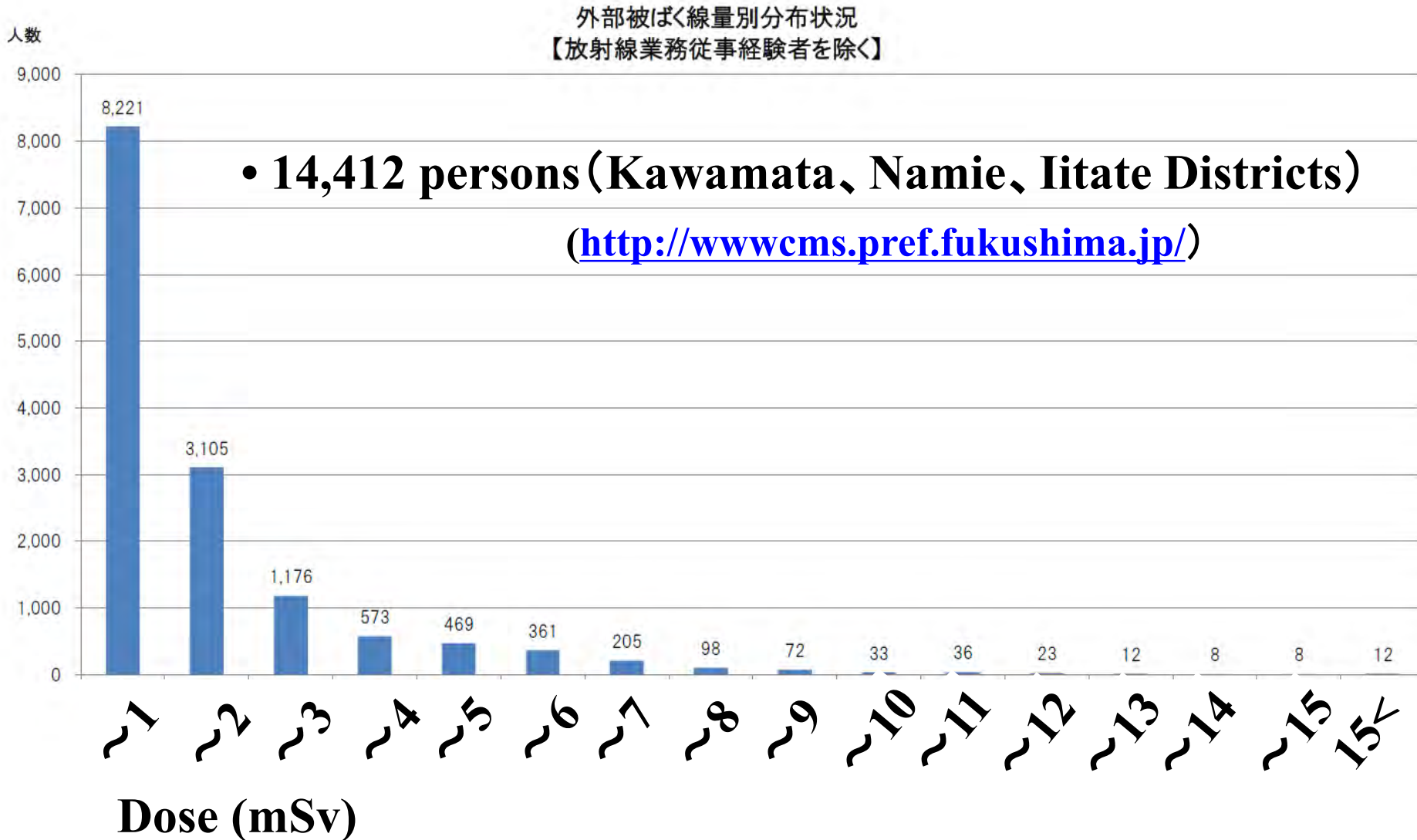
Estimation dose
calculating combined
above two information
by NIRS

To help understanding
of individual first 4M dose

To help understanding
of radiation-related health risk

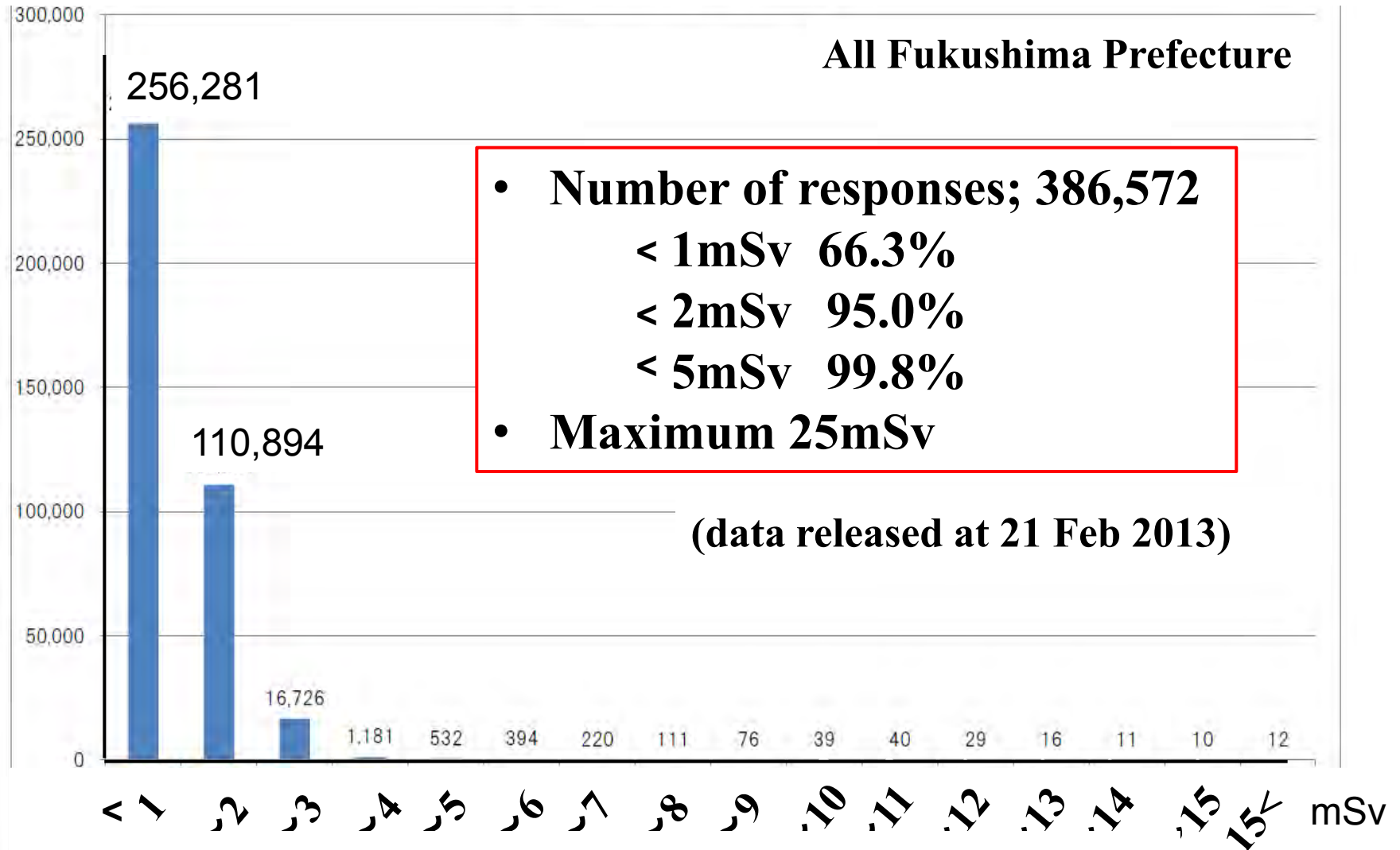
To establish database for long-term health management

Distribution of External Exposure Dose (mSv) (Cumulative effective dose from March 11 to July 11)



Distribution of External Exposure Dose (mSv)

(Estimated Cumulative effective dose from March 11 to July 11)



Estimated from location and time course on questionnaire

Studies of the Mortality of Atomic Bomb Survivors, Report 14, 1950–2003: An Overview of Cancer and Noncancer Diseases

Kotaro Ozasa,^{a,1} Yukiko Shimizu,^a Akihiko Suyama,^a Fumiyoshi Kasagi,^{a,b} Midori Soda,^a Eric J. Grant,^a Ritsu Sakata,^a Hiromi Sugiyama^a and Kazunori Kodama^c

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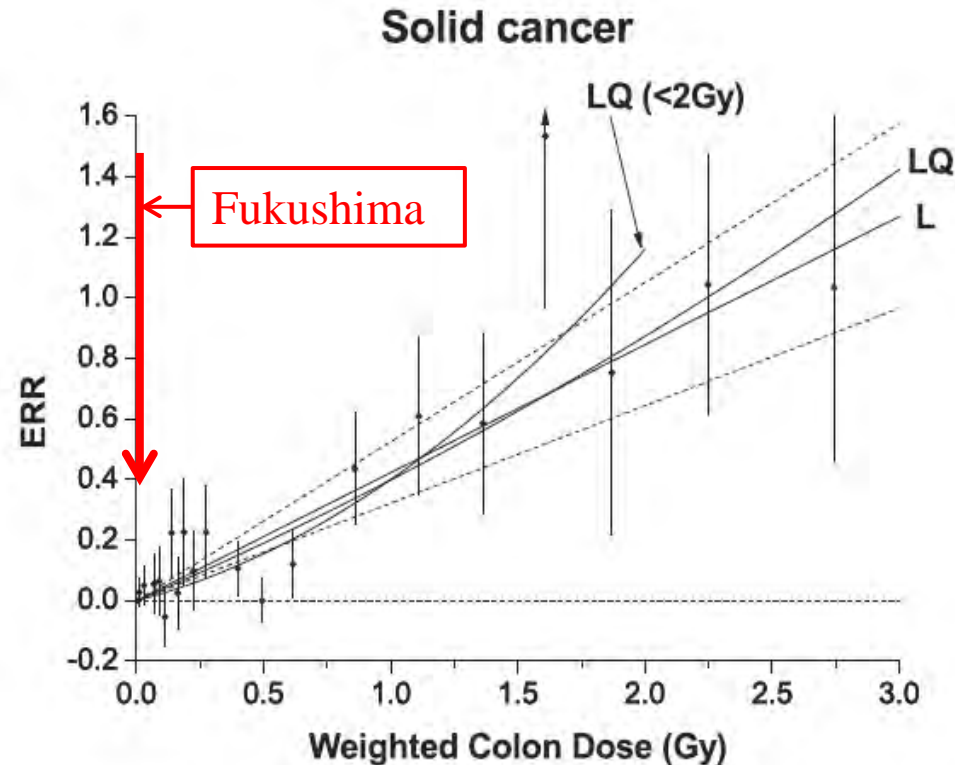


FIG. 4. Excess relative risk (ERR) for all solid cancer in relation to radiation exposure. The black circles represent ERR and 95% CI for the dose categories, together with trend estimates based on linear (L) with 95% CI (dotted lines) and linear-quadratic (LQ) models using the full dose range, and LQ model for the data restricted to dose < 2 Gy.

The Fukushima Health Survey (2)

- **Secondarily, further examination has been introduced for each different target population.**
- **The most important targets are children and pregnant women at the time of accident. The risk of radioactive iodines on the thyroid will be examined in all the children (age less than 18 years old, about 360,000 in population) by sophisticated *thyroid ultrasound screening* periodically. The bio-samples together with medical records will be collected after the informed consent.**

Flow Chart of Thyroid Ultrasound Examination

First Screening (Portable US machine)

No

Nodule

Yes

Follow-up (2,5)



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Secondary Screening

Precise US examination, Blood and Urine analysis

Follow-up

**Criteria
a**

FNAB

**Explanation
Examination**

Benign

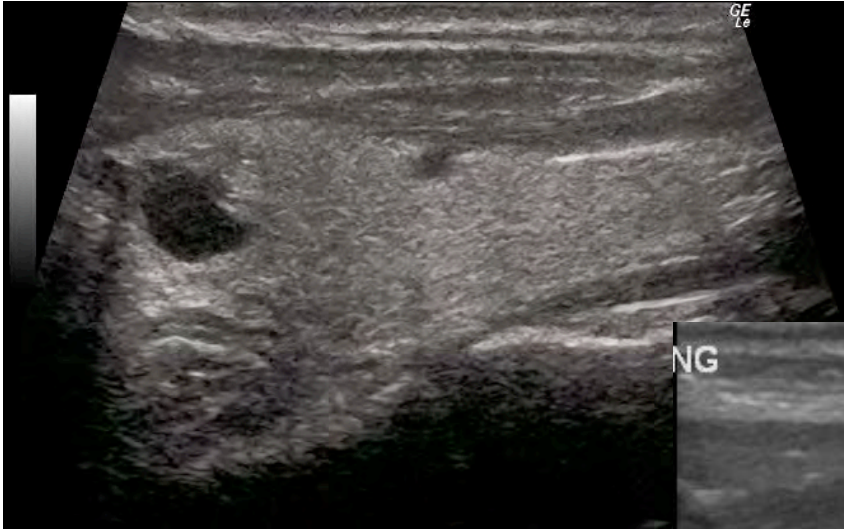
Malignant

**Surgical
Treatment**



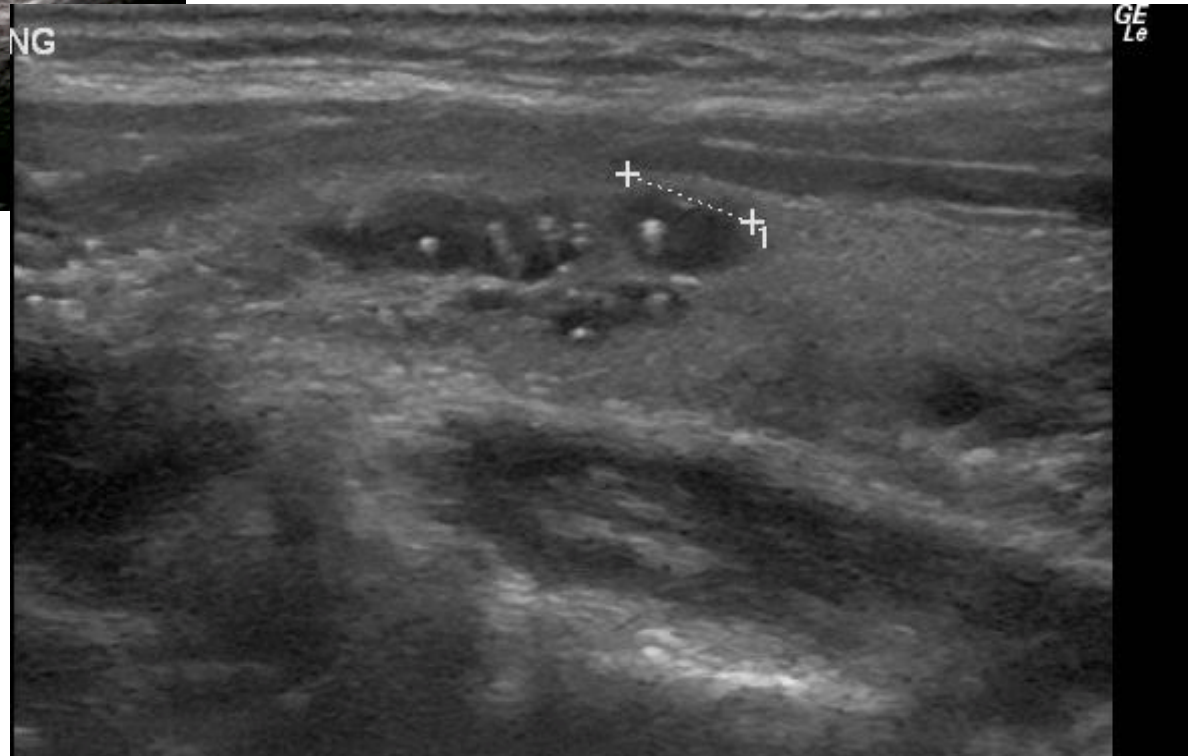
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Childhood Cyst and Nodule

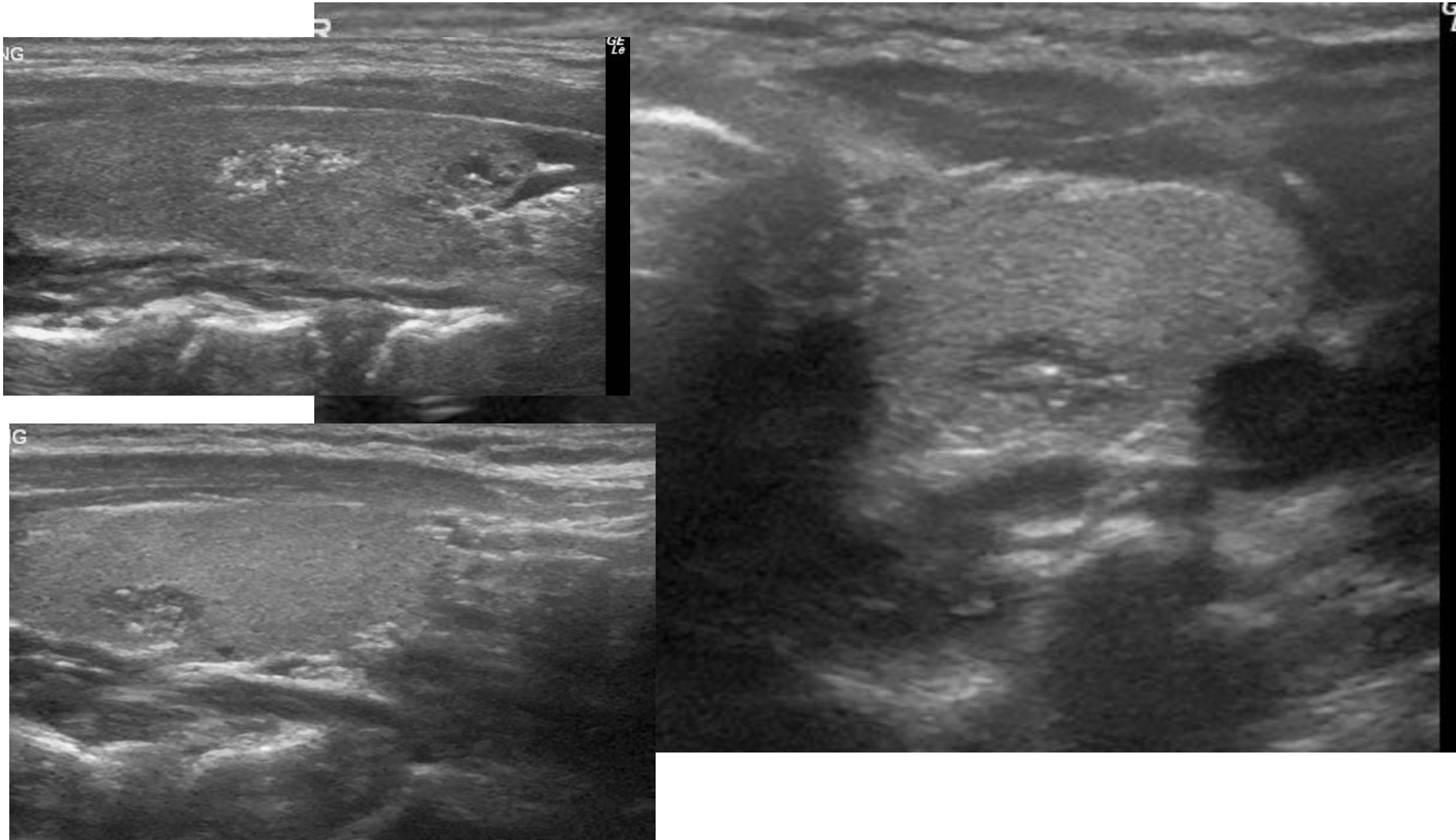


**Solid finding within cyst
judged as a nodule**

**Colloid cyst less than 5 mm
Commonly seen as multiple cysts**



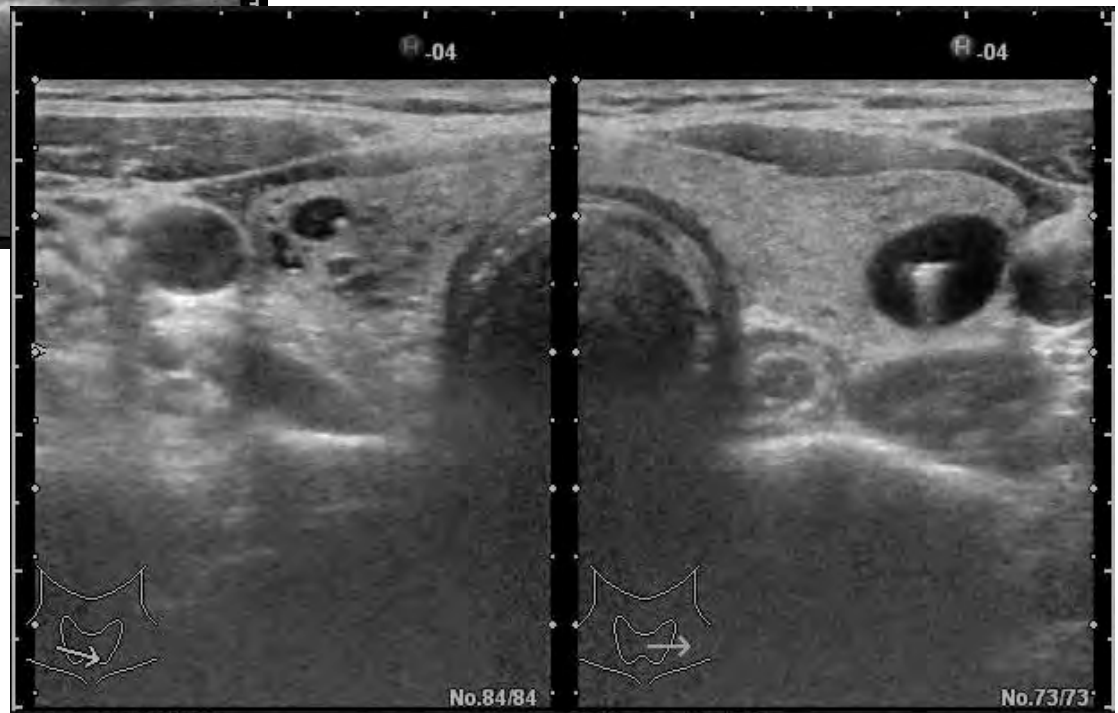
Residual or Ectopic Thymus suspected



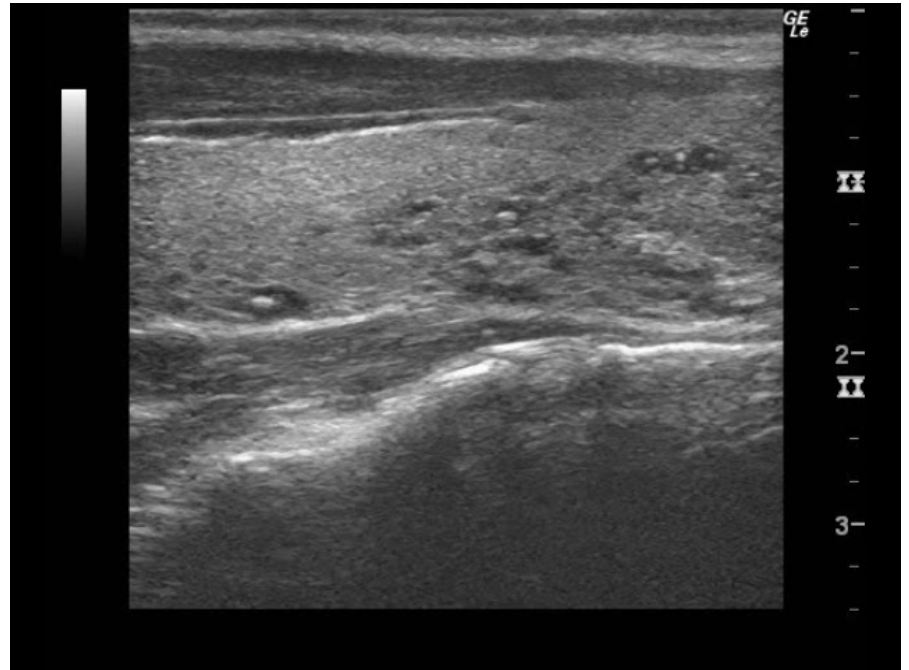
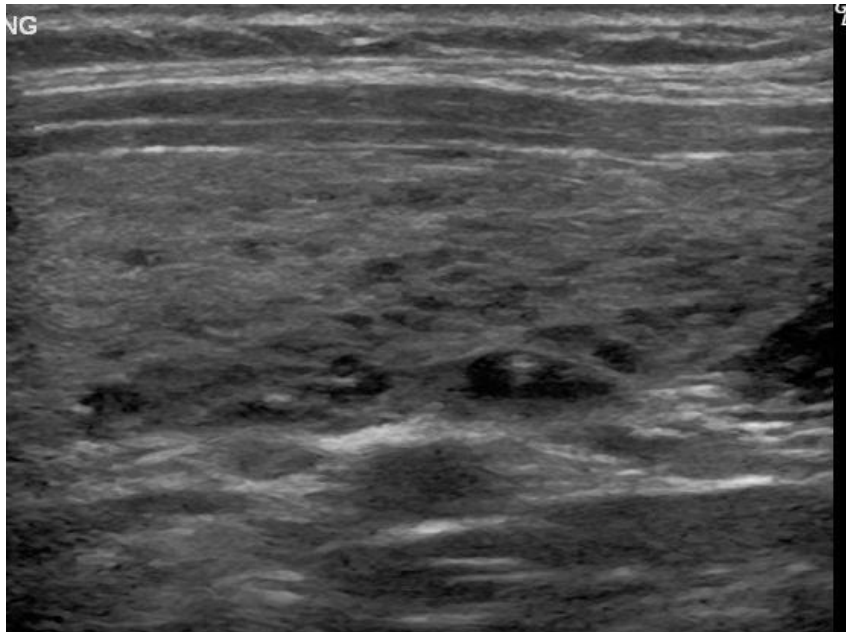
Colloid Cyst (Cyst with Colloid Clot)



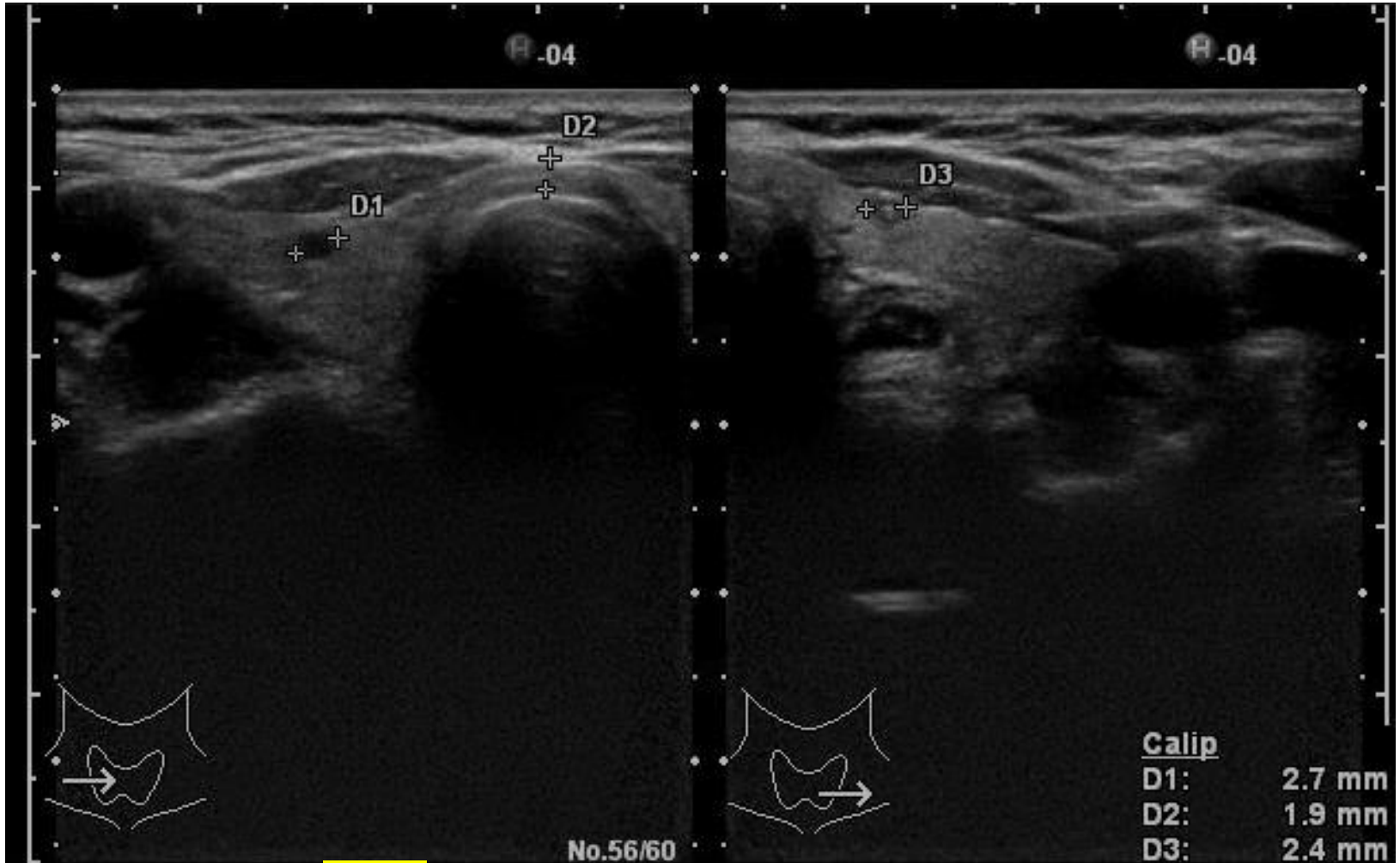
Comet Tail Sign



Colloid Cyst (Cyst with Colloid Clot)

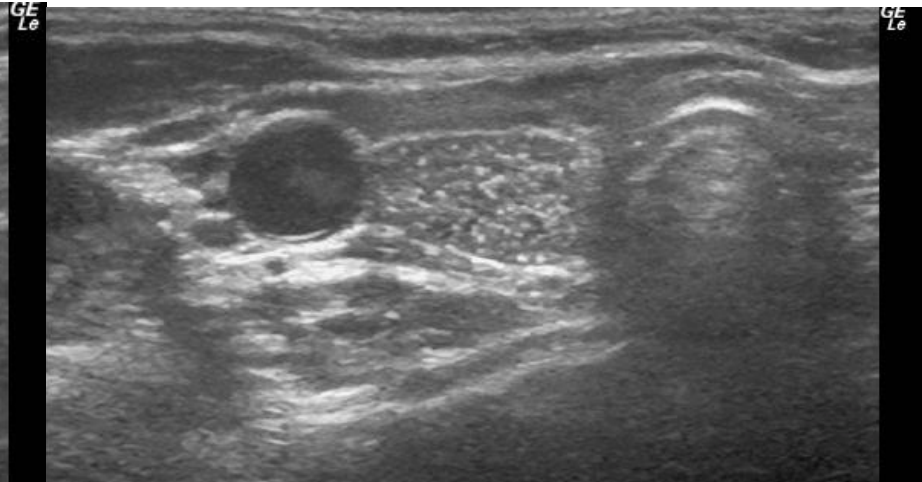
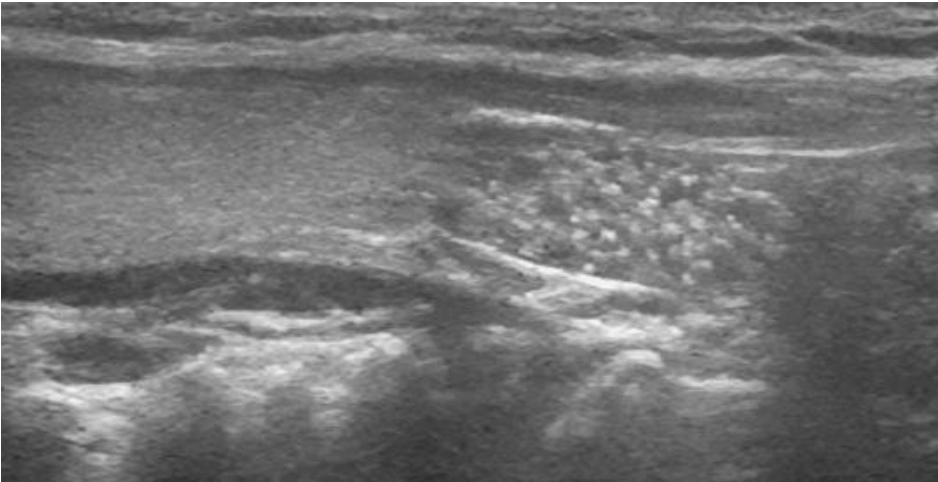
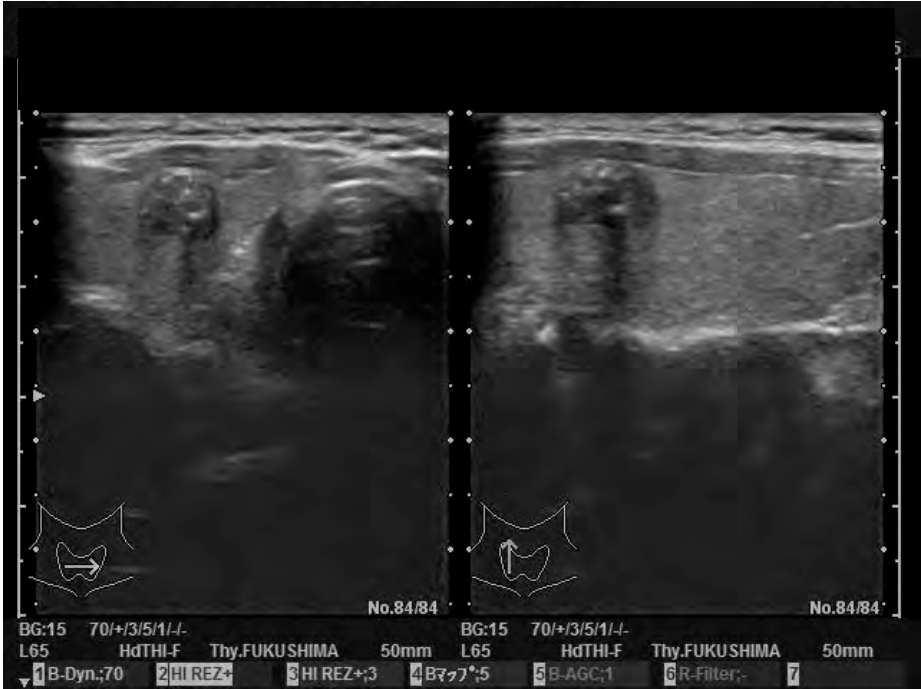


Case of 3-year-old girl



A2

Childhood Thyroid Cancer and Thymus



Results of Detailed Thyroid Survey by Ultrasonography Screening until the middle of January 2013

Judgment		Interpretation	N	(%)
A subtotal		Within normal range	132,354	99.5%
A	(A1)	No specific finding	77,497	58.3%
	(A2)	Nodule with ≤ 5.0mm or/and Cyst with ≤ 20.1mm	54,857	41.2%
B		Nodule with ≥ 5.0mm or/and Cyst with ≥ 20.1mm Recommended 2nd Screening	734	0.5%
C		Needed further examination	1	0.001%
Total			133,089	100%

(Data are available at <http://wwwcms.pref.fukushima.jp/>)

Results of First Screening of Preliminary Survey (1st Survey) from October 9, 2011 to the End of March 2012

Judgment		Interpretation	N	(%)
A subtotal			37,928	99.5%
A	(A1)	No nodule and/or Cyst	24,468	64.2%
	(A2)	Nodule with $\leq 5.0\text{mm}$ and/or Cyst with $\leq 20.0\text{mm}$	13,460	35.3%
B		Nodule with $\geq 5.1\text{mm}$ and/or Cyst with $\geq 20.1\text{mm}$	186	0.5%
C		Requires immediate examination	0	0%
Total			38,114*	

(Data available at <http://wwwcms.pref.fukushima.jp/>)

* *Participation rate :80%*

Secondary Examination (Confirmatory Examination)

started from March 2012

	No. of persons scheduled Secondary Examination (a)	No. of persons Performed Secondary Examination (b)	Implement-ation rate of Secondary Examination (%) (b/a)	No. of Re-examination	No. of Secondary Examination result decision						Total No. of Second Examination
					Down staging ※1		Follow up for usual medical examination※2				
					A1	A2	total	FNAC done	US alone		
1 st Preliminary Survey	186	162	87.1	11	151	11	22	118	76	42	390
2 nd Preliminary Survey	549	56	10.2	20	36	0	12	24	9	15	102
Total	735	218	29.7	31	187	11	34	142	85	57	492

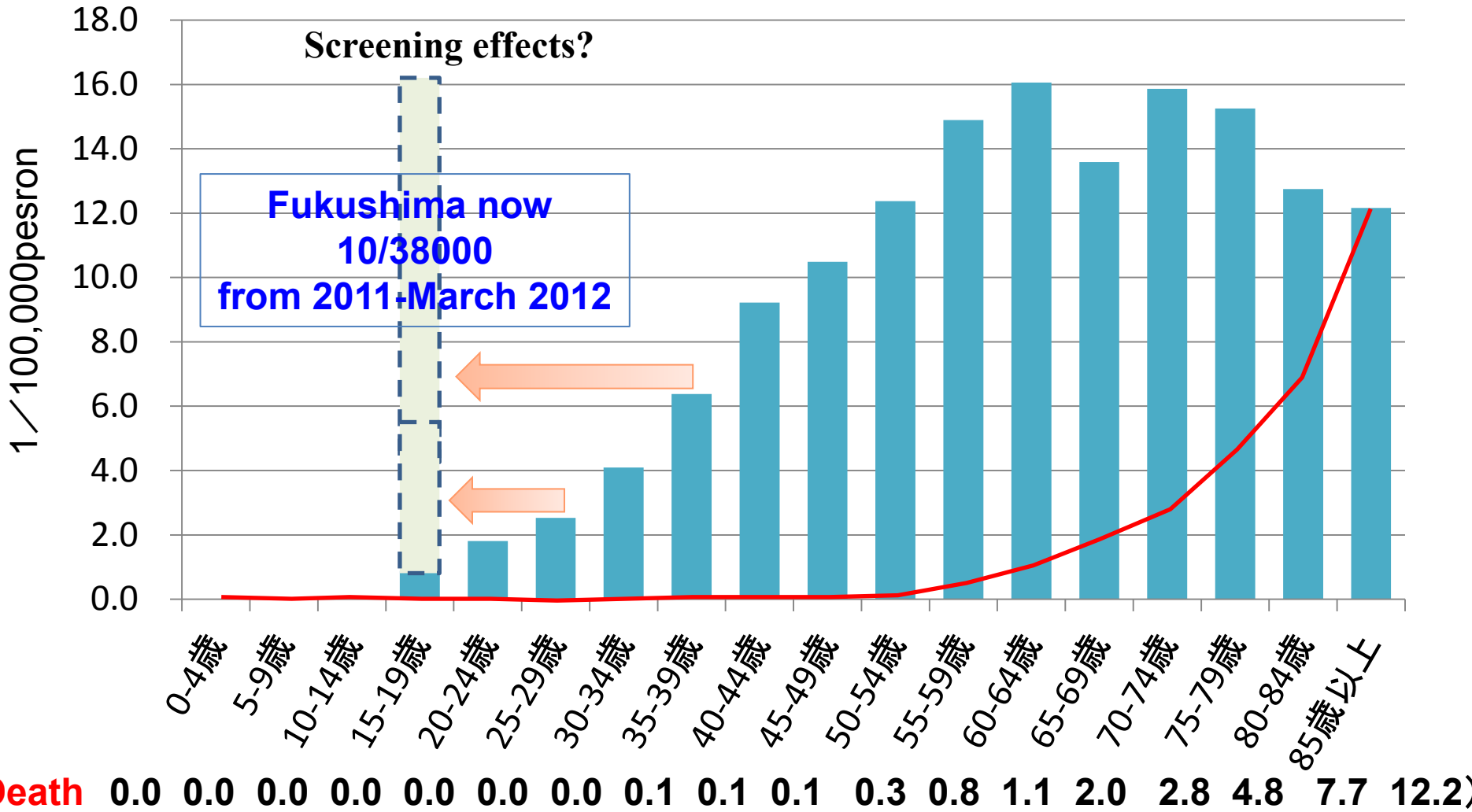
※1 The cases recommended a next full scale survey starting April 2014 as they were re-judged by A1 and A2 to be without abnormal findings.

※2 The cases are going to shift to the usual medical examination and be re-consulted in six months or one year.

Of the 76 cases in which FNAC was performed in 1st Preliminary Survey, 10 cases were diagnosed as malignant or suspected for malignancy, and thyroid cancer was already confirmed in 3 of the 10 cases after thyroid surgery.

Incidence of Thyroid Cancer in Japan

—Estimated incidence rate stratified by age per 100,000—



(National Cancer Center in JAPAN)

Sensational News by Media

- **Over a third of Fukushima children at risk of developing cancer (June 2012)**
- **Fukushima kids have skyrocketing number of thyroid abnormalities (February 2013)**



Sophisticated mass screening activities in Fukushima has lead to an increase in the incidence of thyroid nodules/cysts, and cancer due to earlier detection of non-symptomatic cases. It is therefore not be possible to compare the future observed thyroid cancer incidence with the figures of any previous report, as the baseline risk changes due to the screening activities.

Interim Results of Health Checkup for the Evacuees in Fukushima in 2011

- The 2011 Comprehensive Health Check clarified the general health conditions of evacuees from the government-designated evacuation zone after the Great East Japan Disaster. Obesity and hyperlipidemia exist even at young ages and increase in both male and female adults. Liver dysfunction and hyperuricemia increase at relatively young ages in male. Furthermore, hypertension, glucose dysmetabolism, and renal dysfunction increase in adulthood and are most common at older ages.
- We compared the comprehensive health check results after the disaster with the results of health examinations performed before the disaster in children and adults. The results suggested that the rates of obesity, glucose metabolic dysfunction, hyperlipidemia, and liver dysfunction after the disaster were high, at least in part, compared with those before the disaster. Regarding the factors that contributed to these results, changes of lifestyle, diet, exercise, and other personal habits caused by forced evacuation are suggested, although there were interfering factors such as the difference of health check period, age distribution, region distribution and participation rate.
- Based on the results of the health check carried out in 2011, we are continuing the comprehensive health check long term and maintaining the system to prevent various diseases, including life-style related disease of participants.

Interim Results of Mental Health and Life-style Survey for the Evacuees in Fukushima in 2011-2012

In children

- The most remarkable issues are physical symptoms, *influences at school performance, irritation, anxiety & depression, and sensitivity to earthquakes & radiation* taken from the category of “Reactions amongst Children due to 3.11 Disaster”.

In adults

- The most remarkable issues are *sleep issues, physical problems, depression, fear of future, and agitation, discount of evacuation life*, taken from the category of “Reaction to Self from the 3.11 Disaster”.

Interim Results of Survey of Expectant and Pregnant Mothers in the entire Fukushima in 2011-2012

- *There are neither any increase of miscarriage nor artificial abortion* owing to the extensive efforts of the Japanese Medical Association, especially Obstetricians and Gynecologists.
- Furthermore by the Japan Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (JAOG), the congenital malformations were evaluated in babies delivered in Fukushima prefecture.
- There is *no obvious increased prevalence rate of congenital malformations* at the present time compared with the rate of Birth Defects Monitoring of JAOG. However, it is necessary to gather more cases to draw a conclusion.



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放射線医学県民健康管理センター

大抵のお知らせ

2012年11月12日
甲状腺検査についてのパンフレットの掲載をお知らせします (PDF)

2012年10月26日
基本調査問診票の費差負担の日程をお知らせします

2012年10月22日
平成24年11月集分の甲状腺検査のスケジュールをお知らせします

県民健康管理調査とは? ▶

「基本調査」とは? ▶

「甲状腺検査」とは? ▶

「健康診査」とは? ▶

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あなたの健康、見守ります。



県民健康管理センターから甲状腺学会等、関連学会へ送付した文書について

県民健康管理調査「甲状腺検査」説明会開催のお知らせ

福島県では原子力災害による放射線の影響を踏まえ、県民のみなさんの健康を長期にわたり見守っていきます。その基本となるのが「県民健康管理調査」です。

「県民健康管理調査」の内容は、次の5項目です。

- 1 基本調査 (問診票による被ばく線量の把握)
基本調査問診票の再交付は [こちら](#)
- 2 甲状腺検査
- 3 健康診査
- 4 こころの健康度・生活習慣に関する調査
- 5 妊産婦に関する調査

これらの調査は、「福島県立医科大学 放射線医学県民健康管理センター」が中心になって、県内、県外の医療・保健・福祉関係者の協力を得て実施しています。

それぞれの調査の内容については、左のボタンをクリックしてご覧ください。

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ISSUES to be newly discussed and changed after FUKUSHIMA

Issue 1: Emergency Planning Zones and Protective Action and Guidelines

Issue 2: Potassium Iodine (KI) Policy

Issue 3: Communications and Public Health Education (Countermeasures against *radiophobia*)

Issue 4: Reentry and Recovery Policy

In order to improve Global Radiation Protection Culture, Fukushima is now responsible as a focal point and world-leader to work together with NCRP and international related organizations and research/education university/institutes; radiation risk analysis, risk communication, risk management, health care, risk education/training.....

International Academic Conference on Radiation Health Risk Management in Fukushima

Organized by Fukushima Medical University
with the cooperation of Fukushima Prefecture and
the Subcommittee of Clinical Medicine;
"Radiation Protection and Risk Management",
Science Council of Japan

Scope of the conference:
Radiation health risk related to the Fukushima accident
will be discussed by the international experts.

Date 25 (Mon) – 27 (Wed) February 2013

Venue 3F West Building, Fukushima View Hotel
13-73, Ootamachi, Fukushima-shi, Fukushima 960-8068, Japan

Language: English (no simultaneous translation)

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Program

Day 1, Monday 25 February

7:30 –	Registration	
8:30 – 8:40	Welcome Address	Shin-ichi Kikuchi (President, Fukushima Medical University)
8:40 – 9:00	Opening Addresses	Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman, Nippon Foundation) Kozo Akino (Parliamentary Secretary of the Environment, Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan)
9:00 – 9:15	Introduction	Mitsuru Munakata (Director, Fukushima Medical University and Fukushima Medical University Hospital)
9:15 – 10:05	Session 1	Initial Medical Response to the Fukushima Nuclear Accident Co-chairs: Kazuhiko Maekawa (University of Tokyo) Fred A. Mettler, Jr. (University of New Mexico, U.S.A.) Speakers: Koichi Tanigawa (Hiroshima University) Arifumi Hasegawa (Fukushima Medical University)
10:05 – 12:35	Session 2	Current Actions of the Fukushima Health Management Survey Co-chairs: Christopher Clement (ICRP) Shunichi Yamashita (Fukushima Medical University) Speakers: Seiji Yasumura (Fukushima Medical University) Akira Ohtsuru (Fukushima Medical University) Shinichi Suzuki (Fukushima Medical University) Mitsuaki Hosoya (Fukushima Medical University) Keiya Fujimori (Fukushima Medical University) Hiroyuki Yabe (Fukushima Medical University)
12:35 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 15:30	Session 3	Coordination and Cooperation with Domestic Members (1) Co-chairs: André Bouville (U.S. National Cancer Institute, retired) Reiko Kanda (National Institute of Radiological Sciences) Speakers: Noboru Takamura (Nagasaki University) Makoto Akashi (National Institute of Radiological Sciences) Ikuo Kashiwakura (Hiroasaki University) Keiichi Akahane (National Institute of Radiological Sciences) Kenji Kamiya (Hiroshima University) Kazunori Kodama (Radiation Effects Research Foundation)
15:30 – 15:50	Coffee Break	
15:50 – 18:10	Session 4	Coordination and Cooperation with Domestic Members (2) Co-chairs: John D. Boice, Jr. (Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, U.S.A.) Toshiteru Okubo (Radiation Effects Research Foundation) Speakers: Tomohiro Matsumoto (Kyoto University) Nakahiro Yasuda (University of Fukuji) Hideki Kakiuchi (Institute for Environmental Sciences) Ryuichi Shimizu (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) Takayuki Takahashi (Fukushima University) Hokuto Hoshi (Hoshi General Hospital Foundation) Yasuhiro Sasaki (Science Council of Japan)