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The American medical community has been increasingly confronted with the threat and occurrence of major mass casualty disasters in the past few decades. Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 on U.S. soil, and remembering similar attacks in the recent past, it has become apparent that medical care providers in this country are not well prepared to manage true mass casualty events. These events require an entirely different approach to medical care, including different strategies and tactics in caring for large numbers of severely injured victims, compared with the routine practice of emergency care. Disasters are not simply large emergencies, and doing simply more of the same will not work to optimize casualty outcomes. This course was developed as an educational tool that is targeted at those acute care providers (surgeons, anesthesiologists, emergency medicine physicians, ER, OR, ICU and Trauma nurses and prehospital professionals) who will be the most likely first receivers of casualties following major disasters. Education is necessary to bring all medical providers up to a common basic level of understanding of the distinct principles of mass medical care so as to assure the success of disaster medical responses. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Medical Association, the American Association of Orthopedic Surgery, the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the American College of Surgeons have strongly urged acute care medical providers to receive this education and training in disaster management.

**Disaster Management and
Emergency Preparedness
Course**

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Mass Casualty Management of the
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The University of Tokyo,
Tokyo, Japan

Monday
Oct 28, 2013
7:00am-5pm
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