

Medical relief by the Okayama University Hospital during the heavy rain disaster

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I would like to express my sympathy and condolences to those affected by the Okayama Heavy Rain Disaster (Heavy Rain Event of July 2018). Okayama University Hospital has been providing support since the earliest stage of the disaster as a disaster base hospital. We dispatched a disaster medical assistance team [Disaster Medical Assistance Team \(DMAT\)](#) to the site, received patients from the “Mabi Memorial Hospital,” which was affected by the flood, and supported their admission to hospital. After the DMAT was dissolved, our physicians, nurses, pharmacists and office workers continued medical relief activities and volunteer activities in the affected area.



In the disaster risk management (support) headquarters installed in the hospital, our staff including the hospital director took measures while collecting information that was changing every minute.



DMATs gathered in the DMAT headquarters from medical institutes in and out of Okayama Prefecture.

The medical relief activities for the entire Okayama University Hospital were completed on July 22. Nevertheless, we intend to continue and support the activities shown below to the greatest extent possible: support by physicians mainly of the emergency care center, relief by nurse volunteers, relief by pharmacists every day through the Pharmaceutical Association, relief in rehabilitation, relief in psychiatric care, relief in dentistry, relief of the “Mabi Memorial Hospital,” etc.



Members of the Okayama University Hospital DMAT triaging patients of the Mabi Memorial Hospital and providing emergency care in the first-aid station installed on the road. All DMATs in Okayama Prefecture gathered and managed the first-aid station cooperatively.



The Okayama University relief team after the end of activity of the day and preparing a report.



Our DMAT member (nurse of the EICU) holding the hand of a troubled patient, listening to his anxious feelings, and talking to him kindly to calm his feelings.

The Okayama University Hospital is an advanced treatment hospital with a mission to provide advanced acute care. We believe that long-term support using the characteristics of a university hospital is important to maintain the care system as the “Last bastion.”

The Okayama University Hospital continues to provide medical care and relief activities during disasters under the united cooperation system of the hospital.