Session 3, Breakout 2 Highlights

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Fukushima: who cares anymore?

- People outside the prefecture have lost interest.
- E.g., Hamamatsu residents
  - Hamaoka NPP
  - Earthquake resistant
  - Tsunami wall
If it bleeds, it leads

- Media needs sensation to sell.
- Fukushima rice 100% below cesium detection limit, but that’s not front-page news.
Evacuation

- Evacuation, not radiation, caused excess early mortality.
- How & when to lift an evacuation order is at least as important as how & when to issue an order.
- Lack of planning.
Primum non nocere

- We must always work to do more good than harm.
- Where were the medical professionals – especially radiologists – on & after 3.11?
Education

- Science Council of Japan initiative, especially for medical students.
- What about public education?
Moving forward...

- Clear understanding of radiation physics will help people understand radiation health effects.
- Understanding does not mean agreement.