


Assessing Medical Preparedness for a Nuclear Event

Workshop Closing Thoughts What “I Think” I Heard

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IND Release Is a Mega-disaster



- ❑ Disaster of national significance upon alert or detonation
- ❑ The initial response must be viewed as national in scope - Local & regional first responder role remains

Overall Emergency Response

- Preparations have begun at multiple levels
 - Mostly rudimentary
 - Uncoordinated
- We have lots of some stuff
 - Needs awareness
 - Linkage
- Limits on other stuff
 - e.g. Blood products, planes, vehicles
 - Logistical challenges
- We are not yet prepared



Many Major Strategic Decisions Are Required

- ❑ Public education & engagement
- ❑ Clinical triage
- ❑ Evacuation
- ❑ Exposure levels for rescuers
- ❑ Shelter vs. evacuation
- ❑ Fallout management
 - Plume
 - Local
- ❑ Long term medical complications





Advanced Treatment Options and Countermeasures

- Standard treatment will be a challenge
 - New countermeasures are under development
 - Utilizing these newer therapies will be challenging
 - Managing fear & public concerns require a defined strategy
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Next Steps

- Committee will review material we heard & have read
 - Prepare a workshop report
 - Due by end of year
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Thank You

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