

The Experience of Color Dust Explosion in Formosan Water Park

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2015 New Taipei City Formosan water park explosion

On 27 June 2015, a flammable starch-based powder exploded at the Formosa Fun Coast, a recreational water park in Bali, New Taipei, Taiwan, injuring 499 people, with 199 in critical condition. Sixteen fatalities were attributed to the explosion. The dust explosion, which occurred on a music stage during a "Color Play Asia" party has been called the "worst incident of mass injury event in New Taipei". The powder was identified, by some sources, as colored corn starch.







Hot News!!



Hospital Transit & Emergent Room

At about 20:30, a large deflagration occurred when a cloud of colored powder ignited after being discharged from the stage onto a crowd of 1,000 people during a concert. Some of the crowd breathed in the powder, causing respiratory problems. As recorded in an amateur video by an audience member, a massive fireball suddenly engulfed the stage. The powder caught fire along the ground, resulting in burns mainly to victims' limbs and torsos. According to the authorities, the fire was quickly extinguished. Some victims were carried out on swim rings because their skin was sloughing off when touched. The rescue included help from army vehicles and soldiers, along with medical services.









Hot News!! Chief of Department of Surgery, Dr. Ma

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MANAGEMENT

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Admissions to Taipei Veterans Hospital

TBSA (%)	<10	10-19	20-39	40-59	60-79	80-89	≥90	Sum
Patient number	6	5	3	9	9	2	4	38
		Ward (14)		ICU(24)				
				11 patients intubated at ER				





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Meetings and treatment plannings Combined with other departments in VGHTPE











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Meeting and treatment planning Surgical intervention











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Communications and Cooperation John Hopkin's hospital















Consolation in VGHTPE

President Ma

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Consolation in VGHTPE

Premier Mao

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Supplies From all over our country





















Patient characterist	ics
Male/female ratio	23/15
Mean age (range)	22.7±6.2 (13-38)
Mean TBSA (range)	45.8±29.4% (5-92%)
Inhalation injury	5
Hospital stay (day)	91.5±76.2 (9-276)
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Ventilator time (day)	29.24±38.7 (3-155)
	ons of ICU patients
Major complication	
Major complication $(n = 24)$	ons of ICU patients
Major complication ($n = 24$) Acute kidney injury	ons of ICU patients
Major complication ($n = 24$) Acute kidney injury ARDS	ons of ICU patients 3 7 (VV ECOM x4)

Mortality	
In hospital (n $=$ 38)	5.26% (2/38)
Intensive care (n $=$ 24)	8.33% (2/24)



Outcomes



Case

The 12 year-old patient, who was at first brought to another hospital, was the last and also the youngest patient admitted to our hospital. After 6 months of treatment he was finally discharged. Although he has to face a long-term rehabilitation and recovery in the future.



Outcomes



2 years later

Some of the patients came back to our hospital 2 years after the explosion. Some of them still wearing elastic cloths for preventing scar formation and contraction. But they seems to have a whole new life from the recovery.



Experience learned

- High Quality Patient Care of All Disciplines
- Coordination and Efficiency
- Full Support from Government and Hospital Administration



