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This atomic-bombed building preserves the memories of the hospital staff and countless individuals who desperately struggled amid the unprecedented devastation wrought by the atomic bombing.

On August 6, 1945, Hiroshima Teishin Hospital, located 1,370 meters from the hypocenter, was spared from being completely destroyed and burned down. Flooded with hibakusha seeking help in the aftermath, the hospital provided as much treatment as possible. Despite being victims of the bombing themselves and having lost most of their medical equipment, the staff continued their relief efforts around the clock, day and night.



Photo by the United States Strategic Bombing Survey
Courtesy of the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

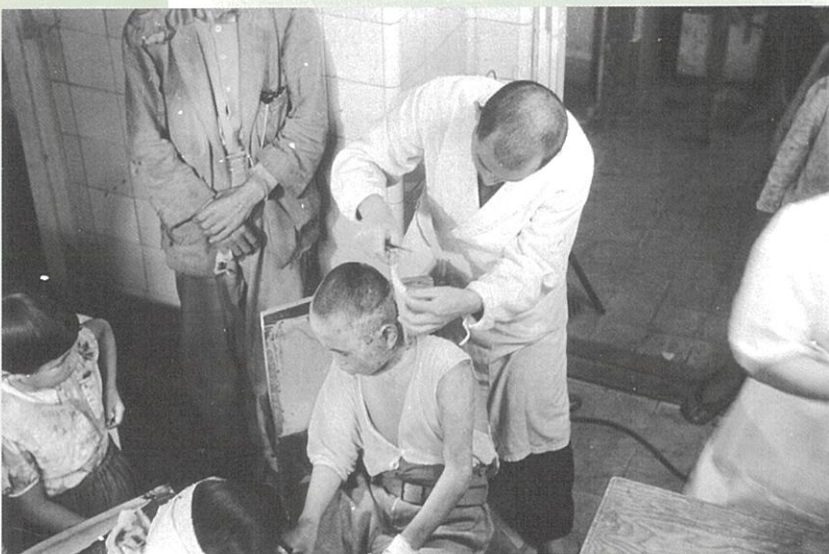
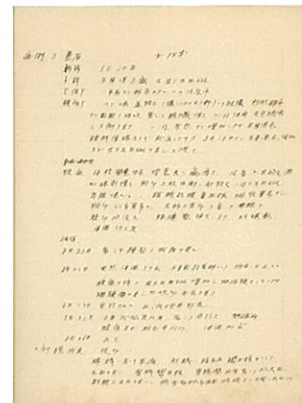
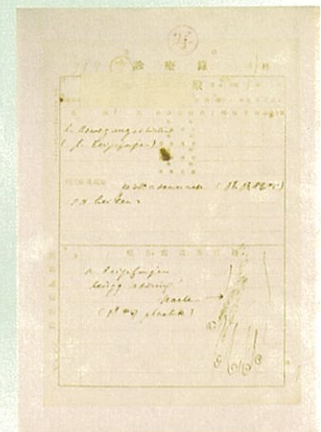


Photo by Shunkichi Kikuchi Courtesy of Harumi Tago



Clinical record notebook
Donated by Yuji Katsube,
Seiko Takahashi, and Shuko Uotani



Surgical charts
Donated by Japan Post Holdings Co., Ltd.

August 6 ... A strong, smooth light flashed twice in quick succession. I saw the window frames on the second and third floors of the hospital twisted, horribly shattered.
 August 7 ... The hospital, devoid of even a single light, became fouled overnight by the vomit of patients packed in like sardines.
 August 8 ... One patient has had bloody diarrhea dozens of times since this morning ...
 August 9 ... One patient, who had neither burns nor external wounds, developed hemorrhagic spots all over the body and has been in critical condition with severe mouth ulcers since yesterday.
 ... Was it a bacterial bomb or a gas bomb? ...
 August 12... "What? An atomic bomb?" I shouted without thinking as I leapt to my feet.
 August 15... The single word "surrender" delivered a shock far greater than the massive bombing that had devastated the entire city.
 August 16... Now that defeat is certain, we must investigate the various symptoms that keep appearing and changing.
 ... Because it was an atomic bomb, any research we conduct is sure to reveal new facts.
 August 20... Critically injured patients had very low white blood cell counts, which made counting slow; one patient had only 200.
 August 21... An increasing number developed skin spots, and some began losing their hair in clumps.
 August 25... Some began to show signs of the mouth beginning to decay, followed by fever and a sharp decline in white blood cells, a progression that ultimately led to death.
 August 26... It became clear that the spots appeared not only on the body's surface but also throughout the body, including the internal organs.

5 Unprecedented Devastation: Atomic Bomb Disorders

This exhibit features paper pieces and atomic bomb drawings that depict the victims who were brought in immediately after the bombing. Through photographs, journals, clinical records, and surgical charts, it also introduces the dedicated efforts of doctors fighting unprecedented symptoms.



4 Daily Life Severed

Despite losing beloved family members and colleagues while suffering the effects of the bombing themselves, the staff remained devoted to providing medical treatment. Photographs of staff with their families and colleagues before the bombing, accounts of what they endured in the aftermath, and stories from their families offer a deeply moving glimpse into their lives.

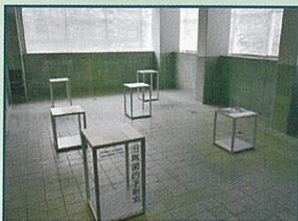
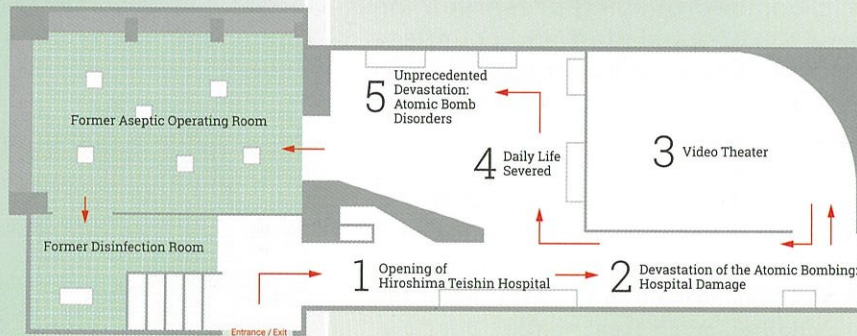
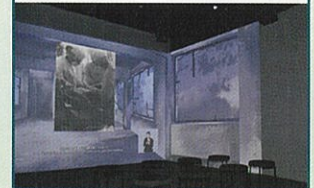


3 Video Theater "Hiroshima Teishin Hospital: Etched Memories"

This video presents the story of the hospital staff who devoted themselves to providing medical care and identifying the symptoms to save patients' lives amid unprecedented devastation.

Duration: Approx. 20 min.
Start times: At 10 and 40 minutes past each hour
Last screening: 4:10 pm

Subtitles (Japanese and English) and sign language interpretation provided.



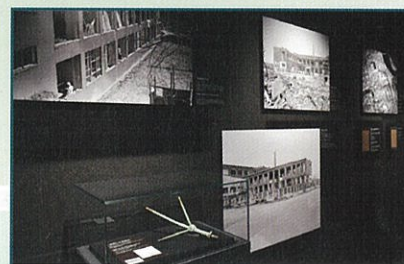
Former Aseptic Operating Room / Former Disinfection Room
 (Tiles have been preserved since the time of the bombing)

Renovated in 1995 by the Chugoku Regional Postal Services Bureau, the Former Aseptic Operating Room was restored to its original appearance at the time of its completion, including repairs to the tiled walls and floors and the reconstruction of the bay windows.



1 Opening of Hiroshima Teishin Hospital

The hospital, initially opened as a clinic, was built in 1935 for staff and their families of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and was designed by the ministry's Building and Maintenance Division. This exhibit introduces the hospital before the bombing through blueprints by architect Mamoru Yamada and photographs from its completion.



2 Devastation of the Atomic Bombing: Hospital Damage

Located 1,370 meters northeast of the hypocenter, the hospital escaped total destruction and being burned down; however, the blast and fires devastated its interior. This exhibit presents the extent of the damage caused by the bombing through survey reports, photographs, and the atomic-bombed lightning rod.

From Hiroshima Station

▶ Via Streetcar:

Take the #1, #2, or #6 streetcar and get off at Hatchobori. Transfer to #9 streetcar at Hatchobori (Hakushima Line; 1-minute walk) and get off at Hakushima; it is a 2-minute walk from there.

▶ Via Meipuru-pu Sightseeing Bus:

Take the Orange Route or Lemon Route at Hiroshima Station Shinkansen-guchi and get off at the Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum; it is a 6-minute walk from there.

From the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

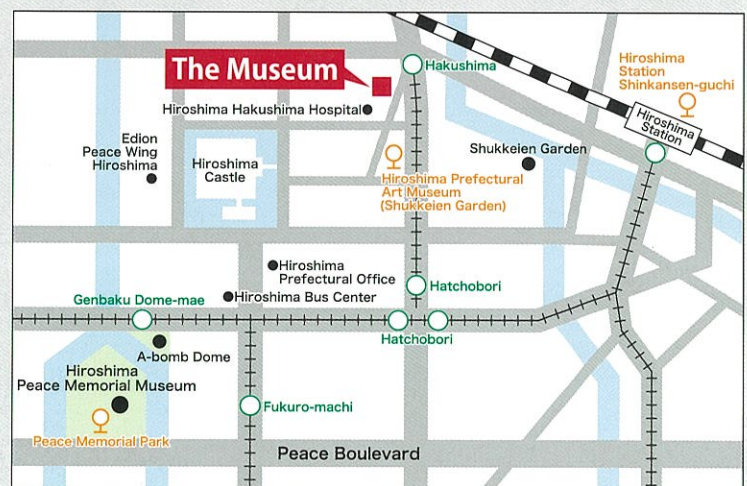
▶ Via Streetcar:

Take the #2 or #6 streetcar at Genbaku Dome-mae, or the #1 streetcar at Fukuro-machi, and get off at Hatchobori. Transfer to #9 streetcar at Hatchobori (Hakushima Line; 1-minute walk) and get off at Hakushima; it is a 2-minute walk from there.

▶ Via Meipuru-pu Sightseeing Bus:

Take the Green Route at the Peace Memorial Park and get off at Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum; it is a 6-minute walk from there.

Note: When going to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park after visiting this museum, please take the Meipuru-pu Orange or Lemon Route.



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Hours: 9am-5pm

(Last screening of the video: 4:10-4:30pm)

Closed: Mondays (except public holidays), the first weekday after a public holiday, Dec. 29-Jan. 3

Free admission; no parking available

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