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Identifying Suspected Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Patients Presenting to Primary Care and Other Outpatient Settings

Please distribute to all providers in your practice

Current Situation

All healthcare providers, including those in primary care and other outpatient settings, should be prepared to identify a patient presenting with fever and recent travel from one of the Ebola-affected areas*.

Ebola virus disease should be suspected in patients presenting with fever or compatible symptoms (headache, weakness, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain or hemorrhage) **and** travel to an Ebola-affected area* within 21 days of illness onset.

Healthcare providers should:

- **Post** signs by entry and triage areas asking patients to immediately inform staff if they are ill and recently traveled to countries with active Ebola outbreaks*.
- **Establish** a routine process to immediately ask any patient presenting with **fever** about travel. Travel history is essential to the recognition of patients with Ebola or other imported diseases.
- **Consider** EVD in patients using CDC algorithm and checklist:
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ebola-algorithm.pdf>
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/checklist-patients-evaluated-us-evd.pdf>

If You Have a Suspect Ebola Patient:

1. **Immediately place** patient and any accompanying friends or family members in a private room with closed door.
2. **Call** the Berkeley public health department at **(510) 981-5300** during business hours or at **(510) 981-5911 after hours for police dispatch** and describe the patient's:
 - i. Confirmed travel history to an Ebola-affected area within 21 days of illness onset*
 - ii. Symptoms, signs, and duration of illness
3. **Do NOT refer suspect Ebola patients to an Emergency Department, hospital, or other facility, or call for medical transport without first consulting with the Health Officer On-Call**

*Currently West African countries of Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone; check CDC for updated information:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/case-counts.html>

Sources for Information

- CDC Ebola Page: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/>
- CDC Infection Control Recommendations: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/infection-prevention-and-control-recommendations.html>
- CDC Health Alert Network: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/index.asp>
- For updated list of countries involved in the EVD outbreak: <http://www.who.int/csr/don/archive/disease/ebola/en>
- CDPH: [Ebola Virus Information Webpage](#)