

EMS and Ebola: Field Experience with Transporting Patients

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Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to accomplish the following:

- ❑ Discuss the unique field experiences of EMS personnel in two jurisdictions who transported patients with Ebola.**
- ❑ Describe training, equipment, policy, and procedural considerations related to Ebola for EMS personnel.**
- ❑ Identify partners to include in planning for the transport of patients suspected or confirmed to have Ebola.**

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EMS: Transport and Care of Patients with confirmed or suspected EVD

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PPE



Ebola Exposure Level	Symptoms Presented		
	Asymptomatic	Fever	Body Fluids
Known of Suspected Exposure	Low Risk*	Low Risk	High Risk
Possible Exposure	SOP	Low Risk	Low Risk
No Known Exposure	SOP	SOP	SOP

*PPE requirements will be determined by the situation. SOP may be also be appropriate if the risk is acceptable.



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Ambulance disinfection

Mission recovery

- Driver compartment isolation and patient compartment barrier drapes
- Decon, disinfection of ambulance, PPE doffing and waste removal
ALL SUPERVISED
- Surveillance/monitoring



Considerations

- The Ebola epidemic is in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia and Mali
- Asymptomatic patients are not contagious
- Risk of transmission of EVD increases with severity of illness
- Primary infection control principle is preventing exposure to blood and infectious bodily fluid
- PPE should reflect patient condition and operating environment
- Supervised PPE doffing and disinfection is advisable
- Regionalization of care



Questions?



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