

TO: All WREMAC Provider & Hospitals

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RE: Supplemental Ebola Guidance

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The following guidance is provided to assist prehospital providers and hospitals in treating and triaging potential Ebola patients. This guidance is intended to augment, but does not supersede, CDC and NY State DOH guidance.

### **Resources**

As recommendations are continually updated, providers are urged to be aware of the most current CDC, New York State DOH and WREMAC guidance. County Health Departments may also be used as a resource, but they do not replace the need to contact online medical control.

### **Destination**

All hospitals must be prepared to accept Ebola patients. Destination decisions should be made on a case-by-case basis in consultation with on-line medical control based on the case definition and patient condition.

In the case of a stable patient, on-line medical control should be done on scene prior to transport in an effort to determine the appropriate destination facility.

The following are general guidelines:

1. Unstable patients should be taken to closest appropriate hospital (regardless of case definition).
2. Stable patients who meet the current CDC case definition as individuals at risk should be taken to a designated Ebola Center.
3. All other patients should be taken to the hospital of their choice, this includes:
  - a) Patients that are concerned they have Ebola, but do not meet the current CDC case definition as individuals at risk
  - b) Patients who prehospital providers are concerned may have been exposed to Ebola, but do not meet the current CDC case definition as individuals at risk

### **Personal Protective Equipment**

For patients who meet the current CDC case definition, or who are too unstable to fully ascertain if they meet the current CDC case definition, PPE should be utilized based on current CDC Ebola recommendations for prehospital providers. For all other patients, standard prehospital PPE is appropriate.

### **Notification**

For patients who meet the current CDC case definition, or if the patient/provider has a specific concern for Ebola, the destination hospital must be pre notified by the crew. The destination hospital may provide special instruction regarding patient off loading at that time.

County Health departments should be made aware of all suspect cases.