

CNM 2/Designate Action Card Version 1.0 in the event that a patient with suspected EVD presents to the ED (17th October 2014)

You could be informed in a number of ways;

- By the administration staff at front reception to the shift leader phone
- By the EM Registrar if your phone was engaged/unanswered
- By the Triage nurse if neither the shift leader or EM phone was answered
- By Pre-Alert from Ambulance Control if patient is en-route by ambulance.

Follow the appropriate flow chart- walk in versus patient arriving by ambulance

Ensure you have informed the EM Registrar and EM consultant or designate a member of staff to do so.

Current stock of PPE is extremely limited. Unless nursing interventions are required then the EM registrar should be the only person to put on PPE. Once risk assessment is completed further staff can put on PPE if patient deemed at risk.

Use the Green Folder at the nurses' station as a reference guide at all times.

Please refer to recent updates on the "EVD Action Tracker" that Damian McGovern circulates daily to CNMs, ANPs and Consultants.

Please refer to careware also for additional nursing updates on the issue.

Additional equipment including small sharps bins, large yellow bins and UN Category A Waste Bins can be found in Ronans' old office. Security will open same at #551

If no nursing or medical interventions are required then there should be no member of staff in the decontamination room observing the patient. The nurse allocated should observe from outside the room. Consider placing a monitor on the patient and setting it to cycle at appropriate intervals.

When a patient is deemed not at risk or subsequently tests negative then standard cleaning of the unit should be performed. Please be explicit when communicating this to the housekeeping team.

Blood spills should be dealt with as normal by pouring sodium hypochlorite solution onto the spill and cleaning as normal.

This is a working document and we will add to it as new evidence, suggestions or ideas come to our attention. It is intended to attempt to support you through some of the basic issues that may arise.

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