



October 16, 2014 Ebola Drill for Hospitals

- Conduct a drill for your hospital staff to receive and treat a suspect Ebola patient. The drill needs to include the following:
 - Receive through your ED a patient who presents with symptoms consistent with the Ebola virus and has had contact with someone infected with Ebola virus in the U.S. or West Africa.
 - Practice
 - Isolation of the patient
 - Putting on and removing personal protective equipment
 - Moving the patient safely
 - Treating the patient
 - Minimizing the number of staff coming in contact with the patient
 - Proper cleaning and maintenance of the patient's room
 - The overriding focus should be the health and safety of hospital staff and anyone who may come into contact with the patient
 - The drill needs to be conducted **WITHIN TWO DAYS**.
 - For hospitals participating in the Health Preparedness Program, sponsored by the Ohio Department of Health, please report the completion of this drill to your regional healthcare coordinator
 - All other hospitals should call the Ohio Department of Health desk at the State Emergency Operations Center at 614-799-6444 to report the completion of this drill
- Resource: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/en/odhprograms/dis/orbitdis/ebola/Ebola>
- Information for Local Health Departments and Hospitals