



UTSW/BioTel EMS TRAINING BULLETIN October 12, 2014

EMS TB 14-010 Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Update

Purpose:

To provide updated information and guidance to UTSW/BioTel EMS Providers regarding the evaluation, care and transport of patients at risk for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).

Background:

A second case of EVD in Dallas has been confirmed. A nurse who cared for "Patient Zero" at Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas during his hospitalization has tested positive for EVD and is now hospitalized.

What has NOT changed for UTSW/BioTel EMS System EMS Providers?

EMS Providers shall remain vigilant in screening all patients for infectious diseases, including EVD, and shall strictly adhere to the recently-issued UTSW/BioTel EMS Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Disinfection & Decontamination, and Destination Decision-Making Training Bulletins.

ESPECIALLY CRITICAL: Attention to detail when removing PPE – "Buddy System" advised.

What HAS changed for UTSW/BioTel EMS System EMS Providers?

Nothing! Remain calm.

EMS Providers shall strictly adhere to all current and forthcoming Training Bulletins and Advisories on this topic.

- ***EMS Providers are encouraged to contact BioTel or their EMS Supervisor immediately, with any questions or concerns***

Refer to the following related documents for additional information & guidance:

[UTSW/BioTel EMS TB 14-006 EBOLA](#)
[UTSW/BioTel EMS TB 14-007 PPE](#)
[UTSW/BioTel EMS TB 14-008 DECON](#)
[UTSW/BioTel EMS TB 14-009 DESTINATION](#)
[UTSW/BioTel EMS System Destination Policy](#)