



Practice Briefs

Should my facility still screen patients for Ebola?

Yes, continued screening for symptom recognition and ongoing travel and occupational health risk exposures for all facilities should be ongoing; especially in light of increasing resistant organisms, global travel and outbreaks. However, screening should not be limited to Ebola. Rather, it should be based on symptoms, travel and occupational risks.

The National Ebola Training and Education Center is currently teaching using the concept: IDENTIFY-ISOLATE-INFORM. No matter where a patient lands in the healthcare system, this should occur at the point of entry.

1. Ask about symptoms (if ILI, rash, fever) –if yes, provide mask
2. Have you traveled outside of the US in the past month? If yes, where?
3. Go to <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list> and search on country. If nothing, continue to treat patient. If travel is a concern along with symptoms, notify the provider and place in a private room if available.

References:

1. National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC) course: Identify, Isolate, Inform: Assessment, management, and placement of PUI
<https://courses.netec.org/courses/pui-101>
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Travelers' Health: Destinations
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

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