DHMH Interim Guidelines for Evaluation of Suspect EVD Patients at Outpatient Clinics and Physicians’ Offices

Preparation activities:
- Post sign on front door (Attachment 1)
- Identify designated room/area to separate patient for evaluation
- Ensure proper PPE is available:
  - Nitrile gloves, impermeable or fluid-resistant gown, mask, eye protection/face shield

AT RECEPTION:

Ask if patient has traveled to affected country or cared for a known Ebola patient in past 21 days?

- Yes
  - Does the patient have any of the following symptoms?
    - Fever >100.4F (38C)
    - Severe headache
    - Muscle Pain
    - Profound Weakness
    - Diarrhea
    - Vomiting
    - Abdominal Pain
    - Unexplained hemorrhage (bleeding or bruising)
  - Yes
    - Notify clinician immediately
    - Separate from other patients and escort to designated room/area
    - Only health care workers with appropriate PPE should enter room: must use nitrile gloves, impermeable or fluid-resistant gown, mask, eye protection/face shield
  - No
    - Continue with normal workflow

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Clinician collects history of present illness and conducts verbal risk assessment:
- Contact with sick people in affected area?
- Contact with a suspect Ebola patient or bodily fluids of a suspect Ebola patient?
- Preparation for or attendance of a funeral in affected area?

Further clinical assessment for EVD warranted?

- Yes
  - Consult with local health department (Attachment 2)
- No
  - Continue with normal workflow