ED Triage Steps for a DRY Ebola Patient: Hours 0-2

Identify:

- Patient is identified as a person under investigation (PUI) for Ebola using “Emergency Department Triage Screening Questions – PUI for Ebola”
- Ask patient to don mask and perform hand hygiene (provide blanket to pediatric patients unable to wear mask)
- Triage RN to clean hands, put on gloves (if not already in use), and don N95. RN should avoid direct contact with the patient until Maximum Barrier PPE is donned.
- Instruct patient to walk from the Registration desk to the triage room until the designated Isolation room is prepared. Patient should avoid/minimize contact with people and surfaces.
- Clean triage and waiting area with a disinfectant (areas of patient contact only)

Inform (as soon as possible once PUI identified):

- Triage RN to call Charge RN
- Triage or Charge RN to disperse Reference Packs from triage binder to responsible parties: Security, Resource/Charge RN, Provider
- Charge RN to notify Provider
- Charge RN to notify Nursing Supervisor and Infection Prevention per “Emergency Contact List”
- Charge RN to confirm with Registration Clerk completion of “Ebola Waiting Room Log” for anyone in the waiting room within 6 feet of the PUI, including contact details
- Triage RN provides information about expectations to patient (wait times, PPE utilized, call light instructions, etc.)
- Charge RN initiate “Staff Room Entry Log”

Isolate:

- Identify RN or Provider to perform the initial assessment (Refer to “Emergency Department Triage Screening Questions– PUI for Ebola”)
- Determine if the patient remains a PUI
- Charge RN readies designated Isolation room with anteroom (see “Isolation Room Setup for PUI” checklist)
- Triage RN to escort the patient to designated Isolation room when ready
- Security Officer to walk ahead, clear the path of travel, and open the ED doors leading to designated Isolation room
- Patient escorted via pre-determined path of travel to designated Isolation room
- Place patient in designated Isolation room with the door closed and “Maximum Barrier Precautions” sign in place
- Charge RN to assign another RN as a "trained observer" for donning
- Trained observer uses laminated PPE donning and doffing checklists for dry patient

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