

VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER (VHF) Risk Assessment for use in Primary Care/Private Hospital Setting



Patient phones the medical facility

Patient has **FEVER >37.5°C** or history of fever in **previous 24 hours**
AND
 Patient has returned from an area* affected by a current VHF outbreak within the **last 21 DAYS**
OR
 Has had contact with a confirmed or probable case of VHF**

NO → **VHF UNLIKELY** ← **NO**

YES

Tell Patient :

- NOT to visit** medical facility
- To **SELF-ISOLATE** pending transfer for hospital assessment

Patient presents to the medical facility

TALK but DON'T TOUCH. Keep distance of > 1 METRE

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YES

- ISOLATE** patient in a **SIDE ROOM**
- If any **CLINICAL INTERACTION** required use **Minimum Level 1 PPE**

Standard Precautions PLUS

- Isolate patient in a **SINGLE ROOM**
- Put on **PPE**. A local risk assessment will determine the level of PPE to be used.
- Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) Poster available [here](#)**

Minimum Level 1 PPE:
 Fluid resistant long sleeved gown, fluid resistant surgical face mask, goggles or face shield, gloves.

*Patient has visited an area with a declared VHF (e.g. Ebola, Lassa, Marburg, CCHF) outbreak, or has been in Lassa endemic areas, been in caves or in contact with or eaten primates, bats or antelope in a Marburg/Ebola endemic area, or been in an area endemic with Crimean Congo fever after sustaining a tick bite.
 **come into contact or cared for a patient with VHF, or come into contact with body fluids or contaminated waste from such a person.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- Complete clinical risk assessment using the [VHF Clinical Risk Assessment Form](#)
- Contact the on call Infectious Diseases (ID) Consultant Mater Hospital to discuss risk assessment and clinical status of patient
- On call ID Consultant determines if patient to be referred to National Isolation Unit (NIU) or another hospital and transport requirements

- If referred to NIU, on call ID Consultant will arrange patient transfer
- If referred to another hospital, GP/treating clinician to contact ambulance service. Ambulance service to inform receiving hospital

NOTIFY local PUBLIC HEALTH (who will inform of VHF test outcomes)

NEGATIVE VHF
 Continue care for patient as required

POSITIVE VHF
 PUBLIC HEALTH will initiate **SURVEILLANCE** of contacts of case

Once patient has left the medical facility:

- SEAL OFF ROOM & OTHER AREAS** patient used e.g. toilet until VHF ruled out
- Compile a **LIST** of people who may have been in **CONTACT** with the patient.

CONTACT DETAILS :

NIU: 01 8032000

Ambulance Service— 112/999

Contact details for each Public Health area can be found [here](#)

OOH contact for Public Health—Call Ambulance Control on 112/999 and ask to be connected to Public Health On Call.