Contact Information

Communicable Disease Response Unit (CDRU)

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Resources

VUMC Communicable Disease Response Unit Website
http://mc.vanderbilt.edu/cdru

VUMC Department of Infection Prevention
http://mc.vanderbilt.edu/InfectionPrevention

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov

National Ebola Training & Education Center (NETEC)
www.netec.org

What you need to know about the Communicable Disease Response Team

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Interested in Joining?

**What is the CDRT?**
- Team of trained staff who provide specialized care to patients with suspected or confirmed communicable diseases (i.e. Ebola, MERs, SARs)

**Who is a part of the CDRT?**
- Volunteer RNs and Paramedics from the Adult and Pediatric Emergency Departments and Intensive Care Units, as well as physician leaders from Infectious Disease, Anesthesiology & Trauma. Michael Jorden is the Nurse Manager for this specialized team/unit.

**Why is this team required?**
- This team was formed in part of Vanderbilt’s response to the Ebola crisis in 2014. Patient and staff safety is a priority for optimal care of this patient population and advanced specialized training is required.

**Where does this team care for this patient population?**
- A specialized unit, known as the Communicable Disease Response Unit (CDRU) is undergoing reconstruction on the 2nd floor of Medical Center North.

**How do you get involved?**
- If you desire to be a part of the CDRT, we encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your unit leadership and complete the Volunteer Application located at [www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/cdru](http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/cdru)

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**Expectations**

All team members must have support from their home unit leadership to participate on the CDRT. Volunteer caregivers must be currently working in either the Adult or Pediatric Intensive Care Units or Emergency Departments. This is to ensure a wide variety of experience with equipment and care for an acutely ill patient. All volunteers must complete various phases of training in order to care for patients (refer to Education and Training section). If you wish to be removed from this team at any point in time for any reason, please communicate that to the manager as soon as possible.

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**Education and Training**

Training is offered multiple times throughout the year.

**Skills Training—Basics**
- Donning/Doffing PPE & PAPR
- Waste Management
- Toileting/Spills Management
- Lab Specimen Collection & iSTAT

**Skills Training—Advanced Care**
- Ventilator Management/ Troubleshooting (LMS modules included)
- Introduction to Radiology
- Simulation: Run patient scenarios, troubleshoot and debrief

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**Education and Training (cont’d)**

- Training Schedule (see online registration or contact training coordinator)
  - Calendar
  - LMS Sign-Up

- Other
  - Involvement in community trainings/drills
  - Special event opportunities to share experiences (i.e. Aprilfest, Octoberfest)
  - Interdisciplinary/Interdepartmental experiences (provider/nurse/LifeFlight, Respiratory, Radiology, Laboratory, CELA)