Welcome from the PRO Team of Vanderbilt University

Welcome to the first issue of PRO Employee Protection Newsletter. We will be using this format to communicate our progress and to provide updates. We appreciate the hard work of our partner hospitals and encourage continued feedback about your experience with the system. It is important that we provide you data that has meaningful insight to your hospitals supply and effective use of PPE to protect healthcare personnel.

Key Announcements this Quarter

1. We have official Authority to Operate from our federal partners! Look forward to automated surveys soon.
2. We have updated our PRO Survey. Thanks to our PRO Participants of 2016, constructive feedback guided revisions that clarified the survey, condensed content and
3. We now have a website! Please visit us at https://ww2.mc.vanderbilt.edu/proppe/ for the latest information about this study.

PRO DISCOVERIES

Our first participant hospitals have helped us to identify the types of PPE hospitals are using in their Ebola ensembles to treat a patient with confirmed Ebola or meets the definition of a Person Under Investigation (PUI) for Ebola and is exhibiting obvious bleeding, vomiting, diarrhea, or requires invasive or aerosol-generating procedures.

**Garment**

**CHOICE 1:** Coveralls, single-use impermeable with hood (60% of hospitals use)
**CHOICE 2:** Gowns, single-use impermeable (40%)

**Apron**

**CHOICE 1:** Aprons, single-use impermeable (40% hospitals use)

**Respiratory Protection & Headpiece**

**CHOICE 1:** PAPR + disposable PAPR hood that fully covers neck (60% of hospitals use)
**CHOICE 2:** N95 + disposable hood without face shield + disposable full face shield (40%)

**Hand Coverings**

**CHOICE 1:** Gloves without extended cuffs covered by gloves with extended cuffs (60% of hospitals use)
**CHOICE 2:** Multiple pairs of gloves with extended cuffs (40%)

**Feet Coverings**

**CHOICE 1:** Boot covers, single-use impermeable extending to kne (60% of hospitals use)
**CHOICE 2:** Boot covers, single-use fluid resistant extending to knee (20%)
**CHOICE 2:** Shoe covers, worn over coveralls with integrated socks (20%)
On May 24th, 2017 NETEC and ASPR’s Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (ASPR TRACIE) will be hosting a Highly Pathogenic Infectious Disease Exercise Planning for Frontline Facilities Webinar. Click the link for more information.

PRO in the Know: Resources that Support Preparedness

- National Ebola Training & Education Center (NETEC) provides web based and on-site educational opportunities. To request a visit click here: Submit a Request to NETEC

- CDC PPE Guidance for Ebola Ensemble
- Hospital Respiratory Protection Program Toolkit
- PPE Selection Matrix for Occupational Exposure to EVD (OSHA)
- Respirator Use in a Hospital Setting: Establishing Surveillance Metrics
- NIOSH Personal Protective Equipment Information (PPE-Info)

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