



Facsimile Cover Sheet
Wharangi Nama Waea

Date/Te Ra: **17 December 2014**

**To/Kia: General Practitioners, Practice Nurses, Pharmacists,
After-hours Centers , ID Physicians, and Emergency
Departments in the greater Wellington and Wairarapa region**

**From/Na:
Dr Annette Nesdale**

Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Update from the Ministry of Health

I would be grateful if you could distribute the following updated information from the Ministry of Health to relevant staff in your organisation.

The documents listed below can be accessed on the Regional Public Health website www.rph.org.nz. Click the 'Health Professionals' tab, and then select 'Ebola' from the drop-down menu.

1. Updated Information for Health Professionals: Ebola virus disease (EVD) (version 16-12-14)

Changes to updated document:

- Minor updates throughout document to clarify intent
- Revision of text on recommendations for laboratory samples and testing (see 2.3)
- Revised paediatric referral pathway (Appendix 4).

2. Patient Management Guidelines for Primary Care: Ebola virus disease (EVD) (version 16-12-14)

Changes to updated document:

- Minor amendment to PPE advice to include use of long sleeved impermeable *or semi-impermeable* gowns.

3. Letter for Primary Care on Personal Protective Equipment from Dr Bryn Jones (dated 16-12-14)

The Ministry of Health would appreciate any feedback on their content, which they will continue to integrate in future revisions. Please don't hesitate to contact the Ministry of Health on ebolareadiness@moh.govt.nz if you have any feedback, queries.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A Nesdale".

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