SUBJECT: EBOLA PATIENT POLICY

INTENT: This policy addresses a public health concern for the Ebola Virus which first presented in the United States as of September 2014 and is in response to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education’s Ebola Guidance Statement for residents and fellows.

POLICY STATEMENT: As there are few physicians who have had experience treating patients with Ebola, and who have expertise in managing the unique treatment and infection control protocols and procedures required, UF Health and Shands expects that:

- All residents and fellows will be educated to recognize the basic signs and symptoms of patients with Ebola infections and the correct protocols in all care settings;

- Residents, fellows or other learners at any level will NOT directly care for these patients;

- Dr. Iovine, Infectious Disease and hospital epidemiologist, is the designated on-site manager should a patient be identified;

- Dr. Gary Wang, Infectious Disease, is the designated VA on-site manager and may be reached at 352-642-5093 or through the VA operator;

- All UF Health portals of entry (practice clinics, ED, L&D, transfer center) will screen patients using CDC guidelines.

Only individuals who are fully trained in treatment and infection control protocols and procedures will directly care for these patients.

- All traffic to a patient room will be highly regulated, guarded, and logged.

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