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**STATEMENT ON NEW CDC GUIDANCE**

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The AHA welcomes the updated guidelines issued by CDC. The specific information provided in the guidelines will help hospitals in the battle against Ebola. Everyone needs to be thinking Ebola. At a minimum every hospital should be able to detect, isolate, and manage the initial care of a patient with suspected or confirmed Ebola while protecting both patients and staff. And then transfer the patient as necessary.

The AHA is urging hospitals to use the resources at their disposal to continue to train their nurses and staff and drill again and again on the entire course of care from diagnosis to final waste disposal, using the same equipment on which they will rely in order to safeguard their staff, patients and communities. Hospitals will protect patients and staff while achieving the ultimate goal- caring for patients. This includes proper procedures for putting on and taking off personal protective equipment under the watchful eye of a trained observer.

Hospitals understand that nurses, doctors, other caregivers – all hospital employees – are concerned. This is the first time our nation has dealt with Ebola. Frontline caregivers are the backbone of that care and their protection is paramount.