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 RESPONSE PLAN 5003  
 PROTOCOL FOR TRANSFER OF CARE



# Communicable Disease Protocol for Transfer of Care to USNH Okinawa

## *Immediate Evaluation*

- 1) HQO gives the USNH card, isolation precautions and instructs the patient to follow up with their PCM within 24 hrs.
- 2) HQO notifies the Directorate of Community Health (DCH) within 24 hours (#643-7806/7) or the OOD after hours (#643-7555/7509).
- 3) DPHS/OOD relays information to the Epidemiology (EPI) Office (#643-7808) or the duty PMT after hours (#090-6861-5322).
- 4) EPI contacts the patient to ensure that they understand the isolation instructions, the need for a PCM appt. and the treatment plan.
- 5) EPI contacts 18th Med and will convey information for all USAF AD, family members and KAB residents.
- 6) EPI/18<sup>th</sup> Med will follow up with the PCM to determine disposition.
- 7) EPI/18<sup>th</sup> Med will track, report and investigate cases as appropriate.

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## *Urgent Evaluation*

- 1) HQO instructs the patient who is highly susceptible for Comm Disease to report immediately to USNH ER by POV/USNH ambulance. If more immediate care is required the patient will be transported to nearest local hospital.
- 2) HQO contacts OOD (#643-7555/7509) -- if language barriers, contact Public Health Liaison (#643-7806/7) or JNP Intern after hours for assistance.
- 3) OOD performs the following:
  - \*obtain pertinent info
  - \*arrange transportation of patient (if needed, call 911 for Kinser's ambulance).
  - \*notify ER of impending arrival, facilitating doctor to doctor report if warranted.
  - \*confirm that patient arrives to ER, tracking the patient if they do not arrive within 2 hours.
  - \*relay information to EPI (#643-7808) or the duty PMT after hours (#090-6861-5322)
- 4) ER will evaluate the patient with respiratory precautions, using the USNH Comm Disease algorithm, and will relay disposition to EPI.
- 5) EPI/18<sup>th</sup> Med will track, report and investigate cases as appropriate.

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