

Ebola Preparedness and Response

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Organization Wide Preparedness

- Began July 2014 with Infection Control
- Series of meetings with different groups held through October
- Consolidated efforts began Oct 9 when we stood up our Healthcare Command Center
- Regular, daily meetings began Oct 14
- UW Health entities represented:
leadership, physicians, departments;
clinics and hospital

Organization Wide Preparedness

- Ebola control plan
- Regular Healthcare Command Center meetings
- Simulation Center established for PPE donning and doffing training
- Infection control website
- Staff forum
- UW Health Ebola website
- Isolation floor sequestered

Response Coordination

- UW Health – UW Hospital and Clinics, UW Medical Foundation, School of Medicine and Public Health
- Outside partners
 - Dane County EOC
 - VA Hospital
 - MFD EMS
 - MERI
 - Regional affiliates
 - Regional partners

Response Coordination

- Regional collaboration
 - Sponsoring weekly Regional Healthcare Coalition teleconferences
 - Sponsoring a Region 5 symposium for our regional partners – November 4th
- Ebola Exercises
 - ED through isolation unit test patient
 - Urgent care, transport to hospital via ambulance

Response Coordination

- Ebola Exercises – Lessons Learned
 - More PPE training
 - More coordination with EMS
 - Containment, containment, containment!!
- Future Exercises
 - Isolation floor PPE training and care
 - ED throughput to isolation floor
 - Urgent care throughput to hospital
 - Clinic response with throughput to hospital

Take Aways

- Preparedness is the responsibility of all organizations
- Containment, containment, containment!
- Drill, drill, drill!
- We are in this together!