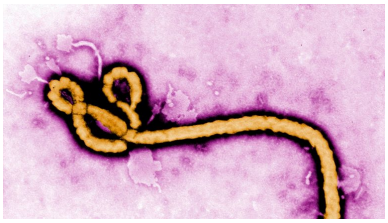
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Ebola

With increased cases in the Congo, preparation for possible Ebola cases and transport preparation has begun. Please see guidance link below:

Ebola Guidance for EMS

Teenager with a patellar dislocation that refused an IV but in significant pain:

- **Consider IN or IM routes for pain management.**
- **IN fentanyl has good results, pediatric pain patients typically are under treated when looking at national statistics.**

80's y/o with confusion and slow to respond, history of trying marijuana (100mg eatable):

- **Consider other causes for altered mental status.**
- **Evaluate with a full assessment, monitor, consider IV.**
- **Compazine is not an appropriate antiemetic for and elderly patient, nor one that is confused or somnolent.**



80's y/o fever, vomiting, confusion (confusion may be baseline):

- **This should be an ALS patient.**

90's y/o with atrial fib with a heart rate of 140-170 transported back to a skilled nursing facility:

- **Always consider and question if the patient should be transported to a lower level of care with abnormal vitals.**
- **Patients on hospice may be appropriate, but those that are not contracted for end of life care – this would be a concern that should be evaluated prior to transport.**

90 y/o with request to transport for failing pacemaker battery evaluation:

- **This should be an ALS transport.**
- **Patient should be on a monitor, attended by ALS, IV placed and pacer pads considered.**

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