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Ebola Cases Identified in Mali
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SUMMARY POINTS

- Six Ebola cases have been identified in Mali
- Clinicians should ask patients about travel to Mali, in addition to Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone
- Consult CDC and PDPH websites for latest Ebola information

As of November 21, 2014, the World Health Organization has reported 6 cases of Ebola Virus Disease (Ebola) in Mali. A cluster of 5 Ebola cases in Bamako, Mali, are linked to a man who became sick in Guinea and subsequently traveled to Mali. An unrelated death from Ebola occurred in Kayes, Mali, on October 24, 2014, and no additional cases related to that person have been reported. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that clinicians ask about travel to Mali, as well as countries with ongoing widespread Ebola transmission (Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone) when assessing a patient with fever or other illness compatible with Ebola.

Given the continued widespread transmission of Ebola in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea, and early stage transmission in Mali, importation of cases to other countries in the region as well as outside of West Africa will likely occur. Clinicians are advised to remain up-to-date with the changing epidemiology of the Ebola outbreak in western Africa and any other affected areas by frequently consulting the CDC Ebola website (<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>) and the Philadelphia Health Information Portal Ebola website for Philadelphia-specific resources (<https://hip.phila.gov/xv/DiseaseInformation/Ebola/tabid/355/Default.aspx>).

Report suspect cases of Ebola to the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH), Division of Disease Control at 215-685-6740 or 215-686-4514 (after hours).

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