

EBOLA STATEMENT FROM ESPNIC

Dear Colleagues,

We realise many of you will have concerns about the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa, and we have already sadly seen infective secondary transmission to healthcare staff here in Europe. Our thoughts are with our colleagues in Madrid.

Whilst preparation, patient triage and treatment protocols together with infection control policies must remain a National issue, we do commend Paediatric and Neonatal Healthcare ICU professionals to visit the World Health Organisation website: <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/en/> where latest updates as well as excellent information about guidance regarding [Protective Measures for Staff](#) are available.

ESICM has an online resource site: <http://www.esicm.org/news-article/ICM-News-ebola-articles-letter> as does the Society of Critical Care Medicine <http://www.sccm.org/disaster/Pages/default.aspx>.

Please use these resources to help your local organisations prepare for Ebola, or any other similar diseases/risk to our teams.

Awareness of the possibility of Ebola is vital, and screening ICU admissions where appropriate, together with protection of our most crucial resource - you, must be elevated to a priority by our healthcare organisations and governments!

Joe Brierley President Elect
on behalf of ESPNIC