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Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established under 5 CFR 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public, the CDC requests that the following collection of information, "Data Collection for Ebola Virus Disease Patients Treated Outside of West Africa," be processed in accordance with Section 1320.13 Emergency Processing. This information collection is essential to CDC's mission to support the 2014-15 Ebola Virus Response in West Africa. The CDC cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) because delays in information collection are likely to result in continued public harm, illness, and possibly death among patients who must be medically evacuated from the affected countries, patients from West Africa who developed symptoms after leaving (imported patients), and patients who had transmission of Ebola virus outside of Africa.

To date, 27 patients with Ebola virus disease (EVD) have received care in higher resource settings outside of the three most affected countries in West Africa (Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia). These EVD patients have been cared for in medical facilities in Western Europe and in the United States where the level of clinical care and monitoring available has been greater than what is generally available in Africa. Subsequently, a large amount of information on the clinical course and treatment of these patients is available. CDC seeks to collect this information retrospectively from clinicians who provided medical care for EVD patients. The clinicians and centers caring for these patients are part of a CDC/WHO International Clinical Network on Clinical Management of Ebola Virus Disease Patients that regularly convenes by phone to discuss the real-time management of these patients. In addition, any additional EVD patients who are diagnosed and cared for in medical facilities outside of West Africa during the next 6 months are also eligible for inclusion in this clinical data collection activity as the Ebola virus disease outbreak in West Africa is on-going, and may continue through the remainder of 2015.

The information collection is essential to CDC's mission and it will inform the ongoing prevention efforts, the planning for the public health response, and the management of EVD patients in higher resource settings as well as in West Africa. CDC is requesting OMB approval of this emergency processing by June 6, 2015.

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