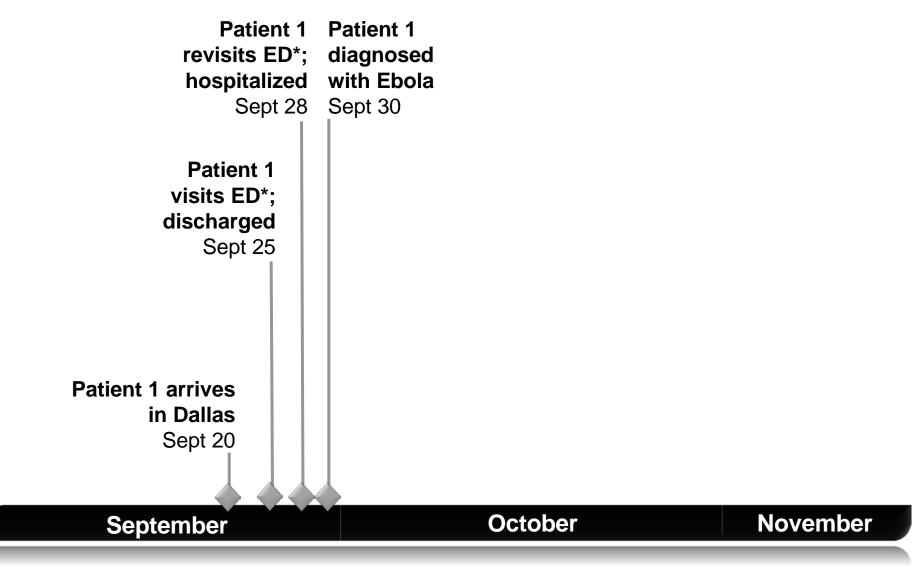
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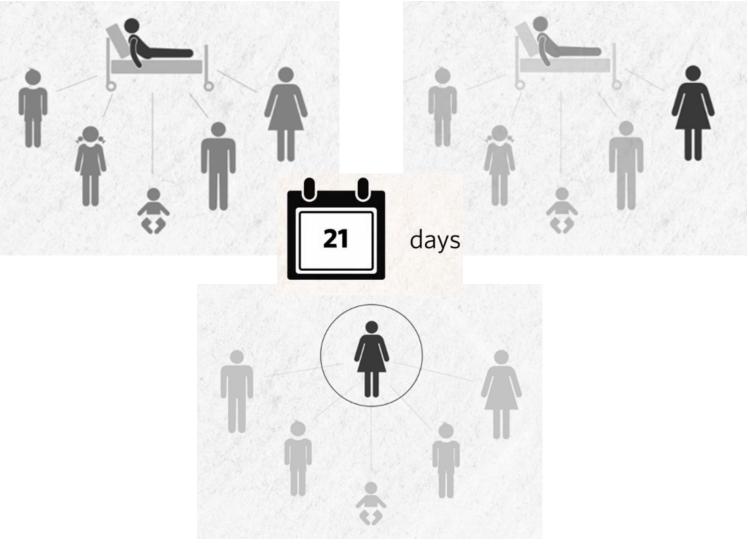


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## **Dallas Ebola Investigation Team**

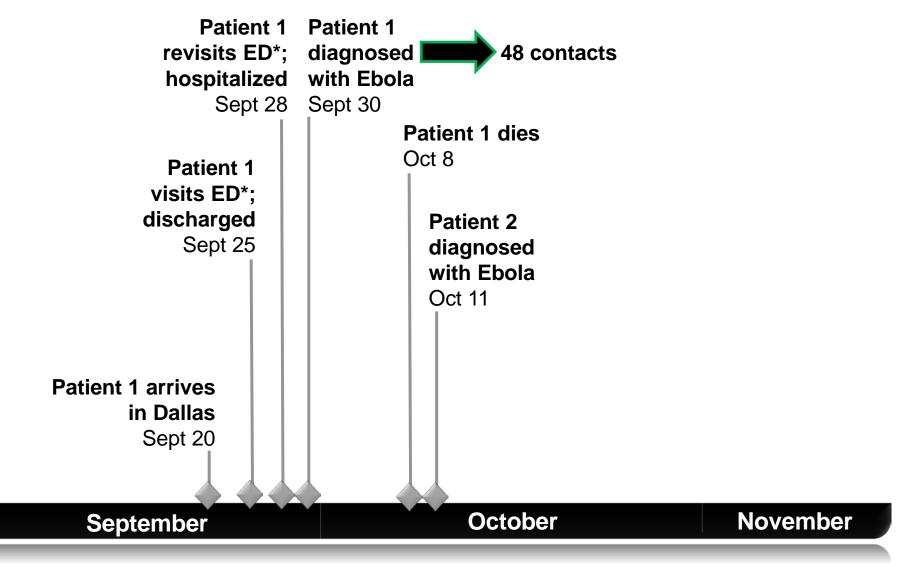
- Clinical Consultation
- Infection Control
- Laboratory
- Communications and Logistics
- Contact Tracing and Data Management

### **Contact Tracing**



Partners in Health (www.pih.org)

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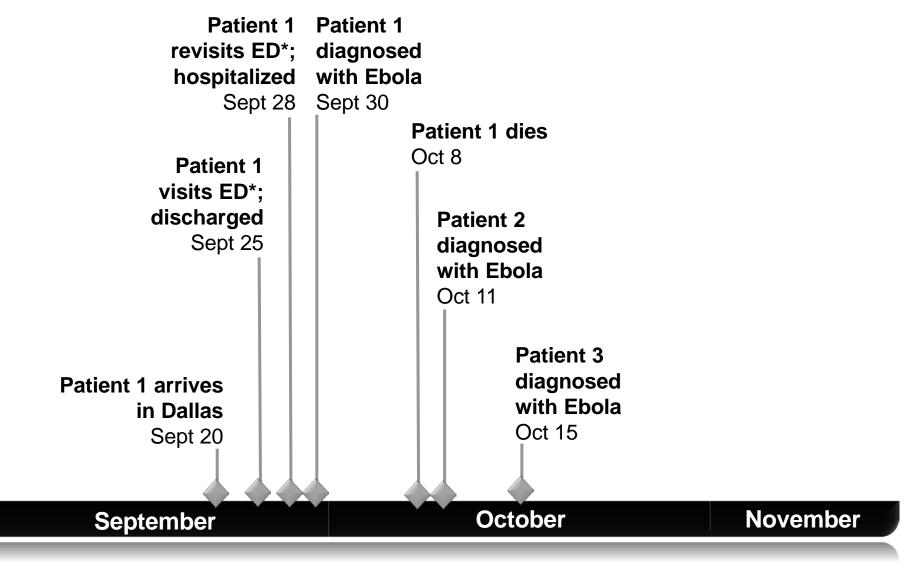
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## Risk to Healthcare Workers (HCWs)

- Patient 2 reported no breach in personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Interview of all HCWs with any potential contact to any Ebola patient

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# Characterization of Contacts to 3 Ebola Patients, Dallas, TX (N = 179)\*

Туре	N (%)
HCW	149 (83%)
Community	20 (11%)
Ambulance	10 (6%)

\*Includes Patients 2 and 3 and excludes airplane contacts of Patient 3

### Data Management for Contact Tracing

- Rapid response to detailed data requests required
- Relational database
- Routine reporting
- Formal data request process

## Challenges Faced by Contacts

- Social isolation
- Difficulty obtaining basic necessities
- Exclusion from work and related financial burdens
- Childcare issues
- Physical and emotional toll of caring for Ebola patients

### Discussion

- Media and public health investigations
- Data management
- Impact of monitoring and movement activities on contacts