

U.S. doctor monitored for Ebola exposure in Nebraska hospital

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(HealthDay)—An American doctor is being treated at a Nebraska

medical center for possible exposure to the Ebola virus while providing medical care in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is in the middle of an Ebola outbreak that has left more than 300 dead.

So far, the American has not shown any symptoms of infection from the [deadly virus](#), according to the medical center. Still, he is being monitored in an area that is separated from any other patients, *CBS News* reported. If any symptoms surface, the [medical center](#) will immediately activate the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit for his treatment, the center added.

"This person may have been exposed to the virus, but is not ill and is not contagious," Ted Cieslak, M.D., infectious diseases specialist with Nebraska Medicine and an associate professor of epidemiology in the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health, said in a statement.

During the 2014 Ebola outbreak, Nebraska Medical treated three patients with the virus. In 2015, several others were monitored after possible exposure. The latest outbreak began in August in the North Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo. According to the World Health Organization, there have been 543 confirmed cases and 48 probable cases in the provinces of North Kivu and Ituri. Containment and treatment of the virus has been hampered by violent political unrest in the country, including an attack on a clinic in Beni where possible Ebola cases are being investigated, *CBS News* reported.

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