Influenza: Avian Flu

Problem

Report of suspect Avian Influenza in patient with recent travel to a country with documented H5N1 avian influenza in poultry and/or humans.

Action

- 1. Obtain mane, DOB, address of the patient
- 2. Obtain name, telephone number of reporting party.
- 3. Complete the "Suspect Avian (H5N1) Influenza Case reporting form for each potential case, including probable cases or contacts.
- 4. Report immediately to the Second Duty Officer.
- 5. Testing of Avian influenza A (H5N1) is indicated for hospitalized patients with:
 - Radiographically confirmed pneumonia, acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), or other severe respiratory illness for which an alternate diagnosis has not been established, **AND**
 - History of travel within 10 days of symptom onset to a country with documented H5H1 avian influenza in poultry and/or human (list of affected countries can be found at www.who.int/en/
- 6. Inform physician that patients with suspected Avian Influenza must be on Droplet Precautions with a private room.

Reporting Form: Suspect Avian (H5N1) Influenza Case reporting form