

Ebola treatment centers in the region, with about 1,700 treatment beds. (<http://tinyurl.com/q79s6dy>)

**“Eight Bodies Found after Attack on Guinea Ebola Education Team”** by Saliou Samb, Bate Felix, Robin Pomeroy, and Ken Willis, *Reuters*, September 18, 2014

Eight bodies, including those of three journalists, were found after an attack on a team trying to educate locals on the risks of the Ebola virus in a remote area of southeastern Guinea, a government spokesman said on Thursday... Since then the virus has killed some 2,630 people and infected at least 5,357 people, according to World Health Organization (WHO). (<http://tinyurl.com/orh9guy>)

**“Sierra Leone to Start 3-Day Nationwide Lockdown to Stop Ebola”** by Sydney Lupkin, *ABC News*, September 18, 2014

Sierra Leone is set to begin a three-day lockdown tonight at midnight to curb the spread of Ebola . . . Government authorities have ordered the country’s 6 million people to stay in their homes from Sept. 19 through Sept. 21, while volunteers go door-to-door to screen for Ebola. (<http://tinyurl.com/n9gat6t>)

**“Ebola Death Toll Nears 3,000 in West Africa, Says WHO”** by Andrew Morse, *The Wall Street Journal*, September 25, 2014

2,917 people had likely died from the disease as of Sept. 21, 2014. A total of 6,263 people had confirmed, suspected or probable cases of the disease. (<http://tinyurl.com/kz28pc5>)

**“CDC: Ebola Confirmed in Dallas Patient”** by Janet St. James and Josh Davis, *WFAA*, September 30, 2014

A patient in a Dallas hospital was confirmed Tuesday to have the deadly Ebola virus . . . Within hours, a team of CDC investigators arrived in North Texas to begin working on the first-ever case of this strain of the Ebola virus confirmed in the U.S. The Dallas patient remains in “strict isolation” at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. (<http://tinyurl.com/n5wdm3o>)



## GLOBAL BIOETHICS INITIATIVE UPDATE

In the Summer 2014 Issue of *Dignitas*, we provided a review of the first five years of this initiative, as well as updates from a number of past participants. We continue with an update from another past scholar.

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In June 2014, our Ethics Review Committee, which I head, just had a joint survey visit by the Philippine Health Research Ethics Board (PHREB) and the Forum for Ethical Review Committees in the Asian and Western Pacific Region (FERCAP). FERCAP implements the Strategic

Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Review (SIDCER) recognition program in Asia, which has conferred recognition of over 100 ethics committees in the region. We are now working on implementing the recommendations that these two groups made to our ethics review committees. Based on the findings, I recently stepped down from my Ethics

Review Committee chairmanship to avoid potential conflicts of interest with the autonomy of the committee since I also occupy a position in the research institute as the director for education and training. After our joint survey, I also had the chance to be part of this accreditation team when they visited another hospital. It was a very enlightening experience looking at another ethics review committee and helping them in their accreditation process as well.

Currently, I am writing a proposal on the preparedness of Filipino patients on advance directives. Since this is a recent development for us, I am looking forward to working with some physicians whose patients are the ones who are more likely to have a high risk of dying because of their illness. I have teamed up with two cardiologists so far, and I plan to include as many patients as possible.

I am also exploring the possibility of moving into senior administration of research for my institution due to an announced resignation that is set to occur later this year. I will keep you updated if this exciting opportunity comes to pass.

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