

## Levels of protective gear



### Original C.D.C. Guidelines

The suit above represents the C.D.C.'s original guidelines for health care workers who would come in contact with Ebola patients but would not be exposed to their blood or bodily fluids.



### North Shore-L.I.J. Level 2 Suit

The C.D.C. has recommended extra levels of protection, like those above, in cases where workers could come into contact with a patient's bodily fluids. Many hospitals, including the Nebraska center, have required these levels as the minimum. Before this week, this suit was used by North Shore-L.I.J. hospitals for patients who were suspected of having Ebola, but they have since decided to upgrade to the Level 3 Suit instead.



### North Shore-L.I.J. Level 3 Suit

After the second nurse in Dallas was diagnosed with Ebola, the North Shore system upgraded their Level 3 suit by adding an impermeable gown on top. The suit shown above begins to approach the standard of protection used by health care workers in West Africa. The C.D.C. may soon require full-body suits in the United States.