

## Among Ebola's victims, hospital workers and researchers

The ongoing Ebola virus disease outbreak is taking an appalling toll on health workers in West Africa. More than 240 have been infected and more than 120 have died.

At Kenema Government Hospital (KGH) in Sierra Leone, where the country's first case was diagnosed, more than two dozen nurses, doctors, and support staff have died of Ebola. KGH is where many of the samples were collected for a paper published online today in *Science* that analyzes the genetics of the virus responsible for the disease.

Highlighting the danger to those caring for infected people, five of the paper's co-authors—all experienced members of the hospital's Lassa fever team—died of Ebola before its publication. (A sixth co-author, uninfected, also recently died as well.)

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