



## Emergency Medical Services *Partners*

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### Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Two great upcoming EMS Educational Sessions:



**American College of Cardiology-Connecticut Chapter** will be offering three lectures geared toward paramedics during the morning session of their annual meeting. This marks the first time they have included paramedics and is a recognition of the significant role medics play in patient's outcomes. The cost for the morning session is \$45 and covers breakfast and mid-morning break. 3 Hours of CME will be granted to EMS attendees. Lecture topics include Emergency Therapy of Cardiac Arrhythmias, The ECG in Acute MI: the classic and the not-so-classic patterns, and ECG, Cath and Clinical Correlation of Acute MI. All sessions taught by cardiologists. The date is April 25, 2015 at the Hartford Convention Center. Register on-line at [www.ccacc.org](http://www.ccacc.org).

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**1st Annual UConn Health Emergency Stroke Care Conference** will be held May 16, 2015 from 8:30-12:00 at the UConn Health Low Auditorium. Cost is free and will include breakfast, 4 hours CME and a stroke workbook. Topics include Stroke Assessment and Treatment, Vague Stroke Symptoms: How to Spot a Stroke When the Cincinnati Scale is 0, Stroke Mimics and Future of Stroke Care. Open to all levels of EMS providers. Cost is free, but registration is required. Space is limited. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8V8PZKB> or contact Peter Canning at [canning@uchc.edu](mailto:canning@uchc.edu) to reserve your spot.



American Heart Association  
American Stroke Association  
**CERTIFICATION**  
Meets standards for  
**Primary Stroke Center**

### Hip Fracture—Prehospital Care

Your elderly patient is on the ground with hip pain after a low fall. She is unable to move her leg, which is shortened and externally rotated. 10% of these patients will be dead within 30 days, 20% within a year. Only 25% of hip fracture patients have full recovery. The stress and pain of the event and the lengthy recovery period are hard on patients, particularly frail ones.



As EMS providers, our job is to limit pain and movement and get our patient to a hospital that offers strong orthopedic services. Solid BLS skills are necessary for splinting and stabilization. Make full use of padding. A pillow under the affected leg can greatly ease pain. Some responders have used a reverse KED to great effect to stabilize the injury. Analgesia is also helpful, and often best given prior to any movement.

From 2005-2007, only 5% of patients treated by EMS in Connecticut with hip fractures received prehospital analgesia. Thanks to educational efforts and increased standing orders, that number is on the rise. We are thrilled to report that in the month of February, 83% of hip fractures coming to UConn Health from EMS received prehospital pain relief with Fentanyl. 100% of EMS hip fracture patients had documented pain scores. Truly great work!



Focusing on prehospital hip fracture care is just one of the many ways, the team at UConn Health is working to provide the best care possible and improve outcomes for our geriatric population. The role and contributions of our EMS partners are critical to this success.

## EMS Honor Roll

### STEMI

**Granby Ambulance** paramedics Steve Johnson and Stefanie Jennings. **51 Minute**

**D2B, 91 Minute FMC.**

**Bristol paramedic** David Murphy and EMT Chase Cinquemani. **19 Minute D2B, 67 Minute FMC.**

**Acute Stroke** (Met all 10 criteria including stroke recognition, Cincinnati Scale, BGL, Last Known Well Time, Stroke Alert, Priority Transport)

**American Medical Response** paramedics Ron Gosselin and Ross Chagnon. **35 Minute Door-to-TPA!**

**American Medical Response** paramedics Jane Gordon and John Bunnell and EMTs Adam Sadowski and Mary Whitmore.

**Bristol Ambulance** paramedic Betsy Austin and EMT Michael Lipka .

**Hip Fracture** (Based on February data)

Dan Massaro—**UCONN Fire Department**

John Bunnell—**American Medical Response**

William Schappert—**American Medical Response**

Keith Slater—**American Medical Response**

Joshua Heggie—**Simsbury Ambulance**



Great work all!



## 2015 UCONN EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Monthly Morning CME

April – No CME

May 20, 2015

June 17, 2015

July-No CME

August – No CME

September 16, 2015

October 21, 2015

November 18, 2015

December 16, 2015



Held at East Farms Fire  
94 South Road, Farmington, CT  
8:30-11:30 A.M.

Bagels and Coffee will be served  
For Questions, email Peter Canning at [canning@uchc.edu](mailto:canning@uchc.edu)

ALL EMS RESPONDERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC  
WELCOME



2015 Conference  
ACC-Connecticut

### Special Education Track for Paramedics

3 EMS Sessions Taught by Cardiologists

Hartford Convention Center

Hartford, Connecticut

Saturday Morning, April 25, 2015, 9-12 A.M.

**Cost \$45—Special Paramedic Rate**

Covers Breakfast, Midmorning Break

**3 Hours of CME**

Register at [www.ccacc.org](http://www.ccacc.org)

## AMBULANCE ENTRANCE CONSTRUCTION

Effective March 30, 2015 ambulances will access the UCONN Health ED through F Parking Lot. This alternate route will remain until the new ED opens in Mid-March 2016. Emergency Dept. way signs are in place along the alternate route. Thanks for your patience and cooperation!



## UConn Health EMS Website

For news, educational information, CME schedule and past copies of our newsletter *Partners*, check out our website at:

[uconnems.uchc.edu](http://uconnems.uchc.edu)

## UCONN Health Prehospital Stroke Care Conference

**UCONN HEALTH** Low Auditorium, UCONN Health (Main Building)  
Saturday, May 16, 2015 8:30-12:00 A.M.

This Program offers 4 Hours CME for EMS providers

All Levels of Responder Welcome!

Space Limited—Register Today at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8V8PZKB>

Or contact Peter Canning at [canning@uchc.edu](mailto:canning@uchc.edu) to reserve spot.

## CONTACT US:

Any questions or suggestions about EMS? Looking for patient follow-up?



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