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ED Lockdown

To secure the safety of our patients and staff, the John Dempsey Hospital Emergency Department is now a Lockdown Unit. What that means for EMS Personnel is you can continue to enter and exit the



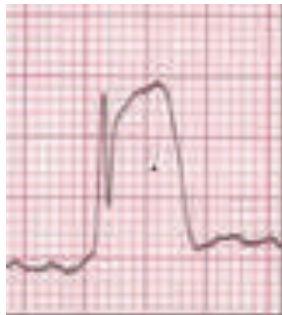
ED through the Ambulance entrance as you always have. But if you go to the cafeteria or any of the floors, you can not directly reenter the ED without a BADGE. A temporary ED Badge can be obtained from the Main ED Desk from either a medical assistant or the triage nurse. If you don't have a badge you can only return to the ED via the waiting room or Ambulance Entrance. If you use the badge, please return the badge to the ED desk when you return to the ED. Thanks for helping to keep our ED safe!

Hazardous Substances

When transporting patients who may be contaminated from hazardous substances, please notify us by CMED as soon as possible. While we recognize in most of the cases where you will be transporting exposed patients the decontamination process will already have taken place at the scene, sometimes you may not learn of the patient's possible contamination until you have already begun transport.

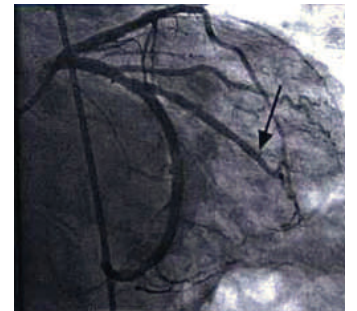


When this is the case, if possible, provide the name of the contaminated substance to help us better prepare for your arrival. You will be met outside the ED with instructions for handling and decontamination of your patient. Our staff and /or the UCONN Fire Department will decontaminate your patient in our decontamination trailer located outside the ED.



STEMI Success

When EMS recognizes an ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) in the field, these patients when brought to John Dempsey Hospital all meet the national 90 minute door-to-balloon time benchmark. This past month **American Medical Response (AMR)** paramedic Dave Robinson and his partners Giuliano Cirillo and Brian Saban, recognized their elderly patient, who was having difficulty breathing, was actually suffering from an acute inferior wall MI. Thanks to their 12-lead



recognition, aspirin administration and rapid transport from **West Hartford**, the patient was soon on the cath lab table receiving life-saving treatment from JDH cardiology staff to clear the critical blockage in her heart.

UConn Fire Department paramedics, responding in **Farmington**, recognized an anterior MI in their patient and by transmitting their 12-lead to the hospital directly from the scene, were not only able to help us beat the national 90 minute door-to-balloon benchmark, but recorded a less than 60 minute 911-call-to-balloon time. Strong work by Paramedics John Martinez, Brian Little, Greg Priest and precepting medic from Bradley Airport Thomas Edwards. Both patients walked out of the hospital several days later with their heart functions preserved.

Surgical Cricothyrotomy Practice

John Dempsey Hospital
EMS Medical Director
Richard Kamin observes
UCONN Fire Department
Paramedics Anthony Ruggiero and
Brian Little practicing
surgical cricothyrotomy



on a pig trachea during December paramedic skill sessions. JDH physicians Robert Fuller, Thomas Regan, Frank LaSala and Jeremy Skotko also contributed their knowledge and expertise as the medics practiced life-saving skills of advanced adult and pediatric airway management, needle thoracostomy, and intraosseous infusion.

Meet our ED Staff



David J. Cusick, R.N. Paramedic, is the new Nurse Manager of John Dempsey Hospital's Emergency Department. Previously David held similar positions at MidState Hospital and Bradley Hospital. He received his nursing degree from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing and his paramedic from Naugatuck Community College. With twenty years experience as a street paramedic, David understands that care for our Emergency Department's patients begins in the field with our EMS responders. Welcome!

UCONN Health Center EMS Web Site

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

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January CME-Pediatric Respiratory

Join us on January 6, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. for our monthly CME.. All area providers are welcome.

Pediatric Respiratory Emergencies

Dr. Alise Frallicciardi

Journal Article

Induced Hypothermia During CPR

The association between intra-arrest therapeutic hypothermia and return of spontaneous circulation among individuals experiencing out of hospital cardiac arrest
[Resuscitation](#). 2010 Oct 29.

Case Reviews

Review of interesting EMS cases brought to JDH including STEMI and cardiac arrest.

2010 Benchmark Review

Review of 2010 JDH EMS Benchmarks and Other Statistics

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the ground level conference room of the Administrative Resources Building (ASB) located by the helipad. 3 hours CME are given. 4 if assigned articles are read. For questions about CME or to obtain a copy of journal article, send an email to Peter Canning at canning@uchc.edu or call at (860) 679-3485. Free parking is available in the lower lot of the Medical Arts & Research Building (MARB) next to the ASB: There are two levels of parking at the MARB. Both levels have general, convenience and patient parking. Please be attentive to the posted signs.

March Evening CME

Our quarterly evening CME series for 2011 kicks off March 9, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in Keller Auditorium. Lisa Carney, author of the novel "Cowboy in the City" will be speaking about Stress Management in EMS. A second speaker and topic will be announced next month. Pizza and refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM and door prizes will include autographed copies of Lisa's novel, an EMS monopoly game, and other surprises. All EMS responders and members of the general public are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars!

Cowboy In The City



Lisa Carney

CONTACT US:

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



Contact EMS Coordinator Peter Canning at canning@uchc.edu or call (860) 679-3485.