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Partners

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2012 in Review

2012 was an exciting year with many highlights.

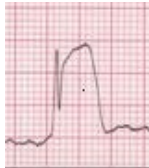
Cardiac Arrests Saves

Thanks to bystander CPR, rapid EMS response and early defibrillation, effective ALS care, therapeutic hypothermia and cardiac catheterization, we saw a record number of patients walk out of John Dempsey Hospital with full recovery following their out-of-hospital cardiac arrests. Great jobs by EMS responders from Avon, Farmington and Bristol.



STEMI Success

Prehospital Activation of our cardiac cath lab through our STEMI Alert process led to a record 19 minute door-to-balloon time. Thanks to EMS's ability to quickly assess patients with suspected cardiac issues, apply and interpret 12-lead ECGs and provide our staff with early notification of incoming patients with ST-Elevation MIs, we were able to save our patients heart muscle and significantly improve their resulting quality of life. EMS is an integral part in our program's success. Remember early notification saves lives!



Pain Management

We also continue to see a tremendous jump in the use of prehospital analgesics by EMS providers. This is great news for patients. Prehospital analgesia has proven to be safe and can make a significant difference in a patient's recovery. While opportunities to truly save lives don't happen everyday, EMS responders do have a never ending opportunity to ease pain and suffering in their patients. We particularly want to single out the great jobs being done by paramedics from the **UCONN Fire Department** and **American Medical Response**.



Happy Holidays



The staff at **John Dempsey Hospital** wishes all of our EMS partners and their families a happy holiday season. We thank you for all your dedicated and professional service and look forward to working with you in the coming year. It is good to know that you are all out there looking out for the people of our communities. They are well served. Please — all of you — stay safe.

EMS CMEs 2013



In the coming year, the Health Center will be continuing its expansion, which will eventually lead to a new hospital targeted to open in 2016-17. Parking issues are requiring us to move our morning CMEs to the East

Farms Fire Department located a short distance from the Health Center at 94 South Road in Farmington. We will continue to host our evening CMEs in Keller Auditorium at the Health Center. We are also planning a Saturday EMS Conference in May and will be making an effort to hold CMEs at area services. If you are interested in having us hold a CME at your service, please contact Peter Canning at canning@uchc.edu. We recognize that care for our patients begins with EMS and we are committed to partnering with you to provide education and case reviews.

**UCONN EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION
January Morning EMS CME**

LVAD (Left Ventricular Assistance Device)
TBA

Best of EMS Research 2012
Dr. Richard Kamin
Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

Journal Review:

Family witnessed resuscitation: nationwide survey
of 337 prehospital emergency teams in France.
Emergency Medical Journal, December 2012

January 16, 2013 (Wednesday)
8:30 A.M.

East Farms Fire Department
94 South Road, Farmington, CT

Bagels and Coffee will be served
For Questions, email Peter Canning at canning@uchc.edu

ALL EMS RESPONDERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC WELCOME

For copies of article and test, email Peter Canning
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2013 Morning EMS CME SCHEDULE



January 16, 2013
February 20, 2013
March 20, 2013
April Skills
May 15, 2013
June 19, 2013
July—No CME
August—No CME
September 18, 2013
October Skills
November 16, 2013
December 18, 2013



8:30-11:30 A.M.

Note: Due to Parking Restrictions caused by Hospital Construction
Morning CMES for January to March will be held at:
East Farms Fire Department, 94 South Road, Farmington.

CMEs include general lectures, case reviews and journal article
review. Selected additional topics may be added. 3 CME hours
are awarded. 1 additional Hour CME will be given for those com-
pleting open book quiz on journal articles.

All EMS Responders are Welcome!

EMS Skills Sessions

We will be holding regional skills ses-
sions for area paramedics on the fol-
lowing dates at our Sim Lab:

April 24, 2013
October 23, 2013



There will be two sessions 8:00 and 10 A.M
Slots are limited.. Advance sign-up is required.

Contact Peter Canning at canning@uchc.edu to reserve your
slot.

2013 Evening EMS CME Schedule



March 27, 2013 (Wednesday)
June 12, 2013 (Wednesday)
September 11, 2013 (Wednesday)
December 11, 2013 (Wednesday)



7:00 P.M.

Our quarterly evening CMEs are held in Keller Auditorium in the
Main Health Center Building Pizza and refreshments are offered
before hand. Parking is available in the Academic lots on the back
side of the Health Center and on the road leading up the hill.

3 Hours CME are awarded.

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**John Dempsey Hospital
EMS Conference
Date To Be Announced
Coming May 2012**

UCONN Health Center EMS Web Site

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

uconnems.uchc.edu

CONTACT US:

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



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