



Emergency Medical Services
Partners

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New Location for UConn Monthly CMEs

We are moving our monthly EMS CMEs to 400 Farmington Avenue to the Cell and Genome Sciences Building Conference Room. CMEs are held the third Wednesday of the month from 8:30-11:30 A.M.



Free parking is available. Regular topics include Featured Speaker, Case Review, EMS research and Protocol Lightning rounds. Next CME is January 20, 2016. Coffee and bagels will be provided. All EMS responders are welcome. 3 Hours CME are granted. Hope to see you there.

Paramedic Transition Refresher Training

All paramedics in the region, who have not already received the new paramedic curriculum, **will have until March 31, 2016** to either attend a national transition refresher or take the online refresher at: <http://www.fisdap.net>. The cost for the online refresher is \$75. Medics who have not completed the training by the deadline will have their control suspended. Don't wait till the last minute! The course contains 22 hours of training. **Deadlines will not be extended, so plan now.**

2015/6 Annual Renewals

The new renewal forms are being issued by regional EMS Coordinators. Be sure to complete them and return them per your sponsor hospital's policy if you wish to maintain current medical control.

12-Lead Class

Medics who have not taken a recent 12-lead course can fulfill the requirement by passing a 12-lead exam at a 2016 skills session.

Happy Holidays

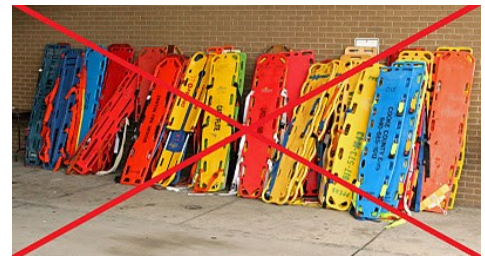
The staff at John Dempsey Hospital wishes all of our EMS partners and their



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.

Long Back Board Reminder

Long backboards should only be used for extrication or for carrying patients. Once the patient is moved to the



stretcher, remove any hard backboard device. Patients should only be transported to the hospital on a hard backboard if removal would delay transport of an unstable patient or it is necessary for other treatment priorities.

Ceasing Resuscitation-Medical Control Calls

Paramedics and EMTs are required to contact medical control to cease resuscitation once it has begun unless the patient clearly meets established criteria for determining death (rigor mortis with dependent lividity, etc.). EMS personnel should never call for permission to begin CPR. For instance, if there is a question about a patient's DNR status, CPR must be initiated while medical control is contacted for permission to cease.

EMS Honor Roll

STEMI

American Medical Response paramedics

Brandon Bartell and
Michael Eickenhorst and
EMT Shaun Swanson



responded in Newington for an 88 year old female who had slumped over at the table while having dinner with her family. They found the patient alert, but bradycardic, hypotensive and complaining of nausea. A 12-lead ECG revealed ST elevation in the inferior leads with extensive reciprocal change. They called in an early notification STEMI Alert to **John Dempsey Hospital**, activating the cardiac cath lab (20 minutes prior to the patient's arrival). In the lab, the team found an acute thrombotic occlusion in the patient's Right Coronary Artery (RCA) that was removed by mechanical thrombectomy, after which three stents were placed resulting in excellent flow and complete revascularization. The patient did very well and is back home with her family. Great job all!

44 Minute Door-to-Balloon!

73 Minute First Medical Contact to Balloon!

Asthma Review

You are treating a 21 year old male patient with a history of asthma complaining of difficulty breathing. He is noted to be confused, able to speak only in 2-3 words between breaths, is "tripoding" and using accessory muscles to breath. Vitals: P-132, BP 126/80, RR -32, SpO2 80% . You cannot get an IV. What are your treatment options?

Treatments

Oxygen

DuoNeb

Epi 1:1000 0.3 mg IM

Consider CPAP

Once IV obtained

Solumedrol 125 mg IV

Magnesium 2 grams IV over 10 minutes

Repeat Nebes—Albuterol



2016 UCONN EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Monthly Morning CME



January 20, 2016
February—No CME
March 16, 2016
April – No CME
May 18, 2016
June 15, 2016
July-No CME
August – No CME
September 21, 2016
October 19, 2016
November 16, 2016
December 21, 2016



Held at:

NEW LOCATION

Cell and Genome Sciences Building Conference Room
400 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT
8:30-11:30 A.M.

Bagels and Coffee will be served

For Questions, email Peter Canning at canning@uchc.edu

ALL EMS RESPONDERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC
WELCOME

2016 UCONN EMS CMES

Look for our special CME presentations
coming this year



12-Lead ECG and STEMI Care



2nd Annual UConn Stroke Conference

EMS Pain Management

2016 New Statewide Protocol Review

Stay Tuned...

Dates To Be Announced

CONTACT US:

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



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