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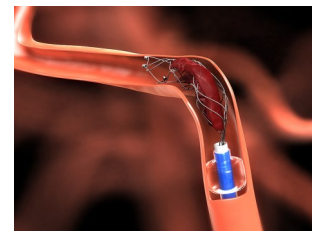
EMS Forum on The Opioid Overdose Epidemic

On September 20, 2017 UConn JDH will host an EMS Forum on the Opioid Overdose Epidemic in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Medical Services. The event will be held from 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M at 400 Farmington Avenue. Topics will include Science of Addiction, EMS Treatment, Harm Reduction, Prevention Initiatives, Stamp Bag Recognition and Using Data to Fight the Opioid Epidemic. Stay tuned for more details. Registration will be required.



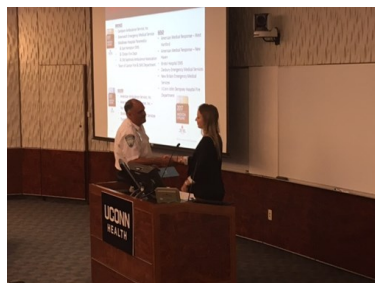
UConn JDH to Offer Endovascular Stroke Services

In addition to currently providing rapid tPA to eligible stroke patients, UConn JDH will soon be able to provide endovascular clot retrieval for selected patients with large cerebral vessel occlusions. UConn, which recently received a Gold Plus Mission: Lifeline Stroke Care Award, has been a primary stroke care center since 2015.



Connecticut College of Cardiology/ Mission: Lifeline/JDH STEMI Conference Big Success

Over 60 regional paramedics and MDs attended the STEMI Conference held at UConn JDH on June 7, 2017. Speakers provided by the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Cardiology as well as speakers from the regional PCI centers (JDH UConn, Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford Hospital and Hospital of Central Connecticut -New Britain) spoke on an array of topics concerning cardiac care. Mission: Lifeline Director Alana Davis handed out awards to local EMS Services for outstanding STEMI care. Thanks to all who spoke and all who attended. Your dedication to cardiac care has saved countless lives in our region.



Dr. Keton Bulsara Joins UConn Medical Staff

UConn Health is pleased to announce the addition of our new Neurosurgeon Ketan R. Bulsara, MD to our medical staff.



Dr. Bulsara is board-certified with the American Board of Neurological Surgeons. He completed his medicine residency at Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, NC. Dr. Bulsara has dual fellowship trainings in Endovascular and Intravascular surgery. Dr. Bulsara brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in treating skull based injuries, neurological disorders, complex tumors, aneurysms, brain hemorrhages, hemorrhagic stroke and ischemic stroke. The addition of Dr. Bulsara to the staff increases UConn JDH's ability to care for stroke patients in need of endovascular treatment to retrieve clots in large vessel as well as our ability to care for trauma patients with severe brain bleeds.

STEMI HONOR ROLE

Bristol EMS paramedic Robert George and his partner Melissa Patrick. 48 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 82 Minute First Medical Contact to Balloon.



Canton Ambulance paramedic John Bunnell and his partners Tom Malone and Jacqueline Tolpin. 36 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 70 Minute First Medical Contact to Balloon.

American Medical Response paramedic Robert Slivinski and his partner Melroy D'Costa. 58 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 95 Minute First Medical Contact to Balloon.

Keep up the great work!

Carfentanil Found in Connecticut

Carfentanil, the synthetic opioid (100X stronger than Fentanyl) used to tranquilize large animals, has been found in Connecticut being sold mixed with heroin. Responders should be careful to avoid contact with powder on possible opioid overdose scenes. Wear nitrile gloves, eye protection and have your N-95 mask available for deployment. If you get powder on your skin wash it off thoroughly with water. Stay safe out there.



EMS—Mandated Child Abuse Reporters

As a reminder EMS are mandated reporters for child abuse. Even if police are on the scene, EMS is expected to file a report. Mandated reports must report orally to the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Hotline or a law enforcement agency within 12 hours of suspecting that a child has been abused or neglected and must submit a written report (DCF-136) to DCF within 48 hours of making the oral report.

DCF 24-Hour Hotline 1-800-842-2288

Responsibility for reporting child abuse and protection from liability for such reporting is established by the CT General Statute 17a-101.

UConn Health EMS Website

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

health.uconn.edu/ems

Heat Emergencies

With summer upon us, remember the key tenets of heat emergency care: ABCs



Move patient to cool shaded area.

Remove as much clothing as possible.

Assess level of mentation and access vital signs.

If patient is alert give the patient cool liquids to drink. Consider giving IV NS 500 cc bolus or 20cc/kg in child and repeat when clinically appropriate.

If temp is over 104 or if altered mental status is present begin active cooling.

Continuously misting patient with tepid water while fanning (Most recommend).

Immersion cooling (Young and healthy).

Ice packs in axilla and groin, wrap in wet towels.

Benzodiazepines to control shivering.

Cool to temp of 101.5 F.

Ice Pops Are Back!

It's summer time and ice pops are back in the EMS room. We appreciate your hard work out in the field. Stop by our EMS room next time you are here and enjoy an ice-pop on a hot day.



UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

EMS Monthly CME
(3 Hours)



July/August—No CME
September 20, 2017—Opioid Conference (4 Hours)
October 18, 2017
November 15, 2017
December 20, 2017
8:30-11:30 A.M.

Cell and Genome Building
400 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT

ALL EMS RESPONDERS WELCOME

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.