



## Emergency Medical Services *Partners*

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### Pardon Our Appearance

We have begun ED renovations, which when completed will include expanded space for EMS crews. Until Friday, June 6, the current John Dempsey Hospital ED ambulance entrance doors will be closed. Ambulance stretchers are entering the ED through the MRI corridor to the left of the patient entrance. This project is the first of many construction projects in the next several years which will culminate in the opening of a new hospital tower and ED. Thank you for your patience during renovations. We hope you will be pleased with the results.



### JDH Wins Heart Care Gold Award

For two years running, **John Dempsey Hospital** has won the prestigious American Heart Association's Gold Award for cardiac care. We are grateful for the role EMS has played in initiating care for many of our patients before they reached our hospital's doors. The prehospital use of nitro and CPAP for patients in heart failure, the early recognition and notification of patients with STEMIs, and quality CPR have been a key contributor to so many of our patients' positive outcomes. Thanks for all you do and keep up the great work!



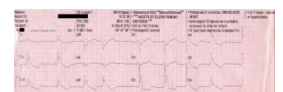
### Bristol EMS Cardiac Arrest Save



When a construction worker in Bristol dropped to the pavement in cardiac arrest last month, his friend immediately started CPR. **Bristol Police George Franek** arrived on the scene with a AED and delivered one shock. **Bristol EMS** ambulance crew (Paramedic David Kozikowski, AEMT Jay Pax, and EMT Melissa Patrick) arrived within moments and assumed care of the patient who regained consciousness. He was taken directly from the scene to **John Dempsey Hospital** where he underwent cardiac catheterization and implantation of an internal defibrillator. Nine days later, he walked out of the hospital and returned home, grateful for a friend who knew CPR and for the quick response of Bristol police and EMS services. Well done!

### Prehospital ECG Strips

Please write the patient's name on all ECG strips (even those stapled to PCR's). We cannot enter the strips into the patient's record without a name on the strip. If possible, affix a hospital sticker to the strips. Thanks!



## EMS Drugs: Ativan to Zofran

If you are an EMT, have you ever wondered what drugs are in a paramedic's medication kit and what they are used for? If you are a medic, have you asked yourself if you are using your medication arsenal to its fullest extent?



In our June CME, **From Ativan to Zofran, EMS Drugs for All Providers**, an interactive discussion of EMS medications, Dr. Richard Kamin will review indications and contraindications, and offer PEARLS and pitfalls of the drugs carried by paramedics in the North Central region, including answering these questions:



How can a knowledge of a paramedic's medications affect an EMT's practice?

What are the most underutilized medications? What is the most dangerous drug? If a medic could only carry 8 drugs, which should they be, in order from 8-1?

What new drugs can we expect in the future? Are any medications likely to be approved for BLS providers?

This session is designed for all levels of providers. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. The lecture will be offered twice. On June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. and June 20 at 8:30 A.M.

**Attention Paramedics: Take our A-Z Drug Survey**

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T6CSS56>

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

## 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:

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



## June EMS CME



**From Ativan to Zofran  
EMS Drugs for All Providers**  
Richard Kamin, M.D.  
Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

**Heat Emergencies**  
Max Goldstien, M.D.

**Journal Review:  
Prehospital UltraSound**

**Case Reviews**

**Dates:**  
**Wednesday, June 13, 2012**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
Lowe Auditorium  
(down hall from Keller)  
*To be Repeated*  
**Wednesday, June 20 2012**  
**8:30 A.M.**  
Keller Auditorium

Enter main door, take escalator down one floor. Daytime parking in main lot at top of hill is now limited to visitors and patients. If you are unable to find parking, please park in lower lots and take shuttle bus. For the evening CME, there is plenty of parking at the top of the hill. 3 Hours CME are offered. One additional hour will be given for reading journal article and completing short quiz.

Note: Due to construction, Fire and EMS vehicles should not park at non-ED entrances during the day when attending EMS sessions.



## Fall CME 2012

Morning

*July Canceled—NO CME*

*August 2012—NO CME*

*September 19, 2012 (Wednesday)*

*October Skills, TBA*

Evening

*September 5, 2012 (Wednesday)*

*December 5, 2012 (Wednesday)*



**All EMS Responders and General Public  
are Welcome!**

## CONTACT US:

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



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