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Connecticut Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) Pilot

Connecticut is launching a MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) Pilot Program. EMS may encounter patients who have MOLST paperwork, which spells out the patient's medical wishes. The paperwork will be a distinctive green.

EMS PROVIDERS SHOULD LOOK FOR THE MOLST FORM TO BE ATTACHED TO THE REFRIGERATOR of the MOLST Pilot Participant living outside of a formal health care setting.

The MOLST will NOT replace a valid CT DNR. The MOLST will however hopefully better define preferences regarding life-sustaining interventions near the end-of-life.

If the patient has a valid CT DNR and the patient is in arrest, proceed as normal. If the patient does not have a DNR, but has a MOLST form, consider the MOLST form preferences in initiating care, and contact medical control as necessary.

For those services sponsored by UConn Health/John Dempsey Hospital, the MOLST form will serve as a standing order.

The MOLST Form is being piloted by UConn Health/John Dempsey Hospital and Windham Hospital. Patients discharged from these facilities may have MOLST paperwork. Target date for the project is likely to be July 1. Stay tuned for more information, and if possible attend the UConn CME on June 17 at East Farms Fire where Dr. Richard Kamin will be speaking on MOLST.

UConn Health S.A.V.E. Stroke Test

At the 1st Annual UConn Health Emergency Stroke care Conference in May, the new **UConn Health S.A.V.E. Stroke Test** was unveiled. The test is a tool to use to help recognize stroke when the Cincinnati stroke scale is 0. The tool was developed after analyzing EMS stroke data in an effort to improve stroke recognition. Sudden altered mental status, vision changes or equilibrium/vertigo without explanation such as trauma, intoxication or past history of similar symptoms should arouse suspicion of stroke, particularly if the patient has risk factors such as hypertension, atrial fibrillation or cardiovascular disease. If the Cincinnati Stroke Scale is 0, but the UConn S.A.V.E. test is positive, consider stroke in your differential diagnosis.

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UConn S.A.V.E. STROKE TEST

If your patient scores a 0 on the Cincinnati Stroke Scale, ask these questions:

S– Sudden Did the patient's symptoms happen suddenly and without an explanation such as trauma or intoxication?

A – Altered Does the patient present with altered mental status?

V– Vision Is the patient experiencing sudden vision problem?

E– Equilibrium Does the patient have an altered equilibrium or vertigo

A yes to the first question and a yes to any of the following three questions should heighten your suspicion of stroke as a possible cause of the patient's condition.

S.A.V.E. YOUR PATIENT
Use the UConn S.A.V.E. Stroke Test

EMS Honor Roll

STEMI

UConn Fire

Department

paramedics Brian Little and John Pickert and **American**

Medical Response

EMTs Timothy

Sikorski and Krystyna Letizio. **25 Minute D2B and 46 Minute FMC (above photo).**

UConn Fire Department paramedics Josh Levin and Tony Ruggiero and **Canton Ambulance** AEMT Ryan Kerr and EMT Grace Glynn. **44 Minute D2B and 81 Minute FMC.**

Bristol Ambulance paramedic Joanne Kay and EMT Jennifer Lomas. **46 Minute D2B and 90 Minute FMC.**

Acute Stroke

American Medical Response paramedic Terry Webb and EMT Andrew Badamo. **60 Minute Door to TPA, 105 Minute FMC to TPA.**

UConn Fire Department paramedics Neil Prendergast and Eric Colantonio and AMR EMTs Lindsay Ryan and Tara Gillette. **51 Minute Door to TPA and 68 Minute FMC to TPA.**



2015 UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Monthly Morning CME

June 17, 2015

July-No CME

August – No CME

September 16, 2015

October 21, 2015

November 18, 2015

December 16, 2015



Held at East Farms Fire
94 South Road, 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

UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Main Topic:

(MOLST) Medical Orders Life Sustaining Treatment

Richard Kamin, M.D.

UConn S.A.V.E. Stroke Test

When Cincinnati Stroke Scale is 0

UConn Stroke Team Representatives

Case Reviews:

Richard Kamin, M.D.

Research Review

The Latest in EMS Research

Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

June 17, 2015

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East Farms Fire, 94 South Road, Farmington CT
All EMS Providers Welcome

Trauma Case of the Month

Patient found on ground after tripping over curb, complains of knee pain.

No distal pulses in right lower extremity.

Right knee posterior dislocation. Right popliteal artery has no blood flow below knee.

Patient went to OR. Received vascular shunt/bypass and external fixator device.



Bottom line: Check Distal Pulses!

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



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