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JDH to Provide Medical Control to AMR Farmington Valley Division

John Dempsey Hospital has been approved to provide sponsor hospital medical control to the **American Medical Response Farmington Valley/Waterbury Division** in conjunction with



Bradley and Waterbury Hospitals. The American Medical Response Farmington Valley Division service area includes emergency ambulance transportation in Avon and Farmington and paramedic services in Avon along with the **UCONN Fire Department**.

John Dempsey Hospital recognizes that care for many of our patients begins not at our hospital doors but when EMS arrives on the scene. We are pleased to be providing training and educational sessions, patient care feedback, and medical oversight to the paramedics and EMTs of American Medical Response who do such a fine job for the citizens of our communities. We are glad to partner with you.



Stroke Care—Early Notification

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States. When treating an acute stroke patient, early notification to the receiving hospital is essential. Studies have shown early notification significantly increases the patient's odds of receiving fibrinolytic therapy, which can not only potentially save the patient's life, but vastly improve their neurologic status.

It is imperative that prehospital providers try to find the zero hour -- or last seen normal time when the stroke began -- when the stroke care window begins. Make every effort to have a family member or other witness accompany the patient in your ambulance who can verify the symptom onset time. In many cases, the old three hour stroke window has been expanded to 4.5 hours or greater. Be sure to bring all of the patient's meds or a detailed list.

When transporting a stroke patient to John Dempsey Hospital, if possible contact us from the scene with an **ACUTE STROKE ALERT** before you start transporting or as soon as possible into your transport to confirm destination and help us prepare for your patient's arrival. En route, support hemodynamics, protect the airway, give oxygen if hypoxic, do a 12-lead ECG, blood glucose check and initiate IV access (18 gauge or larger if possible).

Epinephrine Save

Nice job by Paige Ferrigno and her crew from **Canton Ambulance** in rapidly administering an Epi-Pen to a young mother who had ceased moving air while undergoing a severe allergic reaction. Within minutes the patient stabilized and was breathing better. **UCONN Fire Department** paramedic Mike Alger arrived and also treated the patient with Benadryl and Solu-Medrol. After observation in the John Dempsey ED, she was discharged home to her grateful family with an Epi-Pen of her own in hand.



Priest New UCONN Deputy Chief

Greg Priest has been promoted to Deputy Fire Chief in the UCONN Fire Department and assigned to the Health Center Station. Selected from over 80 applicants nationwide, Greg has been a firefighter/paramedic at the Health Center since 1997. As the Department's EMS Officer, Greg is well known in the EMS community. Whether treating an injured patient at a car accident scene or fighting for strict training standards in a leadership meeting, Greg has always fought to provide top shelf care to the citizens of our community and to work collaboratively with other EMS providers. An insightful and articulate advocate for EMS, we know he will continue to work to raise the high bar for the men and women of the UCONN Fire Department. Congratulations on your well-deserved selection!



Meet our ED Staff

Dr. Richard Kamin has been the EMS Program Director for John Dempsey Hospital since 2004. In addition to practicing clinically in the JDH ED, Rich is an active member of the Health Center Tactical Rescue Team, and the CT-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team. He also serves as the Medical Director for the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) where he is working to standardize statewide EMS guidelines and promote evidenced based practices. Rich teaches regularly at our monthly EMS CMEs and is always interested in the questions and ideas of local EMS providers. When he is not in the ED, he can be reached at rkamin@uchc.edu.



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:

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March CME

Join us on March 3, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. for our monthly CME. All area providers are welcome.

New Designer Street Drugs

Dr. John Grady

Advanced Airway Management: Rapid Sequence Induction

Dr. Richard Kamin

Capnography and Airway Management

Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

RSI Case Reviews

Journal Review: Prehospital RSI

"Prehospital Rapid Sequence Intubation Improves Functional Outcome for Patients With Severe Traumatic Brain Injury: A Randomized Controlled Trial."

Annals of Surgery, December 2010

Airway mannequins will be available for ALS BLS skills practice

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the ground level conference room of the Administrative Resources Building (ASB) located by the helipad. 3 hours CME are given. 4 if assigned articles are read. For questions about CME or to obtain a copy of journal article, send an email to Peter Canning at canning@uchc.edu or call at (860) 679-3485. Free parking is available in the lower lot of the Medical Arts & Research Building (MARB) next to the ASB: There are two levels of parking at the MARB. Both levels have general, convenience and patient parking. Please be attentive to the posted signs.

March Evening CME

Our quarterly evening CME series for 2011 kicks off **March 9, 2011** at 7:00 P.M. in Keller Auditorium. Lisa Carney, author of "Cowboy in the City" will be speaking about **Stress Management in EMS**. Peter Canning and Dr. Richard Kamin will discuss **EMS Pain Management: From BLS to Fentanyl**.

Cowboy In The City



Pizza and refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM and door prizes will include autographed copies of Lisa's novel, an EMS monopoly game, and other surprises. All EMS responders and members of the general public are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars!

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.