Connecticut Trauma Triage Guidelines

Per Connecticut regulations, the following trauma patients should be brought to a Level I or Level II trauma facility:
1. (A) Glasgow Coma Scale of twelve (12) or less; or (B) systolic blood pressure of less than ninety (90) mm Hg; or (C) respiratory rate of less than ten (10) or more than twenty-nine (29) breaths per minute.
2. (A) gunshot wound to chest, head, neck, abdomen or groin; (B) third degree burns covering more than fifteen (15) per cent of the body, or third degree burns of face, or airway involvement; (C) evidence of spinal cord injury; (D) amputation, other than digits; or (E) two (2) or more obvious proximal long bone fractures.

Trauma Benchmarks*

The following are trauma quality benchmarks for patients meeting criteria for Level I or II Centers:
1. In general, transporting paramedics (or transporting basic EMTs) should limit on-scene time to less than 10 minutes or document reasons for the exception (e.g., entrapment, scene safety, etc.).
2. Transport should be provided immediately and directly to designated trauma center.
3. If on-scene time is extended while awaiting air medical rescue crews to arrive, the total presumed ground and transport time intervals for the air crews should not exceed that of the time that would have been required by ground crews to get the patient to the trauma center.

Triage Questions

When in doubt regarding determination of destination hospital, contact medical direction.

* From EVIDENCE-BASED PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS: A MODEL FOR EXPANDED EMS BENCHMARKING

UCONN Health Primary Stroke Center Earns Joint Commission Certification

The Joint Commission has officially designated UCONN Health as a Primary Stroke Center based on a rigorous review of hospital procedures and care to validate that UCONN Health is providing safe, high-quality care, treatment and services to patients who have suffered stroke. This award could not have been achieved without the help of our community EMS services who do a great job accessing patients for stroke and providing early notification through Stroke Alerts to our Emergency Department, helping to ensure our patients get timely life-saving treatment. Great job team!

UCONN EMS Stroke Conference

Save the Date – May 16, 2015

UCONN Health will be holding a Stroke Conference on Saturday, May 16 at UCONN from 9-12. Topics will include Anatomy and Physiology of Stroke, Prehospital Assessment, Stroke Alerts, In Hospital Stroke Treatment/TPA, Vague Stroke Symptoms, Stroke Mimics, Future of Stroke Treatment. 3 Hours CME. Workbooks provided. Registration Required. Space Limited, but Free of Cost to EMS. More Details Soon.
EMS Honor Roll

STEMI
American Medical Response paramedic Erik Marinelli and his partner James Rolandi in Southington. 27 Minute D2B and 59 Minute FMC.
Bristol EMS paramedic Denise Shea and her partner Jacilyn Neveu in Bristol. 35 Minute D2B and 71 Minute FMC.

American Medical Response paramedic Patrick Loller and his partner Jeff Huffmire in Avon. 59 Minute D2B and 77 Minute FMC.

Simsbury Ambulance paramedic Kristian Fillian and her partner Donna Anderson in Simsbury for STEMI equivalent.

Stroke (Met all criteria including stroke recognition, Cincinnati Scale, BGL, Last Known Well Time, Stroke Alert, Priority Transport)

American Medical Response paramedic John Bunnell and EMTs Scott Sprong and Michelle Kerr in West Hartford.
Burlington Ambulance paramedic Eric Marin and his partner Mike Boucher in Burlington.
American Medical Response paramedic John Anderson and his partner Scott Sprong in Newington.

American Medical Response paramedic Joshua Rosenthal and his EMT partner Devin McDermott in West Hartford.

Hip Fracture (Based on January data)
American Medical Response paramedic John Bunnell.
UCONN Fire Department paramedic Thomas Paranzino.
UCONN Fire Department paramedic Josh Levin.

Canton Ambulance AEMT Linda Sarchuk and EMT Jeff Davis for calling for pain management.
Great job all!

2015 UCONN EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION
Monthly Morning CME

March 18, 2015
April – No CME
May 20, 2015
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

2015 Conference
American College of Cardiology-Connecticut Chapter
Special Education Track for Paramedics
3 EMS Sessions Taught by Cardiologists
Hartford Convention Center
Hartford, Connecticut
Saturday Morning
April 25, 2015
9-12 A.M.
Cost $45—Special Paramedic Rate
Covers Breakfast, Midmorning Break
3 Hours of CME
Registration Required
Full details and registration information to be announced soon.

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

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