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**Stroke and STEMI Conferences at UConn Health
Coming May 18 and June 7 – Free CME**

**May 18, 2017– 3rd Annual Emergency
Stroke Care Conference**

Our third annual stroke conference will be held on **Thursday May 18, 2017 from 8-4** in the new Academic Rotunda at the **UConn Health Center**.

Reserve your seat by registering online today. Space is limited.

The Conference is free. 8 Hours EMS CME for all day; those who can only attend for the morning sessions will receive 4 hours. Complimentary Breakfast and Lunch.

Topics include:

Stroke Survivor's Story—Ms. Ann Guarino
Keynote: Endovascular Stroke Treatment—Ketan Bulsara, M.D., UConn Health

Intracranial Hemorrhages—Gracia Mui, M.D., UConn Health
Prehospital Stroke Assessment and Destination Guidelines - Alberto Perez, M.D., UConn Health

Posterior Circulation Stroke- Mark Alberts, M.D., Hartford Hospital

ED/EMS Breakout Session

Neuro Intensive Breakout (“Brain Code”)

Acute Stroke Care in the Emergency Department—Robert Fuller, M.D., UConn Health

Atrial Fibrillation and Stroke—Heiko Schmitt, M.D., Ph.D., UConn Health

Patent Foramen Ovale and Stroke - JuYong Lee, M.D., M.S., Ph.D. UConn Health

Cardio-Embolic Stroke –Joyce Meng, M.D., UConn Health

To register, call UConn Link at 800.535.6232 or sign up on-line at:

<http://health.uconn.edu/stroke-center/events-and-programs/>



**June 7, 2017 -Northcentral Connecticut EMS
STEMI Conference**

Connecticut Chapter of the
American College of Cardiology



MISSION:
LIFELINE

**UConn
HEALTH**

The American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline STEMI project has partnered with the **Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Cardiology** to offer a free EMS educational conference/CME on STEMI and Emergency Cardiac Care. To be held

Wednesday June 7, 2017 at Grossman Auditorium at 400 Farmington Avenue from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., this Northcentral Connecticut EMS STEMI Conference builds upon the Mission: Lifeline Program, which refines systems of care for the STEMI patient by engaging multiple entities (i.e., EMS, STEMI referring and receiving hospitals) within the same geographic region. An important aspect of this project is to examine how pre-hospital STEMI systems of care in the Greater Hartford region can be strengthened. The program will feature lectures from four cardiologists as well as case reviews from local PCI centers. Four (4) Hours of CME will be provided. Parking is free and light refreshments will be served.

Topics Include:

ECG in the Acute MI- Peter Schulman, M.D.

ECG, Cath and Clinical Correlation – Edward Tuohy, M.D.

Emergency Therapy of Cardiac Arrhythmias- Craig Anderson, M.D.

STEMI Imposters – Marcin Dada, M.D.

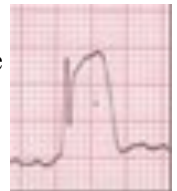
STEMI Alerts, Early Notification, Prehospital Treatment (Regional System) – Richard Kamin, M.D.

Case Reviews – Hospital speakers to be announced.

REGISTER TODAY! At

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HMGFDKJ>

Please register early as seating is limited.



STEMI Honor Role

New Britain EMS

paramedic Dan Fraczek, his partner Zack DeMalo, and EMT student Devonna Bernardo responded for a 55-year-old female with nonradiating chest pain and dyspnea similar to what she experienced when she had a heart attack three years ago.



Fraczek's first 12-Lead ECG was nondiagnostic, but a subsequent ECG showed ST elevation in the inferior leads during a sudden episode of rapid atrial fibrillation. Fraczek called in a **STEMI Alert to UConn John Dempsey Hospital** where Dr. Richard Kamin activated the cardiac cath lab prior to the crew's arrival. In the ED they were met by Dr. Kamin and cardiac interventionalist Dr. JuYong Lee. The patient's atrial fibrillation resolved and the ST segment elevations disappeared but the patient was brought up to the lab based on Fraczek's story and the prehospital ECG. In the lab, Dr. Lee and team found a 95% occlusion in the patient's distal right coronary artery (RCA) which they successfully cleared and stented, restoring perfusion. The patient is doing well under the excellent care of our medical staff. Great job all!

43 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 65 Minute First Medical Contact-to-Balloon.

Special CMEs Coming to UConn in 2017

STEMI and Acute MI Care (4 Hours)

(AHA Mission:Lifeline/CT College of Cardiology)
June 7, 2017

The Opiate Overdose Epidemic: The EMS Response (4 Hours)

(CT Office of Emergency Medical Services)
September 20, 2017

Stay tuned for details and registration information.

Stroke Honor Role

American Medical Response



responded for a 86 year old male with sudden onset of garbled

speech. Paramedic Jason Cintron and EMT Brittany Thibault initiated a prehospital **STROKE ALERT** to **John Dempsey Hospital**. The patient was brought directly to CT Scan on the EMS stretcher with the ED team. Because of early notification by EMS, our Neurology team quickly assessed the NIHSS of 5 with speech deficits. The patient qualified for the clot-busting medication tPA, receiving this drug within 26 minutes of arrival. Twenty-four hours after tPA was given, the NIHSS scale was down to 1. The patient was discharged with rehab after his embolic event thanks to the dedication to excellence in stroke care and brain saving interventions from pre-hospital through the care continuum.

West Hartford Fire Department Paramedic Rocco Laudato called in a stroke alert for a patient with dizziness, right-sided weakness and ataxia. The patient received tPA within 66 minutes of arrival and was discharged home three days later without any deficits.

American Medical Response Paramedic Lester Pourciau and his partner Tara Wheeler called in a stroke alert for a patient with headache, left sided weakness and dysphagia. The patient received tPA within 66 minutes and within 24 hours the patient's deficits has resolved. Great work all!

UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION



The normal monthly EMS CME for
Wednesday May 17, 2017
has been cancelled.



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are encouraged to attend the
3rd Annual Emergency Stroke Conference
On Thursday May 18, 2017
At the UCONN Academic Rotunda
8-4 (8 Hours CME) , or 8-12 (4 Hours)

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CONTACT US:

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



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