

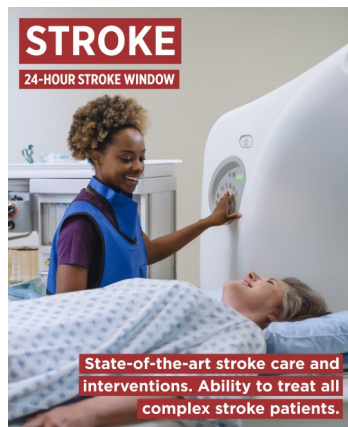


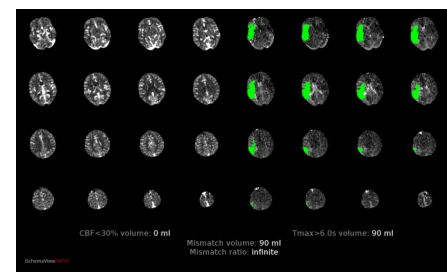
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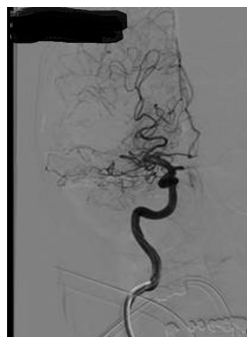
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Thrombectomy
American Medical Response paramedics Dante Pezzolesi and Kevin Shakel responded for a patient with sudden onset of confusion, left sided weakness and dysphasia. They called in a **Stroke Alert to UConn John Dempsey Hospital**. The patient was brought directly to CT scan on the EMS stretcher. TPA was given within 26 minutes of arrival. Advanced CTA & CTP imaging showed an M1 clot in the MCA which was removed by thrombectomy & blood flow was restored. The patient's NIH Stroke Severity score went from a 19 (severe disability) to completely resolving to a 0 with no deficits. She was discharged home two days later, doing great!





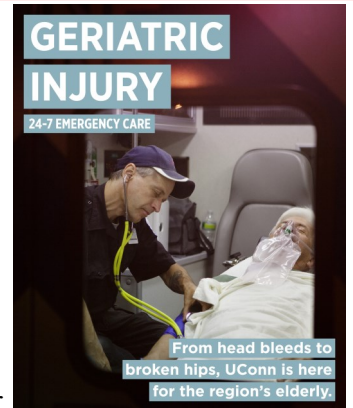
RAPID Imaging revealed brain at risk (Green). Due to rapid identification and transport, no already permanent damaged was seen on arrival. (Would have been pink).



Before and after thrombectomy images showing restored blood flow in MCA.



Fall on Blood Thinners
American Medical Response paramedic Adam Trujillo and his partner Shane Carlson transported an elderly patient to **UConn John Dempsey Hospital** who tripped, struck his head on a carpet and sustained a one inch laceration without loss of consciousness. The patient they noted (in their radio patch) was on the blood thinner Plavix. A **Trauma Alert** was activated prior to the patient's arrival. While the patient still had a GCS of 15, a stat CT scan showed the patient had sustained an acute subarachnoid hemorrhage. He was admitted to the UConn ICU where he was treated by our neurology team. He experienced some confusion and restlessness, but showed improvement and was discharged home four days later without deficit. Great job by the EMS team in recognizing the danger of a fall to patients on blood thinners.



Common Blood Thinners

Blood thinners help maintain smooth blood flow. They are commonly prescribed to help prevent heart attacks and strokes. Many patients with atrial fibrillation are on blood thinners. Be on the look out for these common blood thinners:

Warafin (Coumadin), Pradaxa, Eliquis, Xarelto, Plavix (Clopidogrel), Prasugrel, Brillanta, Aggrenox.

Baby Girl!

Congratulations to Pete Itsou, Ally Piel, Peter Ceasar and Bryan Goldman on delivering a healthy baby girl. Strong work!



STEMI Kudos New Britain EMS



paramedics
Rebecca Hoyt
and Rebecca
DeSimone.

**65 Minute Door
-to-Balloon. 83 Minute
Diagnostic FMC-to-
Balloon.**

American Medical Response paramedic Robert Slivinski and EMT Kara Keyworth.
54 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 72 FMC-to-Balloon.



Keep up the great work! Early notification saves lives! Always ask CMED for a **STEMI Alert with Medical Control.**

EMS Floor Access Badges

Please remember to return the Access badges after use and sign the log. Thanks!



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UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION



Airway Obstruction
Resident TBA



Case Reviews:
Richard Kamin, M.D.

Why Manual Blood Pressures?
Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

STEMI Review:
Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

Stroke Review:
Jennifer Sposito, R.N. Stroke Coordinator

UConn Trauma Report:
Mike Nicholson, UConn Trauma Coordinator

Drug Review: Tylenol, IV and PO
Peter Canning

(3 Hours CME)

Bagels and Coffee will be served
For Questions, email Peter Canning at
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ALL EMS RESPONDERS WELCOME

8:30-11:30 A.M.
Wednesday, December 19, 2018
Cell and Genome Building
400 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT
Free Parking

CONTACT US:

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



Contact EMS Coordinator Peter Canning at
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