



Emergency Medical Services *Partners*

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Stroke Center Recertification

UConn John Dempsey Hospital was recently recertified as a **Primary Stroke Center**. Congratulations to our Neurology, Emergency Department, Medical and EMS team members who come together with awesome

teamwork to provide state-of-the-art care to our community.

Keep up the strong work!



Happy New Year!

The staff at **UConn John Dempsey Hospital** wishes all of our EMS partners and their families a safe

and happy new year. We thank you for all your dedicated and professional service and look forward to working with you in the coming year. It is good to know that you are all out there looking out for the people of our communities. They are well served. Please — all of you — stay safe.



Thrombectomy Transfer



A recent stroke patient arrives at **UConn John Dempsey Hospital** via **Life Star** to receive a timely thrombectomy. The patient who had right weakness, dysarthria, altered mental status & facial droop showed significant improvement (from a NIH of 17 to an NIH of 3) after having a clot removed in an endovascular procedure, and was subsequently discharged to rehab in excellent condition.

50th EMS STEMI in 2018

West Hartford Fire Department

paramedics Taylor Salva and Jason Powers along with the team from WH Station 2 and **American Medical Response** EMTs Charisse Hamilton and Joshua Hall responded for a patient with chest pain radiating into the left arm



Hamilton, Powers, Salva and Preuss

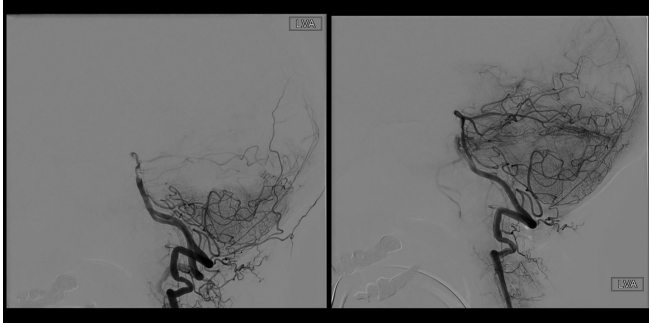
accompanied by dizziness, vomiting and pale, cool, diaphoretic skin. Salva did an immediate 12-lead ECG, and recognizing the ST elevation with reciprocal changes, called in a **STEMI ALERT** to **UConn John Dempsey Hospital**. The patient went up to the cath lab on the EMS stretcher. His 100% occlusion of the right coronary artery (RCA) was successfully cleared and stented, restoring perfusion. **34 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 54 Minute First Medical Contact-to Balloon.** Great job team!

2019 Annual Renewals

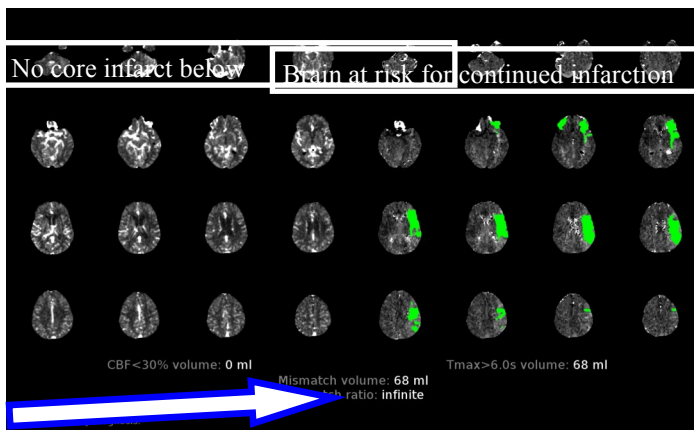
The new renewal forms are being issued by regional EMS Coordinators. Be sure to complete them and return them per your sponsor hospital's policy if you wish to maintain current medical control.

Stroke Honor Roll

American Medical Response paramedic Matthew Polesel and his partner Katherine Wollenberg. **Stroke Alert.** Mechanical Thrombectomy removing a near complete occlusion to the distal basilar artery with full recovery.



West Hartford Fire Department paramedics William Berghoff and Patrick Green along with the team from Station 5 and **American Medical Response** paramedic Gerald Weiss and EMT Keri Pliszka. **Stroke Alert. 44 Minute Door-to-tPA** and endovascular procedure.



West Hartford Fire Department paramedic Steeve Parent, Station 5 responders and **American Medical Response** EMTs Chris Handel and Tamara Lathrop. **Stroke Alert. 36 Minutes Door-to-tPA.**

Simsbury EMS paramedic Shannon Harvill and EMT Andrew Albert. **Stroke Alert. 109 Minutes Door-to-tPA.**

UConn Health JDH EMS Website

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

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UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION 2019

January, February – No CME

March 20, 2018

April 17, 2018

May 15, 2018

June 20, 2018

July, August – No CME

September 19, 2018

October 17, 2018

November 21, 2018

December 19, 2018



8:30-11:30 A.M.

Cell and Genome Building
400 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT

3 Hours CME

ALL EMS RESPONDERS WELCOME

STEMI Kudos

American Medical

Response paramedic Samuel Purcell and his partner Tara Wheeler. **60 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 83 Minute First Medical-Contact-to Balloon.**

Bristol EMS paramedic Matthew Behuniak and his partner Danica Urda. **56 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 76 Minute Diagnostic EMS ECG-to Balloon.**

Bristol EMS paramedic Jay Nanni and his partner Anthony Betz. **35 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 79 Minute First-Medical-Contact-to Balloon.**

Simsbury EMS paramedic Samuel Dybdahl and his partners Stephen Goeben and Deanna Cunninham. **48 Minute Door-to-Balloon; 87 Minute First Medical Contact-to-Balloon**

Great job all!



CONTACT US:

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Looking for patient follow-up?

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