Opioid Overdose Reporting Begins April 1, 2019 in North Central EMS Region

EMS responders will begin reporting opioid overdoses to the Connecticut Poison Control Center (CPCC) on April 1, 2019 by calling 1-800-222-1222 after any call when the patient is suspected of opioid use, causing decreased responsiveness, respiratory depression or death. The project, which was piloted by American Medical Response in Hartford, will expand statewide on June 1, 2019. Known now as SWORD (Connecticut Statewide Opioid Reporting Directive), the project will collect valuable data and create an early warning system to alert public health and safety officials to trends and overdose spikes. The project is supported by the CT Public Health Department, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services, who have provided federal funding to the CPCC to carry out the program. This important initiative helps prove the value of EMS to the public health system and how we in EMS can play a crucial role in ending a terrible epidemic that claimed over 1,000 lives in our state last year. Check out the YouTube video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Fyoj0EbUFc

Simsbury EMS Cardiac Arrest Save!

A man collapsed at a local store and immediately received bystander CPR. The Simsbury EMS ambulance crew, led by paramedic Derrick Caranci, arrived and defibrillated the patient four times and administered epinephrine and amiodarone. The patient soon regained pulses and was rushed to UConn John Dempsey Hospital where he regained consciousness. The patient did very well. He received an internal defibrillator and was released home to his family with full neuros intact just three days later. A great, great job by Simsbury EMS and a true success story for the town of Simsbury, a Heart Safe community.
CT EMS
Statewide Opioid Reporting Directive

- Call CT Poison Control after any call where the patient is suspected of opioid use, causing decreased responsiveness, respiratory depression or death.
- Call whether naloxone was administered or not.

When do I start reporting?
Region 3 on 4/1/19
Regions 1, 2, 4, 5, by 6/1/19

Call Poison Control (PC) @ 1-800-222-1222, say "I need to speak with CT PC. I have a call for CT SWORD", give your name, service name, and ambulance number. Answer the following:

1. Patient Name
2. Patient Age (DOB if possible)
3. Patient Gender
4. Incident address and type (pt. home, public area, unknown, etc.)
5. Opioid used (heroin, fentanyl, pill, unknown)
6. Route (IV, IN, PO, smoked, unknown)
7. Disposition (transport, refusal, dead, pt not found)
8. Naloxone given (Y or N), if yes:
   a. delivery method (IN/IM/IV) and dose
   b. who gave first dose (citizen, PD, FD, EMT, EMTP)
   c. side effects noted? (Y or N) (emesis, agitation, other)
9. Describe bag stamp picture and/or name
   -send pic to poisoncontrol@uchc.edu if possible; case # in subject line
10. Brief description of call

Thank you for your participation!

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paramedic Kristin Fillian and American Medical Response
EMTs Roger Lyon and James Tuttle prenotified UConn John Dempsey Hospital with a Stroke Alert for an 80-year-old patient with left sided deficits, facial droop and dysarthria. The patient’s NIH Stroke Scale was an 8 on arrival. The last known well time was an hour PTA, and with the initial Head CT clear and with no other contraindications, TPA was mixed and given within 37 minutes- WELL below the 60 minute time goal. Advanced imaging CTA and also CTP were completed. The CTA revealed the patient had a clot. But since post-TPA her stroke scale improved to a 3, thrombectomy was not needed. The patient’s symptoms completely resolved back to a 0 on the NIH scale. Great job everyone!

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April 17, 2019
May 15, 2019
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October 17, 2019
November 21, 2019
December 19, 2019

8:30-11:30 A.M.

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