Emergency Medical Services Partners

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STEMI, STROKE and Trauma Alerts
When calling in for a STEMI, STROKE, SEPSIS or TRAUMA ALERT, be sure to use those words in your radio patch. Mention them to CMED when asking for a patch and use them again once you are connected to the UConn John Dempsey Hospital ED.

Example: “Hello Dempsey, this is unit 911, We are 15 minutes out with a (STEMI Alert)…”
Also, remember to provide as early notification as possible to allow our staff to be ready to receive the patient with proper resources in place.
Note: You only need to ask for medical control for your STEMI patch.

CT SWORD Opioid Reporting Successful in NorthCentral Region
EMS responders in the NorthCentral Region began reporting opioid overdoses to the Connecticut Poison Control Center (CPCC) on April 1, 2019. In the first 30 days, there were 196 calls including 151 Naloxone administrations. (In addition, branded bags of heroin have been linked to multiple overdoses.) The data is entered into real-time tracking software called OD map which allows public health and safety agencies to monitor the epidemic in real-time.
Demographic data is also collected and shared with local health departments on a monthly basis. The information is critical to enabling state and community agencies to properly target resources. EMS should call in when a patient is suspected of opioid use, causing decreased responsiveness, respiratory depression or death. 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. EMS reporting will be mandated statewide beginning June 1, 2019.

Bristol STEMI/Multiple Stents/26 D2B
Bristol EMS paramedic Alan Green and his partner Scott LaMarre responded for a patient with chest pain. They did a rapid 12-Lead ECG, which revealed ST elevation. They transmitted the 12-lead to UConn John Dempsey Hospital ED and called in a STEMI ALERT. After a brief stop in the ED, they went directly to the cardiac cath lab on the EMS stretcher. In the lab, the STEMI team found multiple occlusions, necessitating angioplasty and stenting of the distal circumflex (culprit), proximal LAD (culprit), as well as the ramus, LPDA, and mid circumflex. 26 Minute Door to ECG! 59 Minute First Medical Contact to Balloon! Great job all!
Thrombectomy with Flow Reestablished
Simsbury EMS paramedic Ashley Martin and her partners Matthew Nardozza and Deanna Cunningham called in a Stroke Alert to UConn John Dempsey Hospital for a patient with right-sided weakness, language disturbances, and altered mental status. Imaging showed an occlusion of the left MCA MI segment. A mechanical thrombectomy was performed completely restoring blood flow. This patient’s deficits have dramatically improved & with continued therapy should only continue to improve. Great job all!

EMERGENCY STROKE CARE CONFERENCE

Need for Speed: Saving Critical Brain Function
The most current advances and techniques in endovascular therapy and neurocritical care for the management of stroke and other complex neurological disorders are taught by UConn Health’s world-renowned and experienced faculty.
Learn how the multidisciplinary team at UConn Health’s Stroke Center provides collaborative and personalized care for complex stroke patients to optimize their outcomes.
The fifth annual Emergency Stroke Care Conference is free and open to health care providers and first responders involved at any point in acute stroke patient care.

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, June 7, 2019
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
UConn Health
Academic Rotunda
263 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT
Free Academic Conference

Register Today!
Online: h.uconn.edu/stroke2019
By phone: 860.679.7692

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health.uconn.edu/ems

UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION 2019

May 15, 2019
June 20, 2019
July, August – No CME
September 19, 2019
October 17, 2019
November 21, 2019
December 19, 2019
8:30-11:30 A.M.
Cell and Genome Building
400 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT
3 Hours CME
ALL EMS RESPONDERS WELCOME

UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Autism: The EMS Role
Leslie Prior, Paramedic

Pediatric Medical Emergencies
Gabriella Lopez, M.D.

EZ IO: Femoral (New) and Humeral Head Access
Neil Kelly, Teleflex

Case Reviews
Richard Kamin, M.D.

Opioid Reporting Project: Update
Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

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No RSVP Necessary

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Looking for patient follow-up?
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