



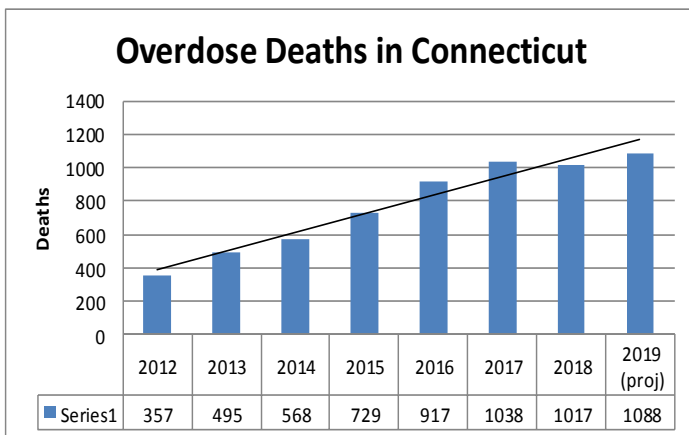
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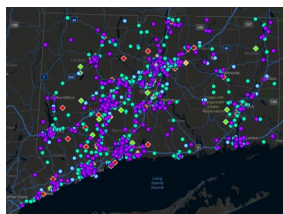
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Opioid Deaths in Connecticut on Rise

The latest data from the **Connecticut Medical Examiner's Office** shows the annual overdose death toll in Connecticut is projected to reach new highs in 2019 after a slight decline in 2018. The rise in deaths is attributable to the increasing prevalence of fentanyl, which was present in 78% of all opioid deaths.



Connecticut SWORD statistics showed August set a record for reported overdoses to **CT Poison Control** for the new statewide EMS reporting program, including spikes in Hartford and New Haven counties. EMS reporting is critical to our state's surveillance. Automatic spike alerts are sent when reporting reaches set numbers in each county within any 24 hour period. Please report all opioid overdoses you respond to (as required by CT law) as soon as possible after the event.



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 8/1/19
Region 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 on 8/1/19

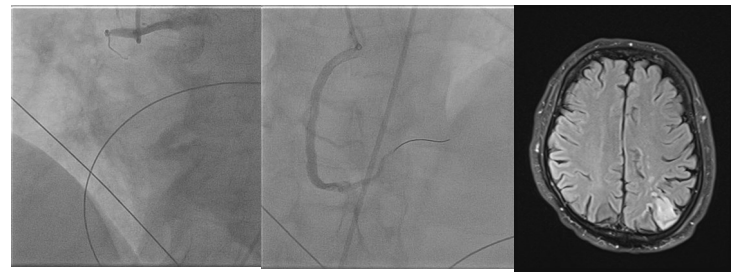
Call Poison Control (PC) @ 1-800-222-1222, say "I need to speak with CT PC. I have a call for CT SWORD", give your name, service name, and ambulance number. Answer the following:

- Patient Name
- Disposition (transport, rehab, dead, at not)
- Patient Age (DOB if possible)
- Disposition given (if call, if given, whether during the call, or after)
- Patient Gender
- Where given (PC, EMS, hospital, etc.)
- Location address and zip (if "hospital area (HAWKINS))
- DPH
- Outlet used (barrels, tenting), pill, can, bag
- DPH
- How do you feel (PC, locked, unknown)
- DPH
- Describe bag stamp picture and/or name and if it report the bag if it is not a bag of emergency call
- DPH

Thank you for your participation!

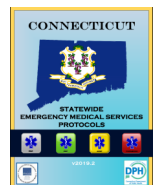
DPH UConn Health Poison Help

Stroke/STEMI Case: Need for 12-Lead ECG
EMS responded for a patient with right-sided weakness, facial droop and dysphagia. They also found the patient to be hypotensive and bradycardic. They called in a **STROKE ALERT** to **UConn John Dempsey Hospital** where a 12-lead ECG revealed the patient was also a having an acute ST elevation myocardial infarction. After a CT Scan, the patient was brought up to the cath lab where the team found a 100% occlusion of the patient's right coronary artery (RCA), which they cleared and stented restoring perfusion. It is suspected that a new onset of atrial fibrillation caused the release of emboli that traveled to the brain and the heart causing the dual critical events. Always remember to do a 12-lead ECG in patients suffering stroke.



New 2019 Statewide Protocol Updates

The latest version of the Connecticut statewide EMS treatment protocols became effective July 1, 2019 for **UConn John Dempsey** sponsored EMS services. Attend our protocol review on September 18, 2019 at 400 Farmington Avenue, Farmington as part of our monthly EMS CME (8:30-11:30 A.M.).

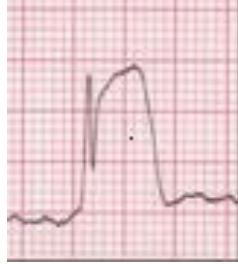


**American Heart Association
ACCREDITATION**
Meets standards for
Heart Attack Receiving Center

**Mission:
Lifeline®**

STEMI Honor Role

Granby EMS paramedic Ashley Kelly and partner Meredith Shepard. 60 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 112 First Medical Contact-to-Balloon (Delay due to trauma CT scan).



Bristol EMS paramedics Tyler Barth, Rachel Guillemette and EMT Scott Lamarre. 48 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 79 Minute First Medical Contact-to-Balloon.

Campion Ambulance paramedic Damon Osterman and EMTs Scott Stocking, Dave Stankewicz and Mary Barden from **New Hartford Ambulance**. 28 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 77 Minute First Medical Contact-to-Balloon.

American Medical Response paramedic and EMT Cassandra Smith. 27 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 71 Minute First Medical Contact-to-Balloon.

Bristol paramedics Alan Green and Kevin Watson and EMT Patti Lizotte. 50 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 84 Minute First-Medical Contact-to-Balloon.

Congratulations to Connecticut for establishing a STEMI System that won the American Heart Association's **Mission: Lifeline Trailblazer Award** for coordinated heart attack care at the hospital, EMS, and system levels.



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September 18, 2019 8:30-11:30

2019 V2 State EMS Protocol Update

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Sepsis

Derrick Bremang, M.D.



Case Reviews

Richard Kamin, M.D.

Stroke/STEMI Review

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CT SWORD/Opioid Epidemic Update

Peter Canning

400 Farmington Ave, Farmington

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2019



September 18, 2019

October 16, 2019

November 20, 2019

December 18, 2019



8:30-11:30 A.M. (Wednesdays)

Cell and Genome Building
400 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT

3 Hours CME

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Coming this Fall



Cardiac Arrest

Special CME

October 16, 2019



EMS Evening Stroke Symposium

TBA December 2019

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Looking for patient follow-up?



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