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COVID-19 Symptoms

The standard symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, dry cough and shortness of breath. Dyspnea is most associated with severe COVID-19.

The Centers for Disease Control has added six new symptoms for clinicians to watch for as possible indicators of COVID-19. They include: chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. The loss of taste or smell is often an early and strong indicator of the presence of COVID-19 infection.

Other possible symptoms include confusion, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. There have also been reports of stroke and inflamed toes associated with COVID-19.

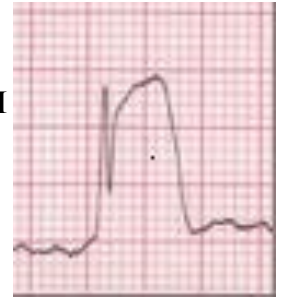
We are still in the early days of this epidemic and we are learning more and more about the disease. Is it very important that you protect yourself and maintain a high degree of suspicion for the presence of COVID-19. Place a mask on your patients and please wear your proper PPE.

Stay safe out there. You are needed.



STEMI and COVID-19

We have modified our STEMI procedures during the pandemic. EMS will continue to call **STEMI ALERTS** from the field. Instead of being brought directly to the cath lab on the EMS stretcher, all patients will receive a COVID screening and a detailed cardiology evaluation in the resuscitation room before going to the cardiac catheterization laboratory. Echocardiogram screening will be considered in appropriate patients before going to the cath lab, and thrombolytics may be considered as an option to PCI for certain patients. Making the safest and most clinically appropriate decision for each patient holds precedence over speed to the cath lab. We appreciate all EMS does. Please continue to transmit your 12-ECGS and call in STEMI ALERTs with medical control as soon as possible and preferably before you leave the scene so our cardiac team can be ready to evaluate the patient immediately upon arrival through the hospital's door.



Lunch Donations to EMS-Thank You!

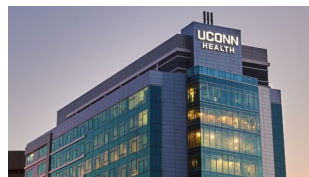
Thank you to **Toasted OAT Café** of Canton and **Forge City Works (The Kitchen)** of Hartford for their recent generous donation of delicious sandwiches to hardworking area EMS crews during this pandemic. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. And your food was fantastic! From EMS providers to food preparers, what a great community we live in!



PRIMARY STROKE
CENTER CERTIFICATION



American Heart Association
American Stroke Association
CERTIFICATION
Meets standards for
Primary Stroke Center



American Heart Association
ACCREDITATION
Meets standards for
Heart Attack Receiving Center

Mission:
Lifeline®

May EMS Virtual CME Information

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Meeting link:

<https://uconn-cmr.webex.com/uconn-cmr/j.php?MTID=mf1bc9cb011d9d4d8034d19a49ed5e6fe>

Meeting number:

613 957 325

Password:

YPpxhTRw358

Host key:

290162

Join by video system

Dial 611042591@uconn-cmr.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join by phone

+1-415-655-0002 US Toll

Access code: 613 957 325

Or send request to Peter Canning at:

canning@uchc.edu

and I will email you the link.

UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION 2020



May 20, 2020
June 17, 2020
September 16, 2020
October 21, 2020
November 18, 2020
December 16, 2020



8:30-11:30 A.M. (Wednesdays)
May-June will be virtual CMES,
We will reassess location for Fall and Winter

3 Hours CME
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UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

COVID-19/Corona Virus EMS Update



Provider Wellness
Richard Kamin, M.D.



Asthma
Richard Kamin

Documentation
Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

Case Reviews
Richard Kamin, M.D.
Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

(3 Hours CME)
For Questions,
email Peter Canning at canning@uchc.edu

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Online Virtual CME
May 20, 2020
3rd Wednesday!

CONTACT US:

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



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