Emergency Medical Services

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GREAT EMS STEMI CARE

EMS providers from American Medical Response, Canton EMS and Bristol EMS brought in seven STEMIs in October to UConn John Dempsey Hospital. Door-to-Balloon (D2B) times ranged from a low of 21 minutes to a high of 47. First Medical Contact (FMC) to Balloon times ranged from 47 to 71 minutes. (The benchmark for both D2B and FMC is 90 minutes or less). All STEMIS were preactivated with a range of 8 to 26 minutes advance notification before patient arrival. All patients received ASA in the field. This is outstanding care that led to great outcomes for critically ill patients.

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STEMI CARE Tips
1. Do 12-Lead on Initial Patient contact.
2. Call STEMI ALERTS from the scene.
3. Always Ask for Medical Control.
4. Apply Defib pads as precaution.
5. Use NTG with extreme caution, if at all, in Inferior MI.
6. Limit scene time to 15 minutes or less, if possible.
7. Transport Rapidly, but Safely.

EMS Evening Stroke Symposium

On Wednesday night, December 4, 2019, UConn John Dempsey Hospital will host its annual Evening EMS Stroke Symposium from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the Lowe Learning Center in the main hospital building. Three hours CME will be provided. Topics will include Stroke Survivor! The 24 Hour Stroke Window and the Future of EMS Stroke Care. Most lectures will be given by MDs on our stroke team. All levels of EMS provider are welcome. Contact Peter Canning at canning@uchc.edu with any questions. Stay tuned for registration details. Dinner will be provided.

Head Injury Alert Stats

Since UConn John Dempsey Hospital instituted Head Injury Alerts this September there have been 21 EMS initiated alerts. Thanks to your efforts we are meeting or exceeding our door-to-CT scan benchmarks.

The criteria for the Head Injury Alert includes:

Fall from < 20 feet within the past 24 hours
On anticoagulation or antiplatelet medication*
GCS of 14 – 15 and evidence of isolated head injury.

EMS should use the words “Head Injury Alert” in their CMED radio patch when bringing these patients to UConn John Dempsey Hospital.

* Activation is not required for aspirin.
Any questions or suggestions about EMS? Looking for patient follow-up?

Contact EMS Coordinator Peter Canning at canning@uchc.edu or call (860) 679-3485.