



## Emergency Medical Services *Partners*

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### COVID Watch

COVID cases in Connecticut are rising again. Whether this is due to colder weather moving people indoors, the new Omicron variant, declining immunity (for both those who have had COVID and those vaccinated) or another reason, it is not clear.



Dr. David Banach, UConn's Infectious Disease Expert will be a guest at our December 15 virtual CME where he will discuss the current state of the pandemic and answer questions from EMS. Join us at 8:30 AM. No need to register. Just sign on using link on page 2 of this newsletter. Link also available at UConn EMS CME webpage:



<https://health.uconn.edu/ems/cme-schedule/>

In the meantime, EMS providers should remain vigilant, being sure to wear masks at all times, and to properly gown up when dealing with patients suspected to be COVID positive.

### Happy Holidays!

The staff at **UConn John Dempsey Hospital** wishes all of our EMS partners and their families a Happy Holiday Season. We thank you for all your dedicated and professional service and look forward to working with you in the coming year. It is good to know that you are all out there looking out for the people of our communities. They are well served. Please — all of you — stay safe.



### Educational Opportunity-Volunteers Needed!

UConn is looking for 24 paramedics /EMTs to participate in a special simulation training trialing a new resuscitation course. There will be a total of 12 participants per day: January 19 or 20, 2022 (7:45 AM – 3 PM for intervention/11:30-3 for control). Participants will return in 6 months on July 21 or 22, 2022 and cross over to the opposite group (controls will now go through the course, and intervention group will just go through a megacode testing and cognitive test). There is a 3rd touchpoint for the control to intervention group 6 months thereafter to do a repeat on-line cognitive assessment.

Participants will receive a \$100 stipend, lunch voucher, Free Parking, 8 hours CME, and a free text book.

Interested?

Call Shelia Thurlow @860-679-4637  
UConn Health Clinical Research Center

### Annual Renewals-Paramedics

The 2022 JDH Annual Renewal form for paramedics who work under **UConn John Dempsey** medical control have been distributed. The deadline is January 7, 2022. All renewals must be returned to Peter Canning at [canning@uchc.edu](mailto:canning@uchc.edu) and your service training officer or chief.

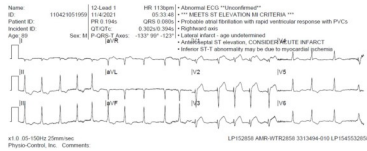


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## Case of the Month American Medical Response paramedic

Keith Dauplaise and his partner Krystyna Olander responded for a patient with left arm pain who went into cardiac arrest just prior to their arrival and was receiving CPR from a **Farmington Police Department** officer. The team successfully resuscitated the patient with two defibrillations. A 12-lead ECG revealed a possible ST-Elevation myocardial infarction so they called in a **STEMI ALERT** to **UConn John Dempsey Hospital**, activating the cardiac cath lab. In the lab, the team found the patient had an occluded Left Anterior Descending Artery (LAD), which was successfully cleared and stented, restoring perfusion. The patient did well post-procedure and has been discharged from the hospital with full neurological recovery. Great job all!



## UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION



**COVID-19 Update**  
**David Banach, M.D.**



**Toxicological Emergencies**  
**Alexander Lazar, M.D.**

**Syncope**  
**Melissa Smith, M.D.**

**Case Reviews**  
**Richard Kamin, M.D.**

**Stroke/STEMI Reviews**  
**Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N**

**(3 Hours CME)**

For Questions:  
email Peter Canning at [canning@uchc.edu](mailto:canning@uchc.edu)

**ALL EMS RESPONDERS WELCOME**

**Online Virtual CME**

**December 15, 2021**

**8:30-11:30 A.M.**

**3rd Wednesday!**

<https://uconn-cmr.webex.com/uconn-cmr/j.php?MTID=m916b5a3cf93a7d9c98d2570e49cbb29f>

### RESUSCITATION CURRICULUM STUDY

## Prehospital practitioners needed

Researchers are studying the effectiveness of a new simulation-based resuscitation program.



#### WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS BE ASKED TO DO?

Over three sessions, volunteers will take online assessments and use a manikin to participate in simulated medical scenarios.

#### WHO CAN JOIN?

EMS personnel, first responders, and program trainees located in the Hartford area, ages 18 and older.

You will receive \$100 in compensation.



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## UConn Health JDH EMS Website

For news, educational information, CME schedule and past copies of our newsletter *Partners*, check out our website at:

[health.uconn.edu/ems](http://health.uconn.edu/ems)

## CONTACT US:

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



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