Emergency Medical Services
Partners

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Newsweek Names UConn John Dempsey Hospital to World’s Best Hospitals List
The 2022 World’s Best Hospitals as ranked by Newsweek and Statista have been announced, and UConn John Dempsey Hospital is on the list. UConn Health’s hospital is one of only four hospitals in Connecticut to be named a World’s Best Hospital.

“This is a fantastic and very well-deserved recognition of our cutting-edge hospital and our state’s health care,” says interim UConn Health CEO Dr. Bruce T. Liang. “Congratulations to everyone on the team at UConn John Dempsey Hospital, especially our medical providers and staff. You make us all so very proud.”

Coming Soon—Statewide Protocol Updates
Connecticut Department of Public Health Office of Emergency Medical Services is expected to shortly release the latest version of the statewide EMS patient treatment guidelines. Look for UConn Health to release a special edition of this newsletter to highlight some of the changes in the guidelines including new protocols for traumatic cardiac arrest, naloxone leave behind and pelvic binding.

UConn EMS CMEs—Open to ALL Virtually
We hold CMEs on the third Wednesday of the month from 8:30 -11:30 AM via webex. Our CMEs are open to all, including the general public. No need to preregister. We offer a variety of speakers and topics each session. Lately we have been averaging well over 100 attendees from across the state. Our CMEs are geared at all levels from first responder to paramedic. 3 Hours credit are given. The state CME number is CTOEMS-2022-230.
The webex the link is the same each month, and can be found on page 4 of this newsletter or by going to the UConn EMS CME website at this link:
https://health.uconn.edu/ems/cme-schedule/

UCONN Health Level III Trauma Center - Verification Visit
We are excited for the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to conduct a verification visit this fall to review UConn John Dempsey Hospital’s trauma treatment capacity, care and policies. EMS has been key to our efforts to provide high-quality trauma care to our communities patients. We are particularly proud of the care that our system provides to elderly patients who have special trauma needs.
A female patient arrived at UConn Health John Dempsey Hospital via New Britain EMS with right sided weakness/sensation loss, left sided gaze, severe aphasia and neglect. Thanks to the prehospital STROKE ALERT, the patient went directly to CT Scan. 

The patient had a last known well of 11:30 and was a TPA candidate and after controlling the blood pressure with Labetalol, TPA was administered in CT scan within 28 minutes of arrival! Advanced imaging showed a left MCA near occlusive thrombus & CTP showed appropriate mismatch (brain at risk still able to be saved). The plan was made to bring the patient to the Hybrid OR as a Tier 2 Thrombectomy Alert. Dr. Ketan Bulsraa performed a Mechanical Thrombectomy of the left MCA M1 segment clot, and a TICI 3 FULL reperfusion was established. The patient was transferred to the Neuro ICU where she received state of the art stroke care. She was discharged HOME with her NIH stroke score down from a 30 on admission to a 4! Great job all!
EMS STEMI REPORT
American Medical Response paramedic Thomas Mazurski and his partner Matthew Kresel responded for a patient with sudden chest pressure while watching television. They did a 12-lead ECG which revealed ST elevation in the inferior leads. They called in a STEMI ALERT to UCONN John Dempsey Hospital, which resulted in activation of the cardiac cath lab. In the lab, Dr. Talhat Azemi and team found the patient had an occluded Right Coronary Artery (RCA), which was successfully stented and cleared. The patient is doing well post-procedure. Great job all!
61 Minutes Door-to-Balloon/81 Minute First Medical Contact-to-Balloon.
UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

COVID-19 Update
TBA

Gastrointestinal Emergencies
Jadin James, Medical Student
TBA
Danielle Castagneri, M.D.

Case Reviews
Richard Kamin, M.D.

Stroke/STEMI/Trauma Reviews
Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N
Karl Schmidt, R.N, Trauma Coordinator

(3 Hours CME)
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ALL EMS RESPONDERS WELCOME
Online Virtual CME CTOEMS-2022-230
April 20, 2022
8:30-11:30 A.M.
3rd Wednesday!

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

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Any questions or suggestions about EMS?
Looking for patient follow-up?
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UConn Health JDH EMS Website
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