



# Hot Topics



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## Cath Lab Activations – Excellent Work!

### Please Submit ECG!

It has been two years since this county began activating hospital Cath Labs from the field based upon paramedic interpretation of 12-leads. The GCMCA recently reviewed nineteen months' worth of data and found that nearly 91% of activations were confirmed to be STEMIs. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Two important notes from the review. First, continue to be cautious when pulling the trigger on these cases. There were some calls that were very clearly not STEMIs and should not have been activated on. Second, **you must provide a copy of the ECG to your agency for submission to our office for review.** As part of the quality improvement process we review every Cath Lab activation that occurs.

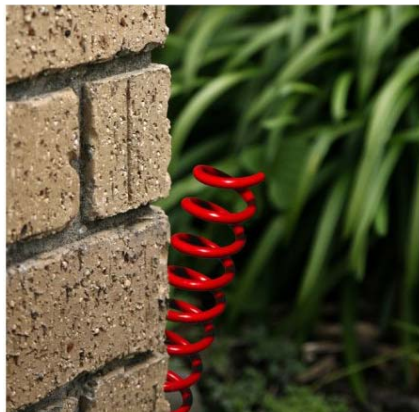
Again, good job and keep up the excellent work!

## Scene Time Study

The GCMCA PSRO recently completed a Scene Time study for runs done in November 2015 and compared it to a similar study in 2010. The study found that overall scene times have increased by two minutes.

There are some cases where staying on scene to treat your patient is necessary and appropriate. However, this study shows us that far too often EMS providers are spending unnecessary amounts of time on scene and delaying transport. **Please use good judgement and get your patient to the hospital as quickly and safely as possible.**

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## HELPING A GRIEVING CHILD

EMS providers see terrible and tragic things happen to kids, and the loss of a family member can impact those children for the rest of their lives. But there is an opportunity to help them cope with these losses, and you can share this information with those you come in contact with.

Ele's Place is a non-profit, community-based organization whose mission is to create awareness and support for grieving children and their families. The peer support group program brings kids who have experienced similar losses together each week to share with one another. The program also provides coping skills to instill hope and confidence.



We are working with Ele's Place and hope to have brochures about the program on every ambulance in the county. In the meantime, you can provide their contact number to any parent or family member that may be in need of their services. The local number is:

**810-232-3040**