



Hot Topics



The Genesee County Medical Control Authority's

Newsletter for EMS Providers - Also now available on line at GCMCA.org

One Hurley Plaza, Flint 48503

Office Phone 810-262-2555

May 2015

STEMI Doesn't Mean Unstable

The GCMCA PSRO has seen a couple of cases recently where the medic has determined that the patient was having a STEMI and transported to the closest facility, even though the patient had requested a more distant hospital.

The current Patient Prioritization and Transportation protocols state that a patient with stable vital signs and whose illness or injuries are not immediately life-threatening should be transported to the hospital of

their choice.

While STEMI patients need to be transported rapidly to the hospital for definitive treatment of their cardiac event, they are not facing an imminent life threat unless they are hemodynamically unstable.

When a STEMI has been identified, contact online medical control immediately, and before any other report is given, state that you "have a STEMI patient" and you "are activating the Cath Lab." This will allow the physician to come to the radio and obtain the specifics of your findings and then give the hospital time to prepare for your arrival.



Code Stroke at Genesys

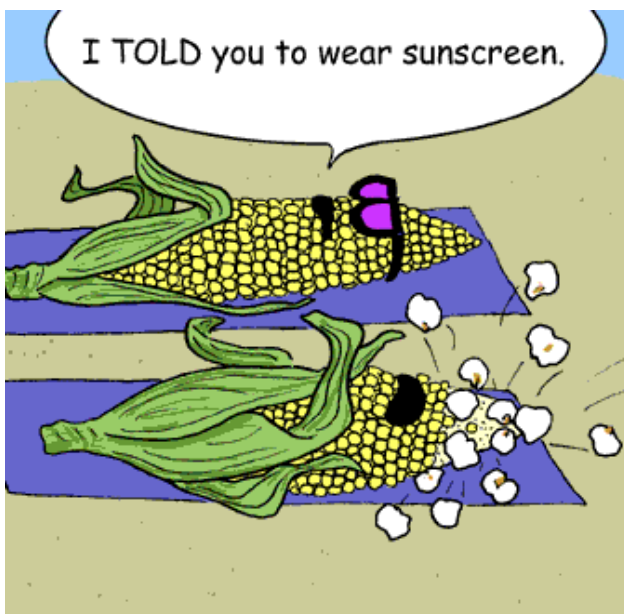
Genesys Regional Medical Center has implemented a program for patients that present with a positive Cincinnati Stroke Scale. EMS is a critical component in this process, and your assistance is needed to make this system work well.

When an EMS crew suspects that the patient may be having a stroke based upon their assessment, they should radio the hospital immediately. The crew member will state that they are activating a "Code Stroke," and continues with the rest of the report.

Upon arrival at the ED, the crew will be met by an RN and a tech. The patient will be quickly registered and ID'ed. While still on the stretcher, the patient will be transport with EMS and hospital staff to CT.

Once at CT, the patient is transferred to the hospital stretcher and the EMS crew is able to depart to complete their run report.

Please contact us if you would like to see the full Genesys Code Stroke - ED/EMS Activation Algorithm.



Enjoy Your Summer!
(and don't get burned)