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Topic: STEMI Notification Content

Date of Effect: Immediately

Dear WNY EMS Providers,

In order to continue providing the highest level of care to those patients suffering from a STEMI, we are asking that you update your STEMI notification protocol to include the patient name and DOB. This information can be relayed during the phone communication with our hospital.

For all suspected STEMI patients, please provide in your phone communication:

- Patient's Name & Date of Birth
- Patient presentation/condition
- Estimated Time of Arrival

This information, in conjunction with the pre-hospital 12-lead ECG, is used to determine whether the Cardiac Catheterization Team will be activated. The Patients Name and Date of Birth allow us to look up the patients' previous medical history, including any previous ECGs that can be used to evaluate for differences between the pre-hospital 12-lead ECG that was transmitted.

Notifications ASAP of a suspected STEMI, as indicated in the NYS Collaborative protocols, allow us to activate the Cardiac Catheterization Team prior to the patient arrival at our hospital. We know that this reduces time from arrival to treatment at our facility.

Your help in providing this information during the phone communication is a critical step in the chain-of-care for our STEMI patients.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Emily Rowles at (716) 462 – 9245 or via email @ erowles@chsbuffalo.org.

Sincerely,

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