

HENNEPIN COUNTY EMS SYSTEM

Transport Policy for STEMI Patients

Approved: October 11, 2018

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines to ambulance services in the Hennepin County EMS System for the appropriate and timely transport of 9-1-1 patients identified with ST elevation acute myocardial infarctions (STEMI), to a STEMI Receiving Center.

STEMI PATIENT

A patient shall be identified as a STEMI patient for the purpose of this policy if they meet all of the following criteria.

1. Patient presents with concern for acute coronary syndrome
2. 12-lead findings that are consistent with STEMI

STEMI RECEIVING CENTER

A hospital shall be considered an appropriate destination (Attachment A) for the purpose of receiving 9-1-1 emergent STEMI patients from the Hennepin County EMS System if one of the following is met:

- The hospital is designated as a STEMI Receiving Center by the State of Minnesota Department of Health in accordance with MN Statute 144.4941.
- The hospital has committed in writing (and renews in writing every two years), and assured the Hennepin County EMS Council, it meets current national standards and best practices for the treatment and care of STEMI patients.

INFORMATION SHARING

Sharing of information between the receiving hospital and transporting agency related to STEMI patients, including patient outcomes and time intervals, for purposes of care improvement, educational feedback, or peer review is encouraged and is considered a best practice by the EMS Council. This activity is supported by federal HIPAA regulations as acceptable sharing of patient information.

EMS DISPOSITION:

Ambulance crews shall transport/divert all patients meeting the STEMI inclusion criteria from the scene directly to a STEMI Receiving Center.

References

http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Professional/MissionLifelineHomePage/EMS/Recommendations-for-Criteria-for-STEMI-Systems-of-Care_UCM_312070_Article.jsp#mainContent

<http://www.cathlabdigest.com/article/Best-Practices-Cardiac-Cath-Lab-2016-Consensus-Statement-SCAI>

Transport Policy for STEMI Patients – Attachment A

Current as of: October 11, 2018

STEMI Receiving Centers:

- Abbott-Northwestern Hospital
 - Fairview-Southdale Hospital
 - Fairview-University Hospital, University Campus
 - Hennepin County Medical Center
 - Mercy Hospital
 - Methodist Hospital
 - North Memorial Health Hospital
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