

Per Tish Arwine:

In continued efforts to expedite STEMI patients requiring cardiac catheterization the Cardiologists, Emergency Physicians, and the EMS Medical Director have decided and agreed to activate the cath lab for STEMI patients based on the pre-hospital patch and MI presentation.

In order for this to occur EMS providers must clearly present their findings over the patch line to include patient description, 12 lead findings including location of elevation and degree of elevation. Patch must also include the patients name and DOB and clearly request the activation of the cath lab.

For Example: I have a 70 year old male with chief complaint of sub-sternal chest pain that radiates down both arms. Pain is rated at a 7 on 10 and began approximately 20 min ago. 12 lead shows 2 mm ST elevation in leads V2, and V3. Patient is diaphoretic and has mild shortness of breath. Patients name is John Doe; DOB, 12,12,1942. Request Cath lab activation.

Medics are expected to patch early to provide pertinent patient information (as suggested above). This is a pre patch to get the cath lab process started. A re-patch should be made prior to arrival to verify if patient care will be a direct to cath transfer.

Every attempt should be made to still send a 12 lead EKG through Rosetta to provide additional information to the ED physician and cardiologist. In addition this provides an opportunity to compare old EKG Strips to new.

Thank you.  
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