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TO: ALL LUCAS COUNTY PARAMEDICS

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SUBJECT: Continuing Education – June 2015

Hope everyone is enjoying the early start to summer! One more month of continuing education classes before the short summer break.

There has been much discussion of late regarding diversion of stroke patients to specialty centers (much like we do with STEMI). Recent data and research suggests that patients who present in the field with large vessel occlusions may fair better when diverted to an interventional stroke care center. That being said, we have a commitment from 3 of our area interventional neurologists who will provide education and training on stroke evaluation and assessment during the month of June. It is also our intent to introduce a new stroke protocol and new patient scoring tool (RACE Exam) that will be used to identify patients that would meet diversion criteria. Our interventional stroke facilities will be UTMC, Promedica Toledo Hospital and Mercy St. Vincent. Skill stations during training have been designed to help guide assessment and treatment for stroke patients.

Just as a reminder, September will be ACLS recertification, and classes will be 8 hours in length with a lunch break. I will provide more information in the coming month to help you prepare for ACLS in September.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail. I look forward to seeing all of you in the month of June.

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