



EMS REPORT

A CharterCARE News Bulletin for EMS Professionals

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EMS WEEK 2021!

Come celebrate with us! CharterCARE is pleased to recognize the incredible work and commitment of EMTs, paramedics, and the entire EMS workforce in our community. The last 14 months have tested everyone's resolve but none more than first responders and frontline health professionals. While we appreciate these men and women all year long, this week is an opportunity to raise public awareness about the critical role they play and their unheralded care and sacrifices. Thank you!

We hope that you can visit one of our hospitals during the following events:

Mon, May 17	Tue May 18	Wed, May 19	Thu, May 20	Fri, May 21
Traditional B-B-Q at Fatima Hospital	Presto Specialty Coffee Truck	Presto Specialty Coffee Truck	Traditional B-B-Q at Roger Williams	Palagi's Ice Cream Truck
11 am to 2 pm	1-3 pm	1-3 pm	11 am to 2 pm	1-3 pm
Grab n Go outside the ED	Roger Williams ED	Fatima ED	Grab n Go outside the ED	Outside both Hospitals EDs

What Can We Do For You?

At Roger Williams Medical Center and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, we value our relationship with local EMS providers. We hope we are providing you with the best possible service and support you need to care for your patients. But we also know how busy and stressed you can be in this new environment and that you don't always have time to share your experience and opinions.

That's why we set up an **EMS Hotline** in the event you want to reach out to us and let us know what is working or what may need to be corrected or improved.

So please, leave us a message or suggestion, anytime.

EMS HOTLINE: 456-2495

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds – May **VIA ZOOM!**



Emergency Medicine physician Dr. John Jardine will virtually present "Head Injuries: 90/90/9" on **Wednesday, May 12** from 6p-8p via Zoom. Medical, nursing and technical staff involved in the care of emergency patients are invited to attend. If you would like to receive a 2-hour credit certificate, please RSVP by emailing ebrennan@chartercare.org

Did you know...suicides are highest in the Spring? With April, May and June having the highest rates of completed suicide?

<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/articles/suicide-rates-spike-in-spring-not-winter>

If you know someone experiencing increased depression or other challenges, CharterCARE can be another resource for them.

We have private and confidential outpatient behavioral health services in a freestanding building on the grounds of Our Lady of Fatima campus, completely separate from the hospital. We can provide an evaluation, as well as ongoing counseling and support. Services can be accessed by either walking in, M-F 9am-2pm or calling 401-456-3034. Additionally, you can call BH Link at 414-LINK. For children that might be struggling, there is also Kid's Link 1-855-543-5465.

EMS Week / EMS Strong!

CharterCARE Salutes our
EMS Professionals



Roger Williams Medical Center



Our Lady of Fatima Hospital

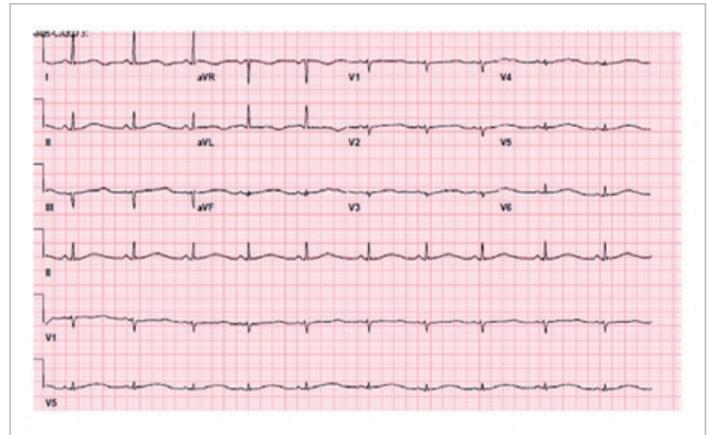
See our digital billboard on Route 10 and 146!

ECG of the Month

You arrive to find a 45-year-old man who just passed out at home. His wife called 911. The patient is awake and alert with no apparent injuries after his syncopal event. Past medical history is significant for depression for which he takes Celexa. He recently had upper respiratory infection symptoms and was started on clarithromycin (Biaxin) by his primary care provider. He reports that medication has made him feel nauseous. You obtain this ECG.

1. What is the significant dysrhythmia, if any?
2. What are the causes?
3. Which medication should you avoid administering for his symptoms?
4. What are your concerns?

Answers in next month's edition.



EMS Pearl of the Month

Naloxone (Narcan) has no utility in cardiac arrest, even if secondary to opioid ingestion/overdose.

Roger Williams Opens Behavioral Health and Substance Use Emergency Treatment Unit

Roger Williams recently opened RI's first completely dedicated emergency treatment unit to treat mental health, drug and alcohol medical emergencies that features private rooms for comfort, safety and privacy. The new 9-bed unit is the second and final phase of the hospital's \$18 million expansion and renovation of its Emergency Department. The newly opened unit will operate in the space formerly occupied by the hospital's old emergency department, which was replaced by a new 12,000 square foot ED in 2018. The specially designed locked unit is staffed by personnel who are trained and experienced in

treatment of mental health and substance use emergencies. Direct care will be provided by emergency nurses and physicians in collaboration with mental health clinicians. The Detoxification service will continue to be available and will be overseen by a board-certified emergency medicine physician. CharterCARE through its two hospitals, Roger Williams is also home to the state's only Level I designated inpatient unit for substance use care, as well as adult and geriatric psychiatry units. Fatima also has adult and geriatric psych units and specialty programs such as partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient.

CCHP Surgeons Offering Same Day Joint Procedures

Orthopedic surgeons at Roger Williams and Fatima are performing same-day hip or knee replacements, safely and with excellent patient outcomes. Same day joint replacement surgery is a convenient alternative to traditional hospitalization. Improved pain management allows patients to be discharged to home safely and comfortably. The next day, in-home follow up and therapy is provided to each patient. This same day option is great for individuals who want to avoid a hospital stay and are more comfortable recovering at home. Dr. Louis Mariorenzi, Chief of Orthopedics at Roger Williams, and Dr. Peter Pizzarello, an orthopedic surgeon at Fatima Hospital, are leading the way.

Fatima Introduces Advanced Visualization Technology

Surgeons at Fatima Hospital became the first in RI to perform surgeries using advanced visualization technology for laparoscopic procedures. Dr. Abdul Saied Calvino, MPH, FACS, a surgical oncologist, and Dr. Michael Lin, a general surgeon with minimally invasive training, operated on the first two patients using this new technology which allows surgeons to make better clinical decisions during colon and gallbladder surgeries, and other minimally invasive surgical procedures. Last year Fatima purchased the latest Stryker 1688 AIM 4K platform and SPY Elite Fluorescence Imaging. Used together, this technology provides the surgeon with real-time images of important anatomy and blood vessels. Fatima is the first hospital in RI, and one of very few in New England, to have acquired this technology.