



EMS REPORT

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for EMS Professionals

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May 2021

North Providence's Silvestri Receives EMS Award

CharterCARE Health Partners, which includes Our Lady of Fatima Hospital and Roger Williams Medical Center, presented Captain Paul Silvestri of the North Providence Fire Department (NPFDF) with the first annual CharterCARE Emergency Medical Services Award, during National EMS Week (May 16-22). The award is presented to a member of Rhode Island's EMS community whose character, commitment and achievements exemplify excellence in the delivery of emergency medical services and the advancement of the EMS profession.

Captain Silvestri started his EMS career in 1993 as an EMT, later becoming an EMTC in 1995. He worked in the private ambulance field before joining the North Providence Fire Department in 2004. He worked his way up the ranks, starting as a firefighter on Rescue 1 and then was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He was then promoted to captain of Rescue 3. Captain Silvestri has committed his career to EMS as a rescue professional for the NPFDF. Captain Silvestri's achievements in EMS include serving as an instructor for the AHA, ASHI, NAEMT and as a Rhode Island EMTIC. He is also the lead instructor for CPR, first aid and AED training for the Town's employees. Captain Silvestri is part of the NPFDF's Elderly Affairs Team and is the IAFF Local 2334 Member Assistance Program representative. He is currently the Assistant Deputy Director for

the Town of Smithfield EMA. He was a Member of RI DMAT/MRC and the RI USAR Team.

In making the presentation, CharterCARE Chief Operating Officer Donna Rubinate said, "Captain Silvestri is a pillar of the North Providence Fire Department as well as the local community he serves. We could not imagine a more deserving candidate for our inaugural Emergency Medical Services award."



L-R: Christine Godin, RN, Emergency Room Nurse Manager at Fatima Hospital, Mayor Charles Lombardi, Donna Rubinate, CharterCARE's Chief Operating Officer, Captain Paul Silvestri, Deputy Chief John Horan, NPFDF, G. Richard Fossa, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor.

SAVE THE DATE!
June EMS Grand Rounds

Topic: Stroke: Be Fast

Dr. John Jardine, Emergency Medicine Physician

June 9th at 6pm - Via Zoom

Medical, nursing, and technical staff involved in the care of emergency patients are invited to attend.

Please RSVP by calling 401-456-3398 or emailing ebrennan@chartercare.org

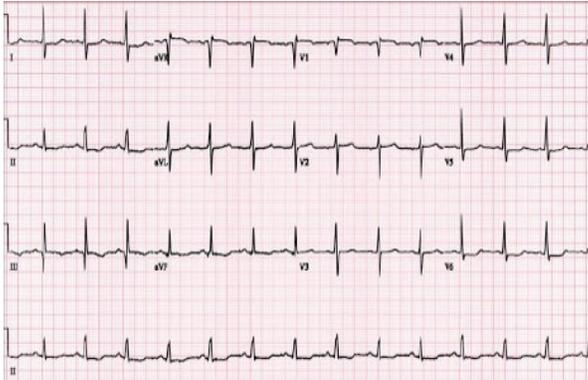
EMS Week 2021 *More pics on back!*

CharterCARE was proud to celebrate National EMS Week this year with a variety of activities. Once again, thank you to all our EMS professionals who sacrificed so much during the pandemic and who deliver exceptional care every day to our RI communities!



EMS Pearl of the Month

For patients taking anticoagulant/antiplatelet agents, only those with **altered mental status** following a fall should be transported to an age-appropriate Level I Trauma Center.



April ECG of the Month Answer:

The dysrhythmia noted here is a prolonged QT interval, or long QT syndrome (LQTS). LQTS can be congenital (people are born with a genetic mutation) or acquired (medications, electrolyte imbalances, or medical conditions). Some of the medications that cause LQTS are antiarrhythmics, psychotropics, antibiotics, as well as miscellaneous other agents. This patient is taking Celexa, a medication associated with dose-dependent QT prolongation. He was started on Biaxin, an antibiotic with potential to cause QT prolongation. Although the patient is complaining of nausea, it would be wise to avoid ondansetron (Zofran) as this, too, may cause QT prolongation. LQTS may lead to Torsades de Pointes, ventricular tachycardia, and sudden death.

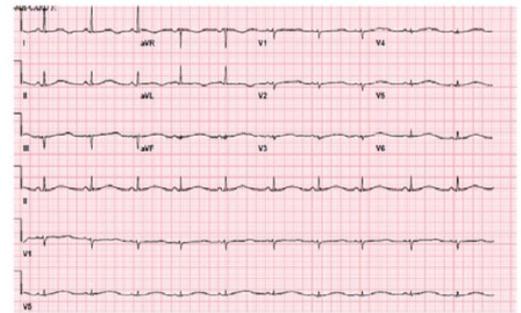
May ECG of the Month

A 45-year-old woman calls 911 with a complaint of chest pain and shortness of breath. She is a smoker. She has no other significant medical history. Her symptoms have been worsening over the past day or two.

1. What is the ECG abnormality, if any?
2. What other history/exam findings may be helpful?
3. What are your concerns?

Submit your answers to john.jardine@chartercare.org for a chance to win a Dunkin' gift card!

Answers in next month's edition.



More EMS Week 2021 Photos!!

