



# EMS REPORT

## A CharterCARE News Bulletin for EMS Professionals

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## Fatima Welcomes New ED Director



Dr. Ryan Carter has joined CharterCARE as Director of Emergency Medicine. He joins us from Westerly Hospital, part of the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital system, where he served as Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine. He also served as EMS director for Westerly and Charlestown and the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Carter is board certified in both emergency medicine and EMS by

ABEM. He received his medical degree from Boston University in 2005 and also holds masters degrees in public health and public policy. His medical training was completed at Boston Medical Center, after which he moved to Rhode Island in 2009 to pursue subspecialty training in EMS and work with the LifePACT critical care service. His career since graduating fellowship includes several years as academic faculty at Yale University, clinical patient care at Yale New Haven, Lawrence and Memorial, and Westerly. Dr. Carter believes that collaboration among all members of the team of health care providers, including hospital-based and out-of-hospital clinicians, is vital to delivering the highest quality patient care and clinical outcomes.

## Welcome New Staff



Aaron Ercole, DDS, an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, has joined the St. Joseph Pediatric and Family Dental Center and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital. Dr. Ercole received his dental degree from the University of Southern California and completed oral surgery specialty training at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC and the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. Dr. Ercole also has served as the Chief, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Fort Belvoir Community Hospital and Fort Belvoir Program Director, National Capital Consortium Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency. He will provide valuable oral surgery services to underserved patients in our community and offer a robust oral surgery experience for pediatric dental residents.



Maria Soriano-Pisaturo has rejoined Roger Williams Medical Center and CharterCARE, providing primary care services in conjunction with Dr. Stoukides and the geriatrics program. Board certified in both Internal Medicine and Palliative Care, Dr. Soriano-Pisaturo will initially be seeing patients at the Village at Waterman Lake, Atria Lincoln and Atria Bay Spring Village in Barrington, Tamarisk and All American Assisted living, both in Warwick. Prior to her return, she was the lead physician for the CNE/Kent Hospital's Eldercare initiative. She can be reached at 401-949-1480.

## EMERGENCY GRAND ROUNDS

**There will be no Grand Rounds in December. We will resume our monthly program in January 2022.**

**From all the CharterCARE ED staff and professionals, thank you for your incredible work and great support this past year. Have a safe and happy holiday season.**

## Health Center Recertified

The St. Joseph Health Center has been recertified as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH). Based on a voluntary review process by the widely recognized National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), patient-centered medical home designation is a model approach to improving primary care delivery. The PCMH aims to improve quality, reduce cost, and improve the experience of patients, caregivers, and health care professionals. In addition to making care safer, it encourages patients to take an active part in their own health care planning and decisions through a direct relationship with their provider to maximize outcomes. The health center, located at 877 Chalkstone Avenue, adjacent to Roger Williams Medical Center, provides pediatric and adult primary care as well as immunization, asthma, and lead clinics.

## ECG of the Month November 2021

This is a 62-year-old male patient with substernal chest pain after carrying in the Thanksgiving turkey. He has a history of hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and is a smoker. He appears pale and diaphoretic.

1. What is the ECG finding?
2. How would you treat this patient?
3. Are there any special considerations for transport?

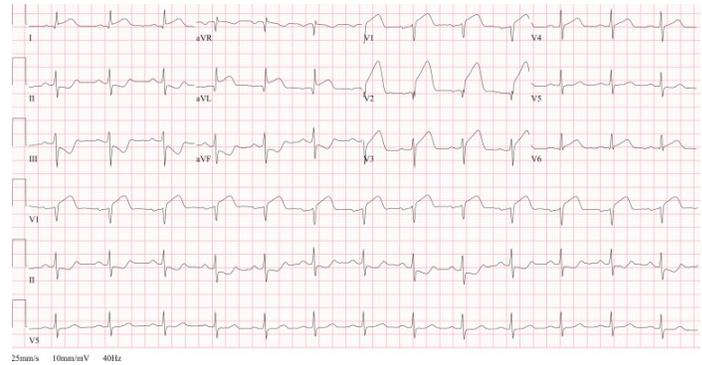
Submit your answers to [john.jardine@chartercare.org](mailto:john.jardine@chartercare.org) for a chance to win a Dunkin' gift card!

Answers in next month's edition.

## EMS Pearls of the Month November 2021

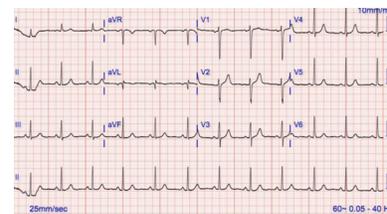
Ocular Emergencies:

- Patients with severe ocular injuries can present with normal visual acuity (VA).
- Orbital fractures may be associated with cranial nerve injury, muscle entrapment, or global injuries. Frequent reassessment of VA and EOMs is warranted in patients with suspected orbital fractures.
- Consider consultation with receiving facility regarding timely availability of resources (ophthalmology services). Penetrating global injuries will require emergent in-hospital intervention.



## ECG of the Month September 2021 Answer

This is a regular sinus rhythm with no ischemic changes and no ectopy, aka a “normal” ECG. Keep in mind that



you are going to see a lot of normal ECGs in your practice. And it is just as important to know “normal” as it is to identify the pathology in “abnormal” ECGs.

When reporting to the ED about ECGs, it is important to note “no ischemic changes” as this finding dictates transport decisions.

## Outpatient Rehabilitation Service Relocates To Fatima Hospital

The Southern New England Rehabilitation Center Outpatient Rehabilitation practice on Mineral Spring Avenue in North Providence has moved to the Fatima campus. All services are now located in the Ambulatory Care Center adjacent to the Emergency Department. Patient access is still through the Central Registration area. This is an ideal location as it offers much more space with handicap accessibility, easy access, and dedicated parking, all in a nice quiet neighborhood. Their expert team of

seasoned providers offers Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy services, including, Manual Therapy, Speech/Language, Voice disorders, Videostroboscopy, Swallowing disorders, Sports Injuries, Hand Injuries, Nerve Injuries, Splinting, Balanced Disorders, Cervical and Back Dysfunction, and Orthopedic / Neurological Disorders. Therapy services are available Monday thru Friday, 7:30a to 4p. For appointments, call 456-3950. The fax number is 456-3952.

## Laboratory News

Roger Williams Medical Center and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital Laboratories were fully reaccredited following a recent inspection by the College of American Pathologists (CAP). The CAP is the leader in laboratory accreditation and conducts an onsite biennial survey utilizing a peer group inspection model where 7 to 10 of inspectors who specialize in different areas of the laboratory conduct the inspection lead by a Team Leader. Numerous checklists are provided to guide the inspection including references to support compliance and documentation. These checklists represent modern best practices and are continuously updated facilitating laboratories to stay scientifically and operationally current.

## NEW Advanced Lab Testing

The Microbiology Laboratory at Fatima has implemented the Accelerate Pheno System for the rapid identification and antimicrobial susceptibility test for positive blood cultures. Testing will include gram positive and gram-negative identification using FISH technology. ID and susceptibility are provided in approximately 7 hours to 24 hours based on positive blood culture identification. This is great news since it will be at a minimum of 24 hours faster than current methods and these rapid results will allow for prompt clinical decisions and treatments.