



***** PARAMEDIC ALERT *****

No. 2011-05

Date: June 29, 2011

Topic: STEMI SYSTEM DELAY

Effective: July 1, 2011

Attention: All EDC ALS Service Agencies

The EMS Agency is delaying the implementation of the STEMI destination policy scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2011, in order to more thoroughly test components of the STEMI System. The chest pain/ Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) protocol will also be affected as it includes STEMI destination information as part of its algorithm. Please continue to follow the treatment portion of the protocol, but refrain from transporting STEMI patients to STEMI Receiving Centers until testing has been completed. 12 lead EKGs should still be obtained and transmitted to the base hospital on all suspected ACS patients.

The projected date for implementation of the STEMI System is September 1, 2011.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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