CRITICAL PATHWAY FOR AMI PATIENTS IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

TIME (24 HR CLOCK) Ι. Arrival of patient with chest pain in ED; Note time of symptom onset ___ 2. ECG completed in 10 minutes; Note time ECG interpreted _____:____: 3. Vital signs, ECG and blood pressure monitoring, IV - lines, CBC & blood chemistry 4. Decision of emergency physician If following 3 items are positive, consider AMI with indications for reperfusion therapy. ECG evidence of ≥ 1 mm ST elevation in ≥ 2 contiguous limb leads; or evidence of ≥2 mm ST elevation in ≥2 contiguous pre-cordial leads or new LBBB. Chest pain lasting more than 20 min Within 12 h from symptom onset 5. **STEMI:** Assess for contraindications to reperfusion therapy. Provide lytic (door to needle goal: <30 min) or arrange for Primary Percutaneous Intervention (door to balloon goal: <90 min) 6. Page on - call internist/cardiologist. Do the following procedures: Oxygen (2 - 6 L/min) Aspirin 160 - 325 mg PO, if not already given Nitroglycerin spray (if systolic blood pressure > 100mm Hg): 0.3 - 0.6 mg SL q 5min x 3 Anticoagulant: Choose ONE Enoxaparin (for STEMI treated with thrombolysis and no renal impairment) <75 yoa: administer a fixed 30 mg IV bolus, followed by subcut injection Img/kg (max 100mg/dose for first 2 subcut injections) twice daily (BID); ≥ 75 years of age: Omit bolus; reduce subcut injection to 0.75 mg/kg BID (max 75 mg/dose for first 2 subcut injections) UFH (for STEMI with severe renal impairment or NSTEMI/UA patients with severe renal impairment, mechanical heart valves or with very high risk features mandating urgent cardiac cath, PCI or CABG): IV loading dose 60 IU/Kg (max 4000 IU), subsequent IV infusion of 12 IU/kg/hour (max 1000 IU/hour) Fondaparinux (for NSTEMI/UA) 2.5 mg subcut Clopidogrel 300 mg (if ≥75 years of age and receiving thrombolysis reduce dose to 75 mg) Morphine (2 - 4 mg IV or subcut if continuing symptoms) or Fentanyl 50 - 100 mcg IV Chest X-ray NSTEMI/UA: Triage for cardiac cath and revascularization **7**. Departure from ED

Arrival in cath lab if applicable. Calculate the arrival in cath lab interval:

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