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To:
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From:
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Re: Designated Stroke Center

Date: June 20, 2006

As you are aware, on May 1, 2006 SUNY Upstate Medical University (University Hospital) was designated a Stroke Center by the New York State Department Of Health.

As a result of this, a large volume of patients have been arriving with varying forms of communication from pre-hospital providers. Most commonly this has been via the 911 Center and EM System. While this is a common and accepted practice, this may not be the most appropriate for stroke patients due to the large number of resources that need to be mobilized at or prior to patient arrival.

Therefore, ALL agencies evaluating stroke patients in the Central New York Region are hereby REQUIRED to make voice contact with the Stroke Center in alignment with the NYSDOH Policy:

*XI. **Notify** the receiving hospital as soon as possible of your impending arrival with an acute stroke patient, Cincinnati Stroke Scale findings, and time signs and symptoms began.*

The entire New York State DOH EMS Bureau BLS Suspected Stroke Protocol can be found at the weblink below:

www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/pdf/strokeprotocol.pdf

Thank you for your continued and ongoing cooperation in the treatment of our patients in Central New York.

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