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Direct to CT for Strokes *All Hospitals Now Operational*

On October 1st Hurley joined the other two hospitals with their direct to CT process for stroke patients being transported by EMS. This is similar to what Genesys first introduced in 2014 and McLaren implemented earlier this year.

For those that have not yet had an opportunity to experience it, have you have confirmed a suspected stroke during your assessment and contacted online medical control stating "CODE STROKE," the hospital begins preparing for your arrival by activating their stroke team. Once at the ED you will be met at the door for a brief (30-60 seconds) time out to share information with hospital staff. Upon completion the patient will be transported directly by you to the CT. Once the transfer to the CT is completed you are clear to complete your run record and return to duty.



By assisting with this process you are saving time – which means decreased morbidity and mortality for your patients!

MI-MEDIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The state has recently issued new MI-MEDIC cards that provides direction on the administration of medications for pediatric patients. The GCMCA is requiring all paramedics to complete training on the use of these cards **by December 14, 2017**.

If you completed the original training in 2014 from American CME then you will need to complete the updated training on MI-TRAIN (takes approximately 30 minutes). If you are medic have never had training on the cards you will need to complete the full version on American CME's website (take approximately 60 minutes). Your agency will be responsible for ensure it has been completed and reporting to our office. Thanks for taking the care of pediatric patients seriously!



Mystery Picture Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Tanya Thompson for correctly identifying the picture to the right. This is at Stepping Stone Falls, which is part of the Genesee County Parks system. If you have not had a chance to visit, you should – fall is the perfect time to be outdoors. For her keen eye Tanya won a \$10 Subway gift card. We will have another contest in a future newsletter, so pay close attention.