

Region Approved

Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Facilities

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Effective July 1, and September 1, 2015 respectively, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, implemented BLS Protocol 170, Patient Destination – Ground Transport and ALS Protocol 5001, Suspected Acute Coronary Syndrome a section of these protocols deal directly with suspected STEMI care and patient destination. *“A ground ambulance may transport a patient with ECG evidence of an ST-elevation myocardial infarction to the closest receiving center capable of providing emergency primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PPCI)”.* Additionally, this protocol also states, “appropriate STEMI-receiving centers include facilities that are either accredited as a Mission Lifeline STEMI (Heart Attack) Receiving Center by the American Heart Association or accredited as a Chest Pain Center with PCI by the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care or identified by the EMS region to have PPCI capabilities.”

The Eastern PA EMS Regional Medical Directors advocate the transportation of STEMI patients to facilities, as identified by the regional EMS Council that meet the criteria and are capable of delivering the clinical interventions within a clinically acceptable period of time without requiring the transfer of a patient to satisfy clinical needs.

It is important to note, that the following list of facilities are accredited OR identified by the region as having these capabilities. Furthermore, these facilities are recognized as providing services on a 24 hour basis and are listed as being able to provide care from onset to discharge.

Reading Hospital
St. Joseph Medical Center
Easton Hospital
St. Luke’s Hospital, Anderson Campus
St. Luke’s Hospital, Allentown Campus
St. Luke’s Hospital, Bethlehem Campus
St. Luke’s Hospital, Monroe Campus
Lehigh Valley Health Network, Cedar Crest Campus
Lehigh Valley Health Network, Muhlenberg Campus
Lehigh Valley Health Network, Pocono Campus

The Eastern PA EMS Council strives to provide as much information to our practitioners as possible and by doing so will continue to update this list of facilities should there be a need.

Should you have any questions with regards to this publication please feel free to contact the Eastern PA EMS Council.