

Memo

To: All EMS Providers in Region 2
From: UMass Memorial Medical Center
Re: New Fall on Anticoagulant Pathway
Date: 12/02/2019

Starting today there is a new direct to CT pathway specifically for trauma patients. This is designed to get patients who have falls on anticoagulants to CT more quickly but only applies to patients who are otherwise uncomplicated.

There are four criteria for these patients:

- 1) They are a fall from standing **only**
- 2) They are anticoagulated (antiplatelet medications are NOT included)
- 3) Vital Signs are normal, Airway is stable, and GCS is 15
- 4) There are no other criteria for a trauma activation

These patients should still be called through CMED as a trauma activations (using the Med Control tone) but please note in your patch that the patient is a “fall on anticoagulation” patient. The staff in the ED is responsible for determining if the patient will be eligible for this protocol so there is not a need for you to make this decision.

Upon arrival at UMass, the crew will be met in the ambulance bay or entryway by the ED Attending to do a quick evaluation and then proceed directly to the CT scanner. The ambulance crew will transfer the patient directly to the CT scanner and give report to treatment team in the CT scanner.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Dr. John Broach, Director of EMS and Life Flight for UMass Memorial Medical Center at John.Broach@umassmemorial.org.