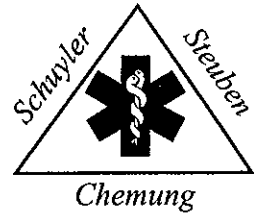


STREMAC Advisory

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Purpose

Promote early recognition of ST elevation myocardial infarction.

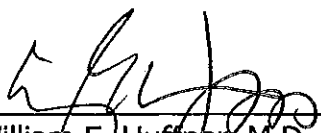
Background

Medical literature well documents the importance and value of early percutaneous angioplasty in patients with acute ST elevation Myocardial Infarction. The dictum that "time is muscle" applies in that the sooner an acutely occluded artery is opened, the less myocardial tissue will be damaged.

Direction

All providers capable of obtaining 12 lead ECGs on suspected Acute Coronary Syndrome patients are encouraged to obtain and transmit the ECG to the appropriate institution as soon as possible.

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