



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



Emergent Transfer of STEMI Patients for Primary PCI

Guidance for Hospital Staff

1. ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) patients requiring emergent transfer from a non Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI) Centre to a PPCI Centre are time critical.
2. To allow Ambulance Control Centres to properly prioritise these transfers, hospital staff must use the terminology “**CODE STEMI**” when requesting an Emergency Ambulance as distinct from an Intermediate Care Vehicle (routine transfer not staffed by Paramedics). Use of this term will allow Ambulance Control staff to use internal procedures to allocate an Emergency Ambulance to these calls with the appropriate urgency. Failure to use this term may result in a delay in allocating an Emergency Ambulance to this patient.
3. **CODE STEMI** patients will be prioritised as a 999 call (CHARLIE response).
4. **CODE STEMI** should only be used for:
 - STEMI patients that have not been thrombolysed who are being transferred for emergency PPCI or;
 - STEMI patients thrombolysed that have not reperfused and require emergency rescue PCI.

It should not be used in any other circumstances.

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