



Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute

RE: IMPORTANT Information Code STEMI Services

Dear Code STEMI Partners:

We are excited to provide this update to long planned changes to the cardiovascular services provided at **CMC-Mercy** and **CMC-Pineville**. As many of you know, several years ago we decided to relocate the open heart surgery and coronary interventional services from CMC-Mercy to CMC-Pineville. This plan is now coming to fruition. It is very important that these changes and their timing are well understood by our **Code STEMI Partners**.

Please note the following as they pertain to **STEMI** services:

- After March 31, 2012: CMC-Mercy will no longer provide PCI procedures for **Code STEMI** patients.
- April 1 - 30, 2012: CMC-Main will provide all **Code STEMI** PCI coverage that had previously been supported by CMC-Mercy.
- May 1, 2012: CMC-Pineville will offer 24/7 PCI Services for **Code STEMI** patients.

For all patients *except those with STEMI*:

- April 15, 2012: Open Heart Surgery and coronary intervention at CMC-Mercy discontinue.
- April 16, 2012: **Open Heart Surgery** and **coronary interventions** at CMC-Pineville begin.
- April 16, 2012: SHVI will continue providing cardiovascular services at CMC-Mercy and will continue to have a full service cardiology office at CMC-Mercy.
- CMC Mercy will remain a Society of Chest Pain Accredited Facility specializing in the evaluation and treatment of patients with Chest Pain and Acute Coronary Syndromes. Diagnostic coronary angiography will continue to be provided along with protocols for rapid and efficient transfer to CMC-Main for those patients requiring emergent interventional cardiology or open-heart surgery services.

The **Code STEMI** program is comprehensive and provides world class "door to reperfusion" and exceptionally high value pre and post-procedure care. The same will be true during and after this transition.

This world-class capability is a function of the connections this program has with the region's outstanding EMS teams and regional emergency departments. "Being well connected can save your life" is more than a tag line. All members of our extended team make this true every day. We are extremely proud of the work done by our team at CMC-Mercy over the years and are excited to transition that excellence to CMC-Pineville.

Please share this important information with all members of your team that may be involved in the evaluation, treatment and transportation of **Code STEMI** patients. Please let us know of any questions.

Sincerely,

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