

Dear Pre-hospital Care Colleague,

I am pleased to announce that as of January 30, 2012, **Samaritan Hospital** will offer interventional angioplasty (cath. lab) and a revised therapeutic hypothermia program.

As you are aware, time to intervention is critical, therefore, EMS protocols require that patients presenting with a STEMI (ST segment elevation myocardial infarction) be brought to the closest appropriate emergency department offering interventional angioplasty if transport time is less than one hour. Cardiac Arrest Reversal (ROSC) patients by protocol are taken to hospitals that maintain therapeutic hypothermia, as long as transport time is projected to be less than 60 minutes. As a primary angioplasty/ therapeutic hypothermia center, **Samaritan Hospital** brings these potentially lifesaving procedures closer to residents in many parts of Rensselaer, Albany and Saratoga counties (see the chart below).

Samaritan's emergency cardiac care team will work with you to insure that your patients receive the highest quality cardiac care, *fast*.

***When transporting a STEMI patient or Arrest Reversal patient to Samaritan Hospital:

1. Contact our emergency department immediately via recorded signal line to insure that our cardiac care team will be ready when you arrive: **690-2940 ext. 6412**.
2. Transmit the patient ECG to the hospital.
3. In the event of an ECG transmission failure, the cardiac care team will be activated based on the paramedic's interpretation.
4. When you arrive, an emergency department representative will meet you at the door and direct you to the appropriate location.

If you have any questions, please contact Samaritan Hospital Emergency Department administration at 271-3450.

For our patients,

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Samaritan is the closest hospital offering interventional angioplasty and a therapeutic hypothermia program for the following communities:

RENSSELAER COUNTY	ALBANY COUNTY	SARATOGA COUNTY
Troy Brunswick Grafton Poestenkill Petersburgh Hoosick Pittstown Berlin Schaghticoke <i>Sections of North Greenbush, Sand Lake, Stephentown</i>	Watervliet Green Island Cohoes <i>Sections of Colonie, Latham</i>	Waterford Halfmoon Mechanicville Stillwater Round Lake <i>Sections of Malta Clifton Park</i>