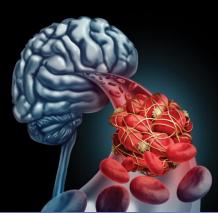
#### LVO'S LEAVING THE AREA......

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#### MEMS-Who we are

- Public Utility Model
- Little Rock, North Little Rock, surrounding
- 537,000 population
- >300 requests/day 225 Transports/day
- 259 field medics





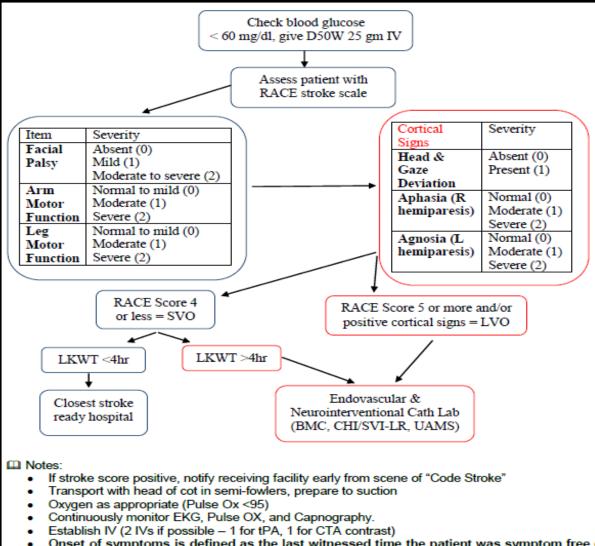
MEMS covers 2200 square miles in the Central Arkansas area, including Pulaski County with the exception of Jacksonville, Grant County, Faulkner County, and parts of Saline and Lonoke Counties.



#### Hospital Capabilities

- 15 Adult Hospital destination Choices
- 13 stroke capable (Arkansas Stroke Ready Hospitals)
- State wide Stroke Telemedicine Services (ARSAVES)
- 3 Hospitals with Neuro-interventional capabilities (All located in Little Rock)
  - 1 Comprehensive
  - 1 Primary
  - 1 Primary (pending)





 Onset of symptoms is defined as the last witnessed time the patient was symptom free or Last Known Wellness Time (LKWT) (i.e. awakening with stroke symptoms would be defined as an onset time of the previous night when the patient was stroke free-"Wake up Stroke")





#### Guidelines for the Early Management of Patients With Acute Ischemic Stroke : A Guideline for Healthcare Professionals From the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association

Edward C. Jauch, Jeffrey L. Saver, Harold P. Adams, Jr, Askiel Bruno, J.J. (Buddy) Connors, Bart M. Demaerschalk, Pooja Khatri, Paul W. McMullan, Jr, Adnan I. Qureshi, Kenneth Rosenfield, Phillip A. Scott, Debbie R. Summers, David Z. Wang, Max Wintermark and Howard Yonas

on behalf of the American Heart Association Stroke Council, Council on Cardiovascular Nursing, Council on Peripheral Vascular Disease, and Council on Clinical Cardiology



#### Bypassing

- 157 medic identified strokes bypassed ASRH with patients meeting LVO criteria and went directly to IVR capable hospital
- 125 met protocol (over triaging)
- RACE 54% Accuracy
- 52 patients (38.1%) Dx Stroke
- 6 (11.5%) received Mechanical Thrombectomy
- 8 (15.4%) received tPA



#### LVO patients who stop at ASRH

# 2:88 hours



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#### What are we learning?

- Stopping at ASRH with LVO delays treatment
- Over triaging
- More RACE scale training
- Consider a better LVO Assessment tool
- Feedback does improve performance





#### Thank you!

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# Balancing the Scales: Finding the LVO



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#### Primary Stroke Center



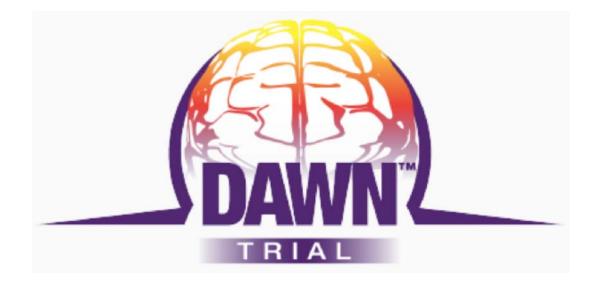
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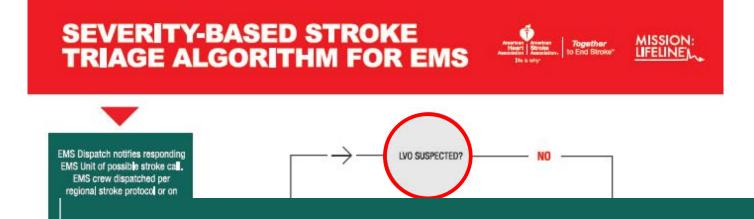




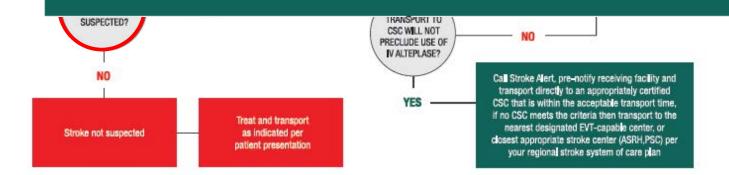
#### 2018: DAWN of a new ERA



# defuse 3



Perform and document results from severity tool used to assess potential LVO (LAMS, RACE, CSTAT, FAST-ED, etc.)



## Stroke <u>Severity</u> Scales:

- C-STAT
- LAMS
- RACE
- PASS
- VAN
- FAST-ED
- EMSA
- SAVE
- *31-SS*
- *NIHSS* (multiple formats)

- Facial droop
- Arm weakness
- Speech
- Aphasia
- Level of consciousness
- Gaze deviation
- Neglect
- Visual fields
- Leg weakness
- Grip strength

2018

ORIGINAL ARTICLE	WILEY	Neurologica Scandinavica
Prehospital stroke scales systematic review	and large vessel occlusion:	A
S. Vidale <sup>1</sup>   E. Agostoni <sup>1,2</sup>		

PREHOSPITAL STROKE ASSESSMENT FOR LARGE VESSEL OCCLUSIONS: A Systematic Review

William Krebs, DO, Travis P. Sharkey-Toppen, MD, PhD, Fern Cheek, AMLS, Eric Cortez, MD, Ashley Larrimore, MD, David Keseg, MD, Ashish R. Panchal, MD, PhD

#### **AHA/ASA Systematic Review**

Accuracy of Prediction Instruments for Diagnosing Large Vessel Occlusion in Individuals With Suspected Stroke A Systematic Review for the 2018 Guidelines for the Early Management of Patients With Acute Ischemic Stroke

## Systematic Review Conclusions:

- NO PERFECT SCALE
- Most not derived or validated on EMS population
- Large range of sensitivity and specificity
- Implementation may require significant training burden on EMS

Future Directions: Stroke Severity Scales

- Tool should identify both LVO and need for CSC
- Should be derived and validated on prehospital "possible acute stroke" population
- Should be easy for EMS providers to perform
- Should not require extensive training time



# Thank you



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#### **Escaping Perfection in EMS Stroke Care**

#### Eagles XXI Dallas, Texas – March 2019

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## EMS System for Metropolitan Oklahoma City & Tulsa – 2018 Activity

1,100 square miles Population - 1.7 million day - 1.3 million night 218,775 calls (+2%) 162,123 transports (+3%) 74 % transports (+1%)





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## Part of the "Rights" of EMS

- Right patient
- Right assessment
- Right diagnosis\*
- Right treatment
  - Includes right transport modality
  - Includes right destination
- Right transition of care





#### The Perfect Stroke Screen for EMS





No matter how much federal \$\$\$\$ is in y ambulance...

T Rex is larger than it appears in side view mirrors





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## The "TCB in a Flash" Stroke Screen

- What's "normal" neuro baseline for the pt?
- Anything "abnormal" from baseline?
  - Motor
  - Sensory (including vision)
  - Speech
  - Balance ataxia, dizziness, vertigo
- When did normal → abnormal? (LKW?)
- Can we rapidly "fix" this?
  - Hypoglycemia? Post-ictal? If "No" then "GO!"



## EBM in 2017-18 EMS Stroke

 "Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale Can Identify Large Vessel Occlusion Stroke"

- 72.7% if score = 3
- 34.3% if score ≤ 2 p < 0.0001
- Richards CT et al. PEC. May/June 2018;22(3)





## Never Can Get Enough "Cincinnati"

- "Prospective Prehospital Evaluation of the Cincinnati Stroke Triage Assessment Tool"
- C-STAT
  - 2 pts conjugate gaze deviation
  - 1 pt cannot do age or month AND both commands
    - eye closure or open/close hand
  - 1 pt cannot hold arm up for 10 sec before falls
- McMullan JT et al. PEC. July/Aug 2017;21(4)



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 "Prospective Prehospital Evaluation of the Cincinnati Stroke Triage Assessment Tool"

- NIHSS ≥ 15 77% sens; 84% spec
- NIHSS ≥ 10 64% sens; 91% spec
- LVO 71% sens; 70% spec
- CSC needed 57% sens; 79% spec





## Let's Go West Coast Style

- "Los Angeles Motor Scale to Identify Large Vessel Occlusion – Prehospital Validation and Comparison With Other Screens"
- LVO 72% accuracy
  - 76% sensitive; 65% specific
- CSC appropriate 72% accuracy
  - 73% sensitive; 71% specific
- "comparable or better" than other scales
- Noorian AR et al. Stroke. March 2018;49



## Does Anything Add Up Correctly?

• "Prehospital Stroke Assessment for Large Vessel Occlusions: A Systematic Review"

Krebs W et al. PEC. March/April 2018;22(2)

- 8 studies; total n=6787
- Sens 49-91%
- Spec 40-94%



#### Conclusion

 "At this time, further evaluations must be done in the prehospital setting to determine the ease of use and true sensitivity and specificity of these scales in identifying LVOs."

• Krebs W et al. PEC. March/April 2018;22(2)





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## Part of the "Rights" of EMS

- Right patient
- Right assessment
  - Trust your instincts. Instincts don't require "scoring" a pt.
- Right diagnosis\*
  - Make it briskly. Time is permanent nerve function.
- Right treatment
  - Includes right transport modality
  - Includes right destination
    - Comprehensive Stroke Center one that actually is!
- Right transition of care
  - Early "stroke alert" and organized hand-off in CT



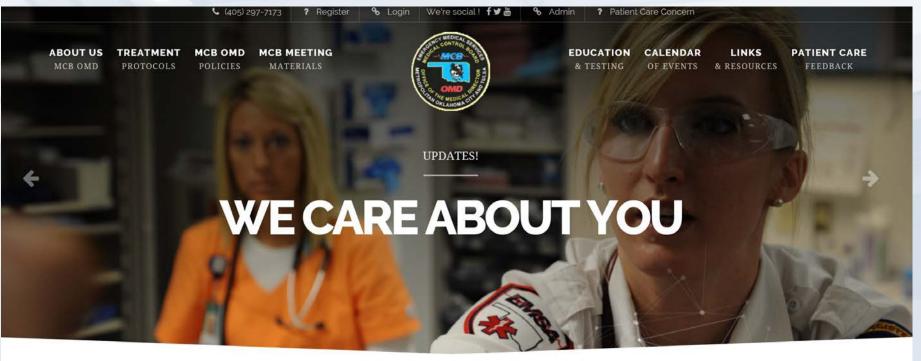


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#### A LITTLE ABOUT OMD

#### The Medical Control Board and its Office of the Medical Director for the Emergency Medical Services System for Metropolitan Oklahoma City and Tulsa is committed to:

\* researching, crafting, and promulgating evidence-based EMS medical treatment protocols that achieve optimal patient outcomes

\* educating, training, credentialling, and supporting EMS professionals so they may deliver excellent out-of-hospital emergency medical care in an empowered, progressive

environment

\* making an impactful, positive difference for citizens and visitors experiencing medical emergencies in the cities we serve

\* working productively and collaboratively with medical professionals in the cities we serve

\* operating with truthfulness, transparency, unquestionable ethics, and with a tangible sense of responsibility and humbleness in service to others







### eBay Eagles XXI Swag

direct from the convocation limited edition 2019 Lewis Vooton \$2500 Selling only one (unless you want 100 or more)

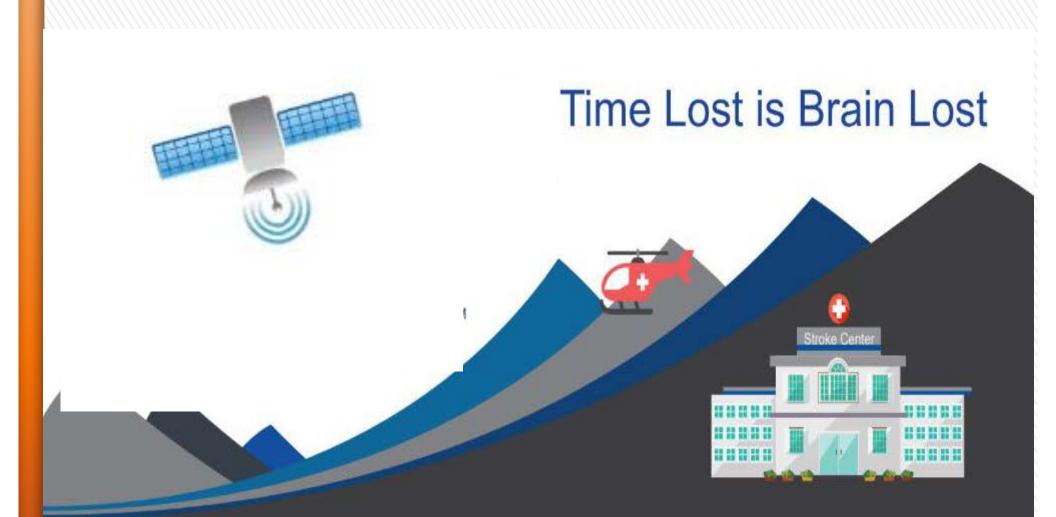


## Choosing and Modifying Best Practices in CVA Management:

## **Remote Mobile Video-Neurology**

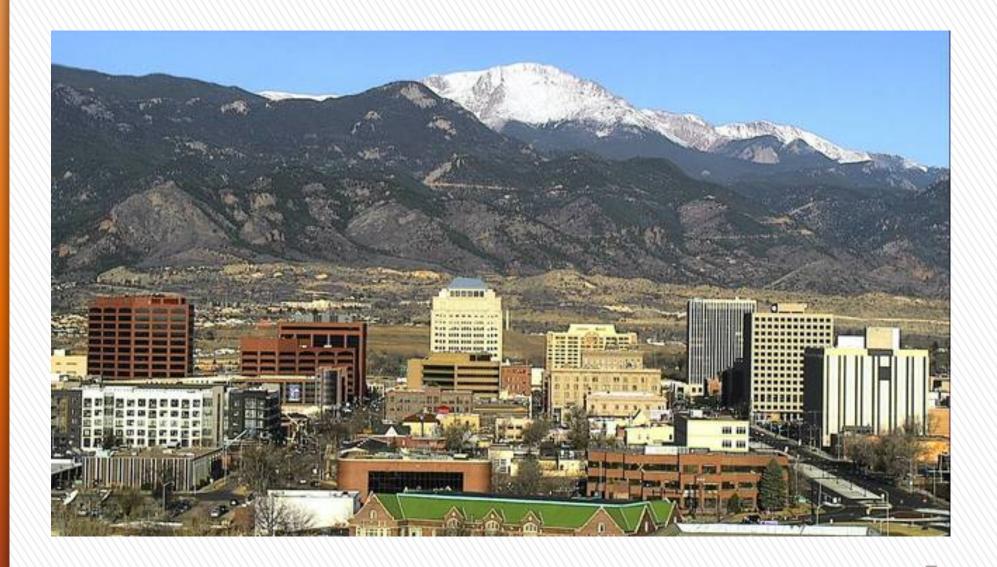
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We Bring the Emergency Room to the Ambulance to Solve Stroke Care in Rural America



### **BLAST RESOLVE**

COMMUNICATION Ubiquitous Seamless (WIFI, Cellular, Satellite) Reliable High Quality 24/7 To/From moving vehicles Modest hardware footprint Patented

EXPERTISE World-class Neurology Delivered in the ambulance Real-time



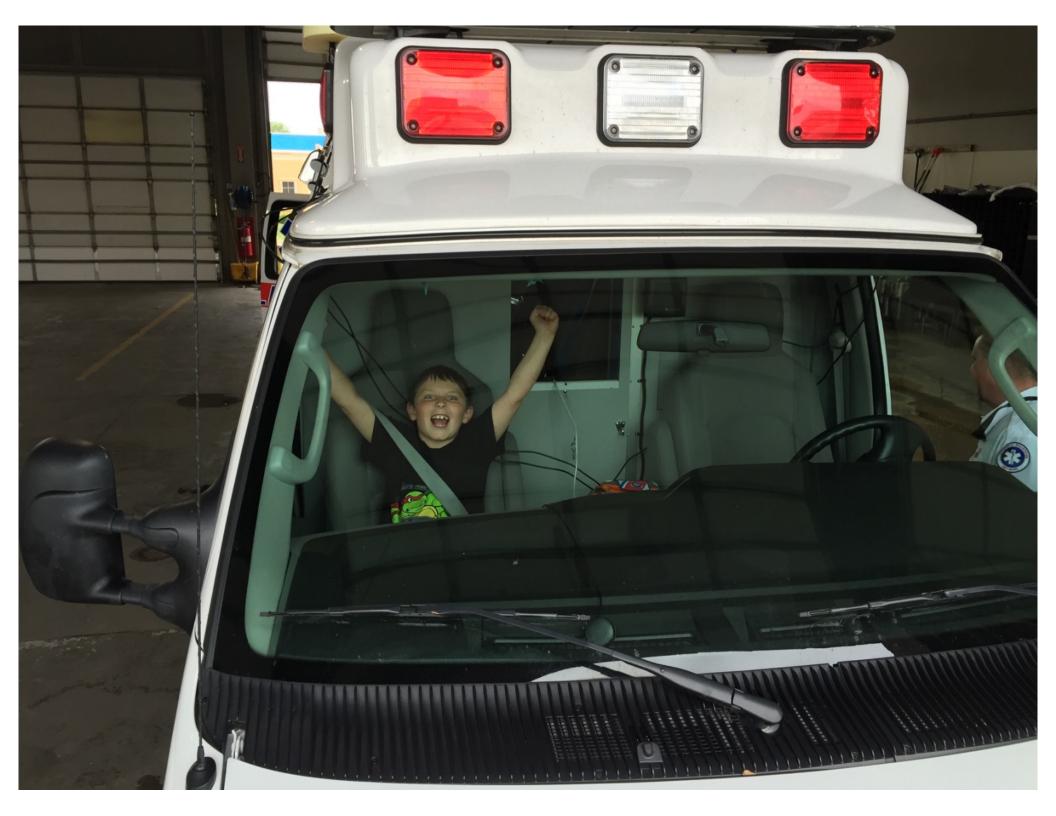
# Benefits

- » No need to have specialty providers
- » Protocol Development in line with Existing
- » Tailored Logistical Planning
- » Scalable Deployment

# Benefits

- » Cuts down on false negative
- » Cuts down on false positives
- » Creates integrated system of care
- » Sustainable, scalable margins
- » Extensible to additional use cases





# Initial Markets

#### Phase I

- Colorado
- Georgia
- South Dakota

### Phase II

- Idaho
- Utah
- Kentucky
- Alaska