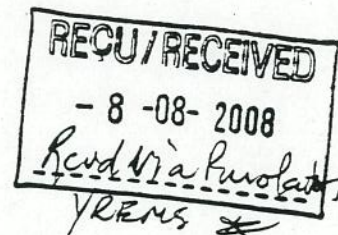


Central East Prehospital Care Program

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Dear Mr. Barrette:

RE: STREAM trial and Medical Delegation and CQI Oversight for Research Medical Directives for Paramedics.

I am writing to address inquiries made to the Central East Prehospital Care Program about a Medical Directive to be implemented for use by Paramedics related to the STREAM trial initiative. As a member of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Central East Prehospital Care Program (CEPCP) and a Medical Director of the CEPCP I can provide you full assurance that we support the medical treatment initiatives that will be implemented for the STREAM trial. As a result we will develop a medical directive for that treatment initiative and these will be implemented under the auspices of the CEPCP Medical Advisory Board.

As background, it is important for you to know that these research medical treatment protocols have been reviewed and approved by several medical ethics

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review boards at participating hospitals and will be reviewed by our hospital as well. The STREAM trial has also received full approval from the provincial Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) for Base Hospitals in Ontario. As the Base Hospital Program for this Region at Lakeridge Health, we have confirmed with our insurer that we, the delegating physicians and program are involved in this project.

In summary; while participating in the STREAM trial, the Paramedics of York Region EMS will be operating under the medical delegation of the Medical Advisory Board of the CEPCCP when they are utilizing any CEPCCP Medical Directives. This includes the new directive that we are developing for the STREAM trial. This provides all of us with strong assurance that these directives are safe and medically credible.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely,



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