



### **EMS Assistance Grant**

The EMS Assistance Grant had been made available again, with the return of the State of Illinois budget. This is available to all EMS agencies for up to \$5,000. Requests cannot be made for vehicles or buildings. All requests must be made through the State of Illinois eGrAMS program at <https://www.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grantee/Pages/default.aspx> Steps 1 and 2 are only required for agencies who have not applied in the past. The Memorial EMS Office is not able to assist with technical questions about the grant application process. Applications are due by March 26, 2018.

### **Protocol Updates**

As outlined in the last protocol revision, protocol updates will occur twice a year at time change. At this time, only one change as a result of American Heart Association guideline is occurring. This change affects two sections of the protocols, but reflect the same change. The window for stroke activation for a Large Vessel Occlusion for interventional angiography has been increased to 24 hours. This change has been made in Sections 5.A.3 Patient Destination Policy and 14.B.6 Suspected Stroke Protocol- Pearls. As per protocol, these changes will go into effect Monday, March 12, 2018. Updates have been submitted to the Memorial EMS website.

As with the December 2016 protocol updates, a committee will be forming in the summer of 2018 to review the protocol manual for areas where improvements/ changes are needed. Volunteers for this committee should discuss this opportunity and level of commitment with their EMS Office representative. Those not able to participate in the committee can also be involved in data collection for proposed/ requested changes.

### **EMS Dinner Conference**

Our annual The Cutting Edge: What is Coming Next dinner conference will be held Tuesday, April 10, 2018. This evening education will include eight presentations, a brief panel discussion as well as a buffet dinner. Favorite speakers from previous years as well as new speakers from our partnership with Washington University in St. Louis will present on a variety of present day must know topics in Emergency Medicine. Registration information has been mailed to all agencies and is also available on the Memorial EMS Website.