



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive



<b>CLINICAL DIRECTIVE 04/2013</b>
<b>FROM: Medical Director</b>
<b>TO: Advanced Paramedics</b>
<b>SUBJECT: Prehospital Thrombolysis</b> Effective immediately, authorisation to administer prehospital thrombolysis is withdrawn from those Advanced Paramedics that have previously been trained to do so.
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Since the launch of the Primary PCI strategy for STEMI patients, the need for prehospital thrombolysis has disappeared. Primary PCI is a far superior treatment for STEMI patients, with less morbidity and mortality. This decision has been taken in conjunction with the Acute Coronary Syndromes Clinical Programme.
<b>EFFECTIVE FROM:</b> August 12th 2013
<b>EFFECTIVE TO:</b> Indefinitely
<b>QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS DIRECTIVE:</b> Education and Competency Assurance Officer

Clinical Directives are formulated by the National Ambulance Service Medical Directorate, the National Ambulance Service Education and Competency Assurance Team, the Dublin Fire Brigade Medical Director, the Dublin Fire Brigade EMS Support Team and the Irish Coast Guard Chief Crewman (Standards). Clinical Directives apply to all relevant staff in the HSE National Ambulance Service, Dublin Fire Brigade and Irish Coast Guard helicopter winch-crew.

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