



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



CLINICAL DIRECTIVE 07/2012
FROM: Medical Director
TO: Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians
<p>SUBJECT: Clopidogrel administration to STEMI patients</p> <p>STEMI patients being transported directly to a Primary PCI Centre will at all times be discussed with the receiving Cardiology Physician by phone (see SOP - NASCG017 - Appropriate Hospital Access for STEMI Patients). The Cardiologist may request that the patient receive Clopidogrel 600mg. This directive authorises Paramedics/EMTs to administer Clopidogrel as follows (all conditions must be met):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The patient has an ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction ▪ The patient is being transported to a PPCI Centre ▪ Administration of Clopidogrel has been requested by the Cardiology Physician in the PPCI centre
<p>RATIONALE:</p> <p>The CPG “Cardiac Chest Pain-Acute Coronary Syndrome” 5/6.4.16 is currently being amended to allow Paramedics/EMTs administer Clopidogrel. In the interim, this Directive allows Paramedics/EMTs to do so as per the above conditions.</p>
<p>EFFECTIVE FROM: Immediately</p>
<p>EFFECTIVE TO:</p> <p>Amendment of CPG 5/6 4.16</p>
<p>QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS DIRECTIVE:</p> <p>Education and Competency Assurance Officer</p>

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