

Westchester REMAC

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REMAC Advisory 24-01: S-LAMS Review

<u>Officers</u>

Erik Larsen, Chairperson

Jonathan Berkowitz, MD Vice-Chairperson The Westchester REMAC will be working with regional EMS agencies and hospitals reviewing protocol compliance and outcomes. Providers should review the current Westchester Stroke Bypass Policy (<u>http://wremsco.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/REMAC-Advisory-S-LAMS-2.8.22-1.pdf</u>).

A few important points:

1. Only patients with an S-LAMS of 4 or higher are permitted to bypass a closer hospital for stroke, provided no exclusionary criteria are encountered. Being on an anticoagulant is <u>NOT</u> a criteria to bypass a closer hospital for stroke.

2. OLMC approval is required when EMS bypasses a stroke center for a thrombectomy-capable stroke center (WMC/Phelps/White Plains)

In order to facilitate quality review, we ask that EMS agencies ensure ePCRs are documenting the following:

- 1. S-LAMS score in a structured field in the ePCR
- 2. The OLMC approving diversion.

Reason for Destination Field (varies by ePCR but is a NEMSIS standard) is a Regional Specialty Center
Stroke/CVA is the primary impression

Thank you

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