MetroHealth

TO: First Responders

FROM: MetroHealth/CWRU PAMPer Study Team

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SUBJECT: New Emergency Research Study/PAMPer

As one of the busiest Level 1 Trauma Centers in the nation, with more than 3,000 admissions related to trauma each year, MetroHealth Medical Center, in conjunction with Case Western Reserve University, has been selected to conduct a research study that involves emergency treatment after a trauma when there is no time to obtain consent from the patient. The research study is titled "Prehospital Air Medical Plasma Trial," or "PAMPer", and is a four-year study sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense. MetroHealth Medical Center and Case Western Reserve University are one of only six centers in the U.S. chosen to participate in this project.

The PAMPer study will help medical professionals learn more about trauma patients' care during air medical (i.e., Metro Life Flight) transport. The current standard of care for trauma patients who have hemorrhagic shock (excess bleeding causing less blood flow to organs) is an intravenous infusion of two units of AB plasma, the universal donor plasma, given upon arrival in the Emergency Department. This project will look at changing the standard of care by giving plasma pre-hospital during air medical (i.e., Metro Life Flight) transport.

This study will be conducted under an exception from the requirement for Informed Consent for Emergency Research because patients who are in extreme (life-threatening bleeding and shock) situations will be enrolled, and the treatment will be started in the helicopter en route to MetroHealth Medical Center. We will need to educate the community about the study so that individuals can decide whether they want to participate or opt out.

In an effort to inform and educate as many residents in Northeast Ohio of this clinical trial so they can decide if they would like to participate or opt out, I am asking that you mention this trial at your next community or town hall meeting, or in your next newsletter. Enclosed is a flyer that you can share with your constituents. For more information about the PAMPer trial, please visit http://www.metrohealth.org/pamper.