KNOW THE SIGNS OF HEART ATTACK ...
AND CALL 911 WHEN YOU SEE THEM!

IF SOMEONE SHOWS THESE SYMPTOMS, IMMEDIATELY GIVE AN UNCOATED ASPIRIN AND CALL 911:
- Pain, pressure or squeezing in the chest
- Shortness of breath
- Pain or numbness in the jaw, neck or arms
- Cold sweat
- Light headedness

Avoid driving to the hospital, because EMS teams can get an EKG immediately, and transfer lifesaving patient details to the responding cardiac team while en route. Remember ... seconds count!

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WHEN IT COMES TO HEART ATTACKS, EVERY SECOND COUNTS.

STEMI Alert IS A REGIONAL HEART ATTACK RESPONSE PROGRAM CREATED BY OSF SAINT FRANCIS HEART HOSPITAL AND HEARTCARE MIDWEST IN PEORIA, ILLINOIS. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO SHORTEN RESPONSE TIMES FOR TREATMENT OF HEART ATTACKS, ESPECIALLY FOR PATIENTS WHO LIVE FARHER AWAY FROM LARGE MEDICAL CENTERS.

A NETWORK OF SPECIALISTS...LINKED TO SAVE TIME AND LIVES
Fourteen hospitals across central Illinois currently partner with OSF Saint Francis to speed up lifesaving treatments for heart attack patients. At a moment’s notice, a team of specialists is called into immediate action, including cardiologists, medical communicators, EMS teams, Life Flight, cath lab and emergency departments.

BETTER OUTCOMES...MORE LIVES SAVED
This streamlined process is proven to improve heart attack outcomes. Blocked arteries are re-opened more quickly. Heart muscle is saved. In fact, the STEMI Alert program has consistently exceeded nationally recognized standards in treatment times every quarter for the last five years. This includes “door-to-balloon” times, which refers to the interval between a patient’s arrival at emergency and the doctor’s opening of the blocked artery by inserting and inflating a tiny balloon.

THE STEMI Alert PROTOCOL...

1. A partner hospital alerts OSF Saint Francis that they have a heart attack patient, initiating the STEMI Alert protocol. Information about the patient is relayed to a cardiologist in Peoria, who talks with the partner hospital to coordinate immediate treatment according to specific protocols.

2. The system immediately dispatches either an ambulance for local patients – or a Life Flight helicopter for those living farther away – to transport the patient to OSF Saint Francis. Treatment is continued during transport.

3. While the patient is en route, a cardiologist and his cardiac team prep one of the state-of-the-art cardiac catheterization labs at OSF Saint Francis and review the treatment protocol for the patient.

4. The patient is delivered to OSF Saint Francis and immediately rushed into the waiting cath lab for lifesaving treatment.