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FAST-MAG Exceeds 500! Nearing 50% of Projected Patients Enrolled

Thanks to efforts of paramedics county-wide, the 500th FAST-MAG patient was enrolled on March 15, 2008! We now have our next target of 50% (649 patients) comfortably in sight!

LA County FD paramedics continue atop the "leader board", with 12 FAST-MAG enrollments each by RS 30 and RS 111. Closely following is RS 28 with 11, and LAFD RA 102 and Torrance FD RA 91 with 10 each.

Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Medical Center is the new leader in hospital enrollments, with 35, just easing by Little Company of Mary-Torrance, with 34.

Stroke patients enrolled in FAST-MAG

are continuing to be treated earlier than ever before. 70% of patients have received study drug within one hour of stroke symptom onset - a percentage unrivaled in the history of stroke research.

Of the almost 1400 paramedic calls received, nearly one in two have resulted in enrollment. Even though not every patient is appropriate for the study, an average of one in two is a great success, and we thank you for your efforts!

Please call your FAST-MAG liaison nurse, or the study office, at (310) 794-6160, for any questions about an enrollment or attempted enrollment. We'd love to hear from you!

Paramedics Assist British Researchers

Dr. Duika Burges Watson, a social science researcher from the University of Newcastle, in England, crossed the Atlantic in early April to interview 30 LA County paramedics, randomly selected from several provider agencies. Her mission was to understand US paramedics' views on stroke treatments in the field and compare them with the views of UK paramedics.



"In talking to paramedics in Los Angeles we learned much about the challenges of research encountered in the field, under time-pressured and complex "real world" situations." relates Dr. Burges Watson. "With the insights you provided we can better prepare for pre-

hospital stroke research and treatment in the UK."

She goes on to say, "We came to the US because the FAST-MAG study is groundbreaking and has significance to the development of interventions for stroke internationally. We are very pleased that you were able to share your expertise in, and experience of, FAST-MAG with us."

Dr. Burges Watson with LA County paramedics

FAST-MAG thanks the paramedics who so willingly participated in this important information-gathering project, and congratulates all LA County paramedics for setting the standard for pre-hospital research the world over!

Fire Department Profiles

Pasadena Fire Department

In 1885, neighborhood boys threw a stone into a Pasadena laundry building, tipping over a kerosene lamp, and igniting a fire that burned the building to the ground. The building owner fought valiantly to douse the fire, saving other structures from destruction.

This event triggered the formation of the Pasadena Fire Department, with \$1,000 in funding and a hook and ladder rig built by the city's blacksmith.

Today, Pasadena's 146,166 residents are protected by 8 fire stations located within the 22.5 square mile city limits. Five paramedic rescue ambulances provide emergency response, and in 2005, responded to

over 11,000 medically-related calls. Permanent staffing at Pasadena Fire includes over 60 paramedics and 185 EMTs. A two-paramedic rescue ambulance and a fire engine or truck is dispatched to the scene of every emergency medical call, bringing to the scene a minimum of two paramedics and four firefighters, above the standard national requirement for emergency medical calls.



Pasadena FD Headquarters

Pasadena FD has been an enthusiastic participant in the FAST-MAG study, enrolling 11 patients thus far. "We are all very excited to be part of anything that could enhance patient care," says Captain Sean English, EMS Supervisor. "We are very careful about

the study, the process seems to go smoothly, and the paramedics are very comfortable working within study guidelines."

Of special interest to animal lovers is Pasadena Fire Department's distinction as the first department in the country to provide emergency care to any type of animal. In conjunction with the Pasadena Humane Society, Pasadena FD was equipped for pet rescue in May 2007.

The FAST-MAG liaison nurse for Pasadena FD is Miranda Gordon. For Miranda's profile, see back page.

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"Paramedic Hall of Fame"

Listed are all paramedics who enrolled a patient since the last newsletter was published. As you can see, it's quite a list!

Due to space constraints, paramedics enrolling patients after 5/23/08 will be included in the next newsletter.

Fire Department Profiles

Torrance Fire Department

The Torrance Fire Department began as a volunteer force in 1912. With incorporation of the city in 1921, volunteers began to be gradually phased out, to be completely replaced with paid personnel by 1951. When pre-hospital care emerged in the late-60's, Torrance Fire was among the first to add this service, beginning its paramedic program in 1972.

Now staffed with 48 full-time assigned paramedics and 103 EMTs, the Department is projected to respond to nearly 13,000 calls this year, an average of 35 per day.

Five ALS units serve a population of 150,000 permanent residents – a number that swells to 500,000 during the day. Torrance FD covers 21 square miles - miles that include an airport, freeways, coastline, an oil refinery, and one of the largest indoor shopping malls in the West.



Torrance FD Station 1

Torrance Fire Department has enrolled 23 patients in FAST-MAG, and is the top enrolling single-city agency in the study.

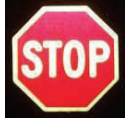
"Overall, the paramedic response to the study has been very positive, says Captain Dan McNeley, Para-

medic Coordinator for the Department. "As with anything new, there was initial resistance, but we collectively took it on and took it to heart. As the paramedics began to enroll and see results, it has now become a significant fact of doing business for us. If there is potential enrollee, the paramedics are on it."



FAST-MAG “Points to Remember”

1) It is vital for patient safety that the FAST-MAG study kit not be opened until the enrolling MD gives the instruction to do so



Always call the enrolling MD prior to opening the study kit. Only the enrolling MD is authorized to give permission for the study kit to be opened. Permission cannot be given by a base station physician, MICN, receiving hospital ED physician, or anyone else. Call the FAST-MAG enrolling line (310-794-6069 for English-speaking patients, 310-794-3598 for Spanish speaking patients).

2) When you initiate a call to the enrolling MD, keep the patient and family together on-scene



This will allow the enrolling MD to be most efficient in gathering a patient history and obtaining consent in cases when a family member must consent for the patient

3) More patients will be able to be enrolled in the future



When patients are aphasic or confused due to their stroke, consent to participate in a research study may be obtained from an on-scene immediate family member, per Federal and California law. To allow other people who are close to the patient (such as nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, grandchildren) to give permission for enrollment, the FAST-MAG team is holding public information meetings at hospitals throughout Los Angeles County, with paramedics attending these meetings to help educate the community regarding the study. Once the expanded enrollment process is approved by local hospitals, more patients will be able to be enrolled.

However, paramedic procedures do not change. You must still contact the enrolling MD, who is the only one authorized to determine the appropriate consent provider and give permission for the study kit to be opened. As above, it's important to keep family members, no matter who they are, close at hand to help with the consenting process.

U.S. Government Gives FAST-MAG Highest Priority

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Scientific Review Group recently reviewed FAST-MAG's request for additional funding, and rated the study at the highest possible level. The NIH awarded FAST-MAG a priority score which placed it in the top **0.1%** of all research applications received.

This remarkable score is a ringing endorsement of the study by the scientific community, and a tribute to the incredible work being done by the paramedics of Los Angeles County and all study personnel.

UPDATES

Enrollments

573

FAST-MAG Hospitals

The hospitals listed below are currently open for enrollment of FAST-MAG patients

Antelope Valley Hospital
 Brotman Medical Center
 California Hospital Medical Center
 Cedars Sinai Medical Center
 CFRMC- Marina Campus
 Encino-Tarzana-Encino Campus
 Encino-Tarzana-Tarzana Campus
 Glendale Adventist Medical Center
 Glendale Memorial Medical Center
 Good Samaritan Hospital
 Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital
 Hollywood Presbyterian
 Huntington Memorial Hospital
 Kaiser--Woodland Hills Hospital
 LAC--Harbor Medical Center
 LAC--Olive View Medical Center
 LAC--USC Medical Center
 Lakewood Regional Medical Center
 Little Company of Mary--San Pedro
 Little Company of Mary--Torrance
 Long Beach Memorial Medical Center
 Methodist Hospital of So. California
 Mission Community Hospital
 Northridge Hospital Medical Center
 Olympia Medical Center
 Pomona Valley Hospital
 Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital
 Providence Holy Cross Medical Center
 Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center
 Citrus Valley- Intercommunity
 Citrus Valley- Queen of the Valley
 San Dimas Community Hospital
 Santa Monica--UCLA Medical Center
 Sherman Oaks Hospital
 St. Francis Medical Center
 St. John's Health Center
 St. Mary Medical Center
 Torrance Memorial Medical Center
 UCLA (Westwood) Medical Center
 Verdugo Hills Hospital
 West Hills Hospital & Medical Center
 White Memorial Medical Center
 Whittier Hospital Medical Center-AHMC

7/2/07	Mark Bridges Leigh Seaton Paul Bellante Eric Nagao	Santa Monica FD Eng 124
7/3/07	David Rodriguez Jonathan Shibuya	LAFD RA 59
7/5/07	Kenny Allen Jason Murphy	Burbank FD RA 15
7/5/07	John Kubota Joel DeGuzman Rick Fick Chris Morrow	Torrance FD RS 96
7/6/07	Jordan Barnes George Hoyos	South Pasadena FD RA 81
7/12/07	Dave Christian Reggie Johnson	LA CO FD RS 30
7/14/07	Matthew Carter David Flynn	LAFD RA 34
7/15/07	David Oseguera Eric Morda	LAFD RA 26
7/16/07	Joshua Organ Dane Ward	Pasadena FD RA 31
7/17/07	Dane Broesel Roger Rubio	LAFD RA 81
7/17/07	Ivan Verastegui James Moore	Compton FD RA 441
7/18/07	Omar Velasquez Arturo Martinez	LAFD RA 34
7/20/07	Louis Gayton, Jr. Eric Evans	LA CO FD RS 19
7/23/07	Lenny Ingalls Russell Chidley	Long Beach FD RA 14
7/26/07	Cameron Langhans Michael Sommer	LAFD RA 102
7/27/07	Christopher Allender Chad Sourbeer	LA CO FD RS 149
7/29/07	Greg Allen Paul Grochowski	Redondo Beach FD RA 61
7/29/07	Jason Robles Dustin Worley Paul Krueger	West Covina FD RA 2
7/31/07	Jeff Lowell Mike Noriega	LA CO FD RS 50
8/1/07	Thomas Hart Joshua Massie	Pasadena FD RA 36
8/2/07	Rick Fick Jeff Williams	Torrance FD RS 91
8/2/07	John Kubota Mike Buchs	Torrance FD RS 96
8/5/07	Christiaan Miller Tom Hart Dane Ward	Pasadena FD RA 36
8/7/07	Cameron Langhans Matt Stratton	LAFD RA 102
8/21/07	Andrew Gano Ted Huber	Glendale FD RA 29
8/22/07	Lenko Spaleta Michael Donnelly	LA CO FD RS 29

8/23/07	William Prentice Joseph Hanes	LA CO FD RS 47
8/24/07	Mike Murrey Tyler Wade Lou Petroni Tom Desmond	Manhattan Beach FD RA 21
8/24/07	Mark Sullivan Rich Ruelas	LA CO FD RS 19
8/27/07	Mario Generoso John Davis Steve Stern	LAFD RA 92
8/30/07	Leon McCloskey Alex Linton	LA CO FD RS 58
8/31/07	Mark Stubbins Scott Christie	LA CO FD RS 71
8/31/07	Joel Entreken Glen Ewart	LA CO FD RS 30
9/1/07	Eric Ackerman Cliff Snider	South Pasadena FD RA 81
9/3/200	Falo Tiimalu Kevin Johnson	LAFD RA 51
9/5/07	Richard Aceves Jimmy Hynes Ray Haro	LAFD RA 23
9/6/07	Bob Fogelman Bill Case	LAFD RA 87
9/6/07	Dane Coyle Gary Johnson	LAFD RA 69
9/7/07	Ken Johnstone Frank Garcia Steve Betteridge	LA CO FD RS 111
9/7/07	Brian Hinsley Brian Clayton	LA CO FD RS 107
9/9/07	Wayne Chisolm Royce Nix	Burbank FD RA 15
9/9/07	Chad Boozer David Carver Gabriel Zavala	LA CO FD RS 26
9/9/07	Christopher Culbert Alex Echeverria	Torrance FD RS 91
9/13/07	Chris Ruano Danny Riley Tory Carlon	LA CO FD RS 131
9/14/07	David Bowden Matthew Carter	LAFD RA 33
9/16/07	Cherif Amin Jeff Halloran	LAFD RA 57
9/17/07	Jeremy Carter Peter Yakas	LAFD RA 94
9/18/07	Bryan Hill Marcus Portis	LAFD RA 257
9/20/07	Carlos Garcia Frank Osorio	Montebello FD Eng 52
9/23/07	Adam Van Gerpen Elan Raber Ryan Nassar	LAFD RA 75
9/25/07	Dan Draggatto Harry Peterson	LAFD RA 17

9/26/07	John Neill Cory Gerard	Long Beach FD RA 14
9/27/07	Robert Gates Kevin Lalor	LA CO FD RS 31
9/28/07	Stacy Taylor Dennis Ohligschlager	LAFD RA 62
9/28/07	Sean Kinsner Kevin Muno	LA CO FD RS 89
10/3/07	Nick Acedo Ken Wigchert	LAFD RA 21
10/3/07	Steve Jones Matt Briones	LA CO FD RS 118
10/5/07	John Grimaldi Chuck Neugebauer John Dulmage	Manhattan Beach FD RA 22
10/6/07	Jake Heflin Doug Carey	Long Beach FD RA 9
10/7/07	Ronald Lingo James Just	LAFD RA 69
10/8/07	Tom Manzo Michael Rivera	LA CO FD RS 147
10/8/07	Bob Gates Dave Ellis	LA CO FD RS 45
10/9/07	Anthony Arnado Joe Fernandez	LAFD RA 1
10/9/07	Raymond Nutt Bruce Alpern Tim Dixon Ken Mitsch	LA CO FD RS 111
10/11/07	Leonard Ingalls Russ Chidley	Long Beach FD RA 14
10/11/07	Dana Crutchfield Joel Purma	LAFD RA 61
10/13/07	Joel Bonomi Stefan Viera	Torrance FD RS 93
10/21/07	Chuck Micallef Chad Rolish	LAFD RA 92
10/22/07	Jeff Buterbaugh William Gamble Kevin Poole	LA CO FD RS 134
10/26/07	Douglas Carey Jake Heflin	Long Beach FD RA 9
10/27/07	Linsay Goodrich Christopher Thomas	LAFD RA 102
10/29/07	Mark Hein Dale Norderg	Beverly Hills FD RA 1
10/30/07	Javier Acosta Steve Walker	LA CO FD RS 61
10/30/07	Andy Ronnow Fidel Nieto	LA CO FD RS 101
11/3/07	Robert Williams Kevin Jacobs	LAFD RA 82
11/5/07	Jeff Rich Chris Manzanares Frank Garst	LA CO FD RS 49
11/7/07	Kevin Carey Matt Nichols	Torrance FD RS 91

11/11/07	Tony Mejia Reies Montes	Long Beach FD 19
11/12/07	Steve Meiche Leah Fleischmann	LAFD RA 17
11/13/07	Tom Feingold Alex Callangan	LAFD RA 61
11/15/07	Tim O'Donnell Pete Adamo	LA CO FD RS 32
11/20/07	Rick Alvarado Greg Christmas John Buchon	Sierra Madre FD RA 41
11/20/07	Joshua Burton Dean Comer	LAFD RA 78
11/28/07	Chris Stradtner John Skorstad Sean Van Sluis Mike Ayala	Santa Monica FD RA 122
11/28/07	Sean Saunders David Flynn	LAFD RA 34
12/2/07	Ellsworth Fortman Sean Saunders	LAFD RA 61
12/5/07	Edward Diaz John Barrera	LA CO FD RS 28
12/6/07	Sergio Sanchez Jeremiah Spring Randall Dyer	LAFD RA 77
12/7/07	Christopher Sagara Eduardo Perez Mike Morgan	LAFD RA 27
12/7/07	Kim Reyes Brian Keeney	LA CO FD RS 19
12/9/07	Jacob Hodges Steve Marquez	LAFD RA 98
12/9/07	Steve Philips David Howard Martin Blount	LAFD RA 71
12/9/07	Guadalupe Munoz Phil Working Steve Guerero	LA CO FD RS 41
12/11/07	Jason Hansen William Basulto Alex Reyes	Pasadena FD RA 33
12/15/07	James Cermak Norman T. Queen	LA CO FD RS 37
12/16/07	Jose Perez Dave Chavez	LAFD RA 33
12/17/07	Jeremy Carter Stephen Phillips	LAFD RA 94
12/18/07	Nick Yslas Mike Monroe	LA CO FD RS 116
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12/20/07	Greg Roe Peter Yaghoobov	LA CO FD RS 106

12/24/07	Doug Ahuero Donald Shaw Richard Robison	LAFD RA 62
12/25/07	Sanford Hofmann Armando Ramirez Louie Cervantes Jeff Barlow	LA CO FD RS 131
12/26/07	Duke Snyder Peter Galindo	Glendale FD RA 22
12/26/07	Chris Sebourn Jose Perez	LAFD RA 33
12/27/07	Dave Dunivan Darin Evans	LAFD RA 209
12/27/07	Shawn Bayer Alex Avedissian John Lander	LA CO FD RS 36
12/30/07	Joshua Rosenstein Jeff Thralls	Long Beach FD RA 1
12/31/07	Raymond Nutt Anthony Akins	LA CO FD RS 149
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2/8/08	Scott Martinez Dina Carr Mark Lees	El Segundo FD RA 31
2/10/08	Paul Bellante Tom Stanfill	Santa Monica FD RA 122

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2/15/08	Matt Nichols Michael Buchs	Torrance FD RS 91
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2/22/08	Bruce Alpern Steve Betteridge	LA CO FD RS 111
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5/16/08	Jamie Schlottmann Corey McDaniel	LAFD RA 21
5/20/08	James Callison Morgan Englund Robert Betancourt	LAFD RA 73
5/23/08	Michael Cash Danny Riley David Inman	LA CO FD RS 37

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Meet Your FAST-MAG Nurse Coordinator



Miranda Gordon, RN

Miranda Gordon, RN, chose nursing as a second career, but was definitely not a newcomer to health care. While living in Connecticut, and working as an administrative assistant, she called paramedics to her home after her son was injured. So impressed was Miranda with the skill and calm of the EMS personnel that she decided to become an EMT-1.

After moving to California, she made the decision to return to school for her nursing degree, and worked for several years in ED and trauma nursing. One fateful day almost three years ago, Miranda was house hunting, and “happened” upon a home owned by a FAST-MAG nurse. They struck up a conversation about nursing, and the rest, as they say, is history.

“I love the whole premise of the study and the chance to be part of something that might well

improve outcomes for stroke victims,” Miranda says.

She also enjoys the diversity of the job and the opportunity to return to contact with her EMS roots. “My favorite part of the job is spending time doing ride-alongs with the paramedics,” Miranda says. “I admire the way they have integrated the FAST-MAG procedures into their care of patients along with the ever-increasing responsibilities being added to their scope of practice.”

Miranda is FAST-MAG liaison to Arcadia, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Marino, and Sierra Madre Fire Departments, and to Los Angeles County Fire Department, Battalions 10 and 15.

In addition to her fire department responsibilities, Miranda is the FAST-MAG liaison to St. John’s Health Center, Pomona Valley Hospital and Health Center, Methodist Hospital of Southern California, and Huntington Hospital Medical Center.