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Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- The new www.chicagoems.org website is live! Our Region XI Protocols, Policies, and system updates will be posted here and all prior websites will be discontinued.
- Summer is **Special Event** season in Chicago and all EMS transports and ED visits related to each event should be documented in the patient care record for tracking.
- For treatment of **heat-related illness**, patients should have clothing removed, covered in wet sheets, and monitored for seizure activity.
- **Traumatic arrests** with an initial asystolic rhythm may have resuscitation withheld unless the following exclusion criteria are present: drowning or strangulation, lightning strike or electrocution, situations involving hypothermia, patients with visible pregnancy, or a medical condition as the likely cause of cardiac arrest.
- **Crime scene responses** require the EMS provider to assure that damage to and loss of evidence are to be avoided. If it is necessary to cut through the clothing of the patient, avoid cutting through tears, bullet holes, or other damaged or stained areas of clothing.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director