Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- **Mount Sinai Hospital is no longer a Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center but remains a Level 1 Trauma Center.** Per Region XI Policy, pediatric patients (aged 15 years or less) that meet trauma criteria should be preferentially transported to the closest Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center. If the transport time is anticipated to be greater than 25 minutes, the patient should be transported to the closest Level 1 Trauma Center.

- Dispatch information is often limited by caller interpretation of scene events. On a recent quality improvement review, a subset of cardiac arrest calls was dispatched as ‘seizure’. Also, remember that patients with ‘seizure-like activity’ may have an underlying cardiac event.

- To improve online continuing education and license tracking for Region XI EMS providers, we have partnered with Target Solutions. All EMT-Basic and Paramedic level providers should access the www.chicagoems.org website and click on the ‘Target Solutions’ tab to register for a profile and find more information.

- **Pediatric patients ≤ 8 years of age** should have their airway preferentially managed via BVM and oral or nasal airway.

- For a pregnant patient with a **prolapsed umbilical cord**, elevate the mother’s hips and support the presenting part with a sterile gloved hand to maintain cord blood flow.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director