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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