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Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- Transport patients with ROSC or persistent ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia to a STEMI Receiving Center for continued resuscitative efforts
- Weiss Memorial Hospital is now a Primary Stroke Center (PSC) in Region XI and has been added to the policy manual
- Cold winter temperatures may lead to severe hypothermia and patients in cardiac arrest should be rewarmed and resuscitated unless found in a frozen state
- For clinical situations in which *resuscitation is withheld* due to signs of death incompatible with life such as rigor mortis or lividity, these patients are considered **Dead On Arrival (DOA)**. When *resuscitation is initiated* and there is no response to treatment, these patients are considered to have **Termination of Resuscitation (TOR)**
- When providing online medical control for a critically ill or injured EMS patient, ask only questions pertinent to the immediate care of the patient

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director