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Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- **BLS providers** now carry **intranasal naloxone** for patients with altered mental status and suspected opiate intoxication with respiratory depression
- One of the criteria for transport to a Level 1 trauma center in a high-risk auto crash is **Intrusion, including roof > 12 inches occupant site; > 18 inches any site.** **Intrusion** is defined as the degree of deformity inside the passenger compartment and should be reported on all documentation for motor vehicle accidents
- For *life threatening* extremity hemorrhage that cannot be controlled by other means, a **tourniquet** should be applied
- In **Termination of Resuscitation** cases, the ECRN should provide his/her name for documentation. The name of the ECP is only needed if they were directly involved in the care of the patient. *There is no 'pronouncement' or 'time of death' needed.* The base station is only verifying that the EMS providers are following Region XI Policies and Protocols and are not present on scene to declare the patient dead.
- **Supraglottic (King) airway** devices are preferred in Cardiac Arrest as they can be placed without stopping chest compressions. Minimizing interruptions and high-quality compressions are key to improving survival rates.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director