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Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- As of April 1st, **BLS providers** can draw up and administer **epinephrine** from a vial as an alternative to the pre-filled Epi-Pen.
- For **Allergic Reaction** patients with **any severe symptom or > 1 mild symptom**, 0.3 mg IM Epinephrine 1:1000 (1 mg/ml) should be given and may be repeated as needed in 5-10 minutes.
- **Any penetrating injury** to the head, neck, torso, or extremities proximal to the elbow or knee should be transported to a Level 1 Trauma Center. EMS providers should not attempt to determine depth of the injury.
- Patients with **Unstable Symptomatic Bradycardia** should receive atropine 0.5 mg IVP and repeat every 3-5 minutes. Transcutaneous pacing should be considered if the patient remains hypotensive.
- When a **school bus** is involved in a motor vehicle crash, the incident is classified in Region XI as a “Category 1” (significant mechanism with injuries), “Category 2” (no mechanism with minor injuries), or “Category 3” (no mechanism, no injuries).

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director