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Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- **EMS Week** (May 21-27) is a national celebration of EMS providers and the important work they do in our communities as the 'front-line' responders for emergencies.
- Remember the “**Relative Criteria**” for **acute stroke patients** (symptoms less than 6 hours) with a negative or unobtainable Cincinnati Stroke Scale (CSS) should be transported to a Primary Stroke Center.
 - Sudden or persistent alteration of consciousness
 - Sudden onset of severe headache (associated with vomiting +/- SBP > 200)
 - Severe and sudden loss of balance
- **Pedestrian struck by vehicle** and **bicycle accidents** have a high potential for internal injury but may not have external signs of trauma due to the blunt impact. The Base Station should evaluate the physical exam and mechanism when determining if the patient should be transported to a Level 1 Trauma Center.
- **Pediatric hypoglycemia** (BS \leq 60 mg/dl) should receive Dextrose 10% at 5 ml/kg using the buretrol device.
- When evaluating a patient for a **refusal** of EMS transport, attempt to determine who called 911, the reason for the patient refusal, and if there are alternatives that will provide a safe disposition of the patient.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director