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## Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- All patients with **traumatic head, neck, or back pain** should have a documented neurologic exam including GCS, motor, and sensation of all extremities.
- In cardiac arrest patients with **refractory or recurrent V-fib/V-tach** for whom online medical control is recommending transport, transport to at STEMI receiving center rather than the closest comprehensive ED as these patients tend to have cardiac arrest secondary to myocardial ischemia.
- With the **cold weather**, please remember to cover your patients with blankets and remove any wet clothing.
- In cases of **Termination of Resuscitation**, if the patient is in a public place or the scene is unsafe, transport the patient to the closest comprehensive emergency department.
- As a reminder, **flu season** is in full swing and the vaccine this year is not especially effective. If you have any concern for the flu, please mask the patient **AND** yourself.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director

