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## Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- **EMS Week** is **May 20-26<sup>th</sup>** and has been celebrated annually since 1974. This event highlights the importance of the work that EMS personnel provide for our communities.
- **University of Chicago** is now a Level 1 Trauma Center in Region XI. Adult patients (16 years and older) should be transported to the Adult Emergency Department and Pediatric patients (15 years and under) should be transported to the Comer Emergency Department.
- **Morphine drug shortages** continue to effect both EMS and hospital providers, utilization of these medications should be restricted to the pain indications as defined in the protocols.
- EMS providers that encounter a patient in **cardiac arrest** should evaluate the patients for signs of long term death, including rigor and lividity in order to determine whether to initiate resuscitation.
- The **Ventricular Assist Device (VAD)** non-mandatory module is now available on Target Solutions as a video presentation; use the 'self' assign function to access this education for a topic review of these complex patients.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director