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Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- For motor vehicle accidents: **INTRUSION is the measured defect into the passenger compartment** which is different from the EXTERNAL auto deformation
- The **Pediatric Assessment Triangle (PAT)** can be used to quickly evaluate a sick child and is based on the **A**ppearance, work of **B**reathing, **C**irculation to the skin
- **Needle decompression** should be performed on patients with thoracic trauma AND traumatic arrest or evidence of tension pneumothorax such as SBP < 90mmHg AND respiratory distress or respiratory failure, NOT solely for isolated decreased breath sounds
- **Cardiac arrests** should have the monitor in **manual mode** to allow for prompt rhythm recognition and defibrillation every 2 minutes, which minimizes the time without chest compressions
- There is a **MANDATORY Region XI Policy Update module** for all EMT-B, EMT-P, ECRN, and ECPs to be completed prior to July 16th. To complete the training, EMTs should login to Target Solutions and ECRNs/ECPs should refer to your EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director