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## Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- The **Chicago Marathon** is October 7<sup>th</sup> and long distances with excessive water intake predispose runners to electrolyte abnormalities.
- All **Field to Hospital Communication calls** both **Online Medical Control (OLMC)** and **Pre-notification** *must* be documented in the patient care report.
- As per the new **Adult Assessment** protocol, the **Primary Survey** should be Airway-Breathing-Circulation (A-B-C), unless specific circumstances such as cardiac arrest or major hemorrhage where Circulation-Airway-Breathing (C-A-B) is indicated.
- An **initial full set of vital signs** is required on every patient including: pulse, blood pressure, respiratory rate, pulse oximetry and neurologic status assessment.
- Starting this month, there is a new **Stroke Update mandatory education** for all active EMT-Basic, Paramedic, ECRN, and ECPs in the Region XI EMS System on stroke severity screening and transport.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director

