



March/April 2019

Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- **Paramedic Competency Testing** will be held for Private Providers in April and signup is through Target Solutions. Any Chicago Fire Department Paramedic that has not taken or passed their Competency Test should contact their Resource Hospital for scheduling.
- On April 1st, the revised “**Initiation or Withholding of Resuscitative Measures (B.5)**” and new “**Management of Multiple Patient Incidents (B.31)**” were implemented and are posted on the Region XI website (chicagoems.org).
- Prior to **withholding resuscitation**, a thorough patient assessment must be performed including confirming the patient is apneic and pulseless without spontaneous movement and has signs of long term death or injuries obviously incompatible with life as per policy (B.5).
- In a **Multiple Patient Incident**, primary triage of patients should be performed using the Region XI Modified START/JumpSTART algorithm followed by a secondary assessment.
- In an **EMS Plan response**, the EMS Communications Officer will provide initial notification to the Resource Hospital and the transporting ambulance should provide the receiving hospital with a brief, updated pre-notification report while enroute, stating that the patient is from an EMS Plan response.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director