



May/June 2019

Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- On May 1st, the **Transport of Veteran Patients to VAMC** policy (C.21) was implemented which defines the catchment area and criteria for self-identified veterans to be transported to a Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC).
- On June 1st, the **Roseland Community Triage Center (CTC) Pilot** began, which allows Chicago Fire Department EMS transports of medically stable patients with a mental health complaint to a stand alone crisis stabilization center.
 - Any patient that is a potential transport to the **Roseland CTC** should meet inclusion criteria, be within the catchment area, and be called in to University of Chicago for Online Medical Control.
 - **Alternative transport destinations** beyond traditional Emergency Departments for 911 calls have been a successful model in other EMS Systems.
- For any patient in cardiac arrest, the impression should be “Cardiac Arrest” and all **CARES questions** should be answered in the documentation.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director