

Pediatric Treatment Protocols

PEDIATRIC DROWNING / NEAR DROWNING/SUBMERSION

Pediatric Drowning/Near Drowning/Submersion

Pre-Medical Control

MFR/EMT/SPECIALIST/PARAMEDIC

1. Follow **Pediatric Assessment and Treatment Protocol**
2. **If pulse is absent:**
 - A. If documented submersion time is greater than 1 hour refer to the **Dead on Scene Procedure**.
 - B. In normothermic patients, initiate CPR and refer to **Pediatric Cardiac Arrest - General Protocol**.
 - C. If the patient is hypothermic, go to **Hypothermia Cardiac Arrest Protocol**.
 - D. Prevent further heat loss by transport in a warm environment. Patient should be dry.
3. **If pulse is present:**
 - A. Assess patient's temperature.
 - B. If patient is hypothermic, go to **Hypothermia/Frostbite Protocol**.
 - C. Prevent further heat loss by transport in a warm environment. Patient should be kept dry.

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- D. Consider CPAP/BiPAP (if available) per **CPAP/BiPAP Procedure**
4. Contact Medical Control if no transport is considered or requested.

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