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.
Follow Pediatric Assessment & Treatment Protocol

**PULSE ABSENT**

If documented submersion time is greater than 1 hour refer to Dead on Scene Procedure.

In normothermic patients, initiate CPR and refer to Pediatric Cardiac Arrest - General Protocol.

If the patient is hypothermic, go to Hypothermia Cardiac Arrest Protocol.

Prevent further heat loss by transport in a warm environment. Patient should be dry.

Consider CPAP/BiPAP (if available) per CPAP BiPAP Procedure.

**PULSE PRESENT**

Assess patient’s temperature.

If the patient is hypothermic, go to Hypothermia Frostbite Protocol.

Contact Medical Control
If no transport is considered or requested.