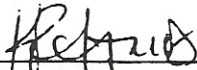


Subject: Treatment Guidelines – BLS
Drowning/Near Drowning

Associated Policies:

- I. Priorities
 - A. Rescuer safety.
 - B. Protect C-Spine and assess for Spinal Motion Restriction.
 - C. Contact transporting ambulance or base hospital.
 - D. Transport.

- II. Drowning/Near Drowning
 - A. Drowning:
 - 1. Treat per Traumatic Cardiac Arrest Treatment Guidelines.
 - B. Near Drowning:
 - 1. Ensure a patent airway.
 - 2. Protect the cervical spine, if neck injury suspected or patient has altered level of consciousness.
 - 3. Adminster oxygen per oxygen policy. Be prepared to support ventilations.
 - 4. Anticipate vomiting and have suction ready.
 - 5. Remove wet clothing and dry patient.
 - 6. Take warming measures.
 - 7. Transport.

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