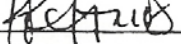


Subject: Treatment Guidelines – BLS Personnel  
**SCUBA or Deep-Water Diving**

Associated Policies:

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- I. Priorities
  - A. ABC's.
  - B. High flow oxygen therapy.
  - C. CPR, if indicated.
- II. SCUBA/Deep-Water Diving
  - A. Air Embolism/Bends (Decompression Sickness):
    - 1. Administer high flow oxygen to all patients suspected of decompression sickness irregardless of their physiologic distress level. Maintain airway, assist ventilations as needed.
    - 2. If conscious, place patient left lateral with the body tilted approximately fifteen (15) degrees, and keep patients head and chest lower than his/her feet.
    - 3. Transport immediately, these patients may need recompression treatment.
  - B. Barotrauma (Injury to the Tissues of the Body's Air Cavities):
    - 1. Maintain airway. Suction, if needed.
    - 2. High flow oxygen.
    - 3. Transport left lateral recumbent position with head lower than hips.

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