

Near Drowning/Submersion

Pre-Medical Control

MFR/EMT/SPECIALIST/PARAMEDIC

1. Follow **General Pre-hospital Care Protocol**
2. **If pulse is absent:**
 - a. If documented submersion time is greater than 1 hour refer to the **Dead on Scene Policy.**
 - b. In normothermic patients initiate CPR and refer to **General Cardiac Arrest Protocol.**
 - c. If 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 dry.

Post Medical Control

PARAMEDIC

1. Medications as ordered.

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