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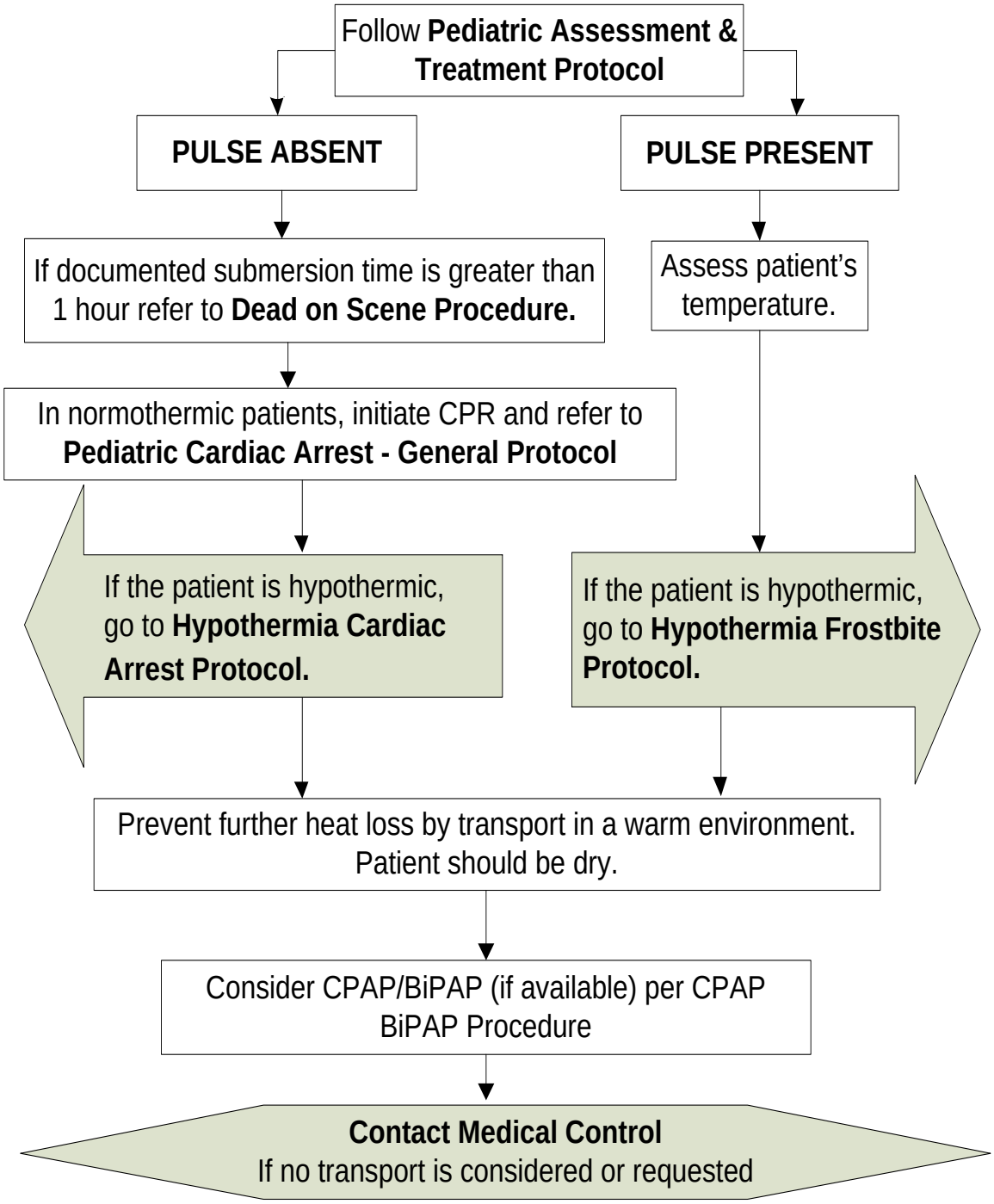
   D. Consider CPAP/BiPAP (if available) per **CPAP/BiPAP Procedure**

4. Contact Medical Control if no transport is considered or requested.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If the patient is hypothermic, go to **Hypothermia Frostbite Protocol.**
Prevent further heat loss by transport in a warm environment. Patient should be dry.
Consider CPAP/BiPAP (if available) per CPAP BiPAP Procedure
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