Drowning/Near Drowning/Submersion

Pre-Medical Control
MFR/EMT/SPECIALIST/PARAMEDIC

1. Follow **General Pre-hospital Care Protocol.**
   a. Assess patient's temperature.

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 **Cardiac Arrest – General Protocol**.
   C. If patient is hypothermic, go to **Hypothermia Cardiac Arrest Protocol.**

3. **If pulse is present:**
   A. If patient is hypothermic, go to **Hypothermia/Frostbite Protocol**.
   B. Prevent further heat loss by transport in a warm environment. Patient should be dry.

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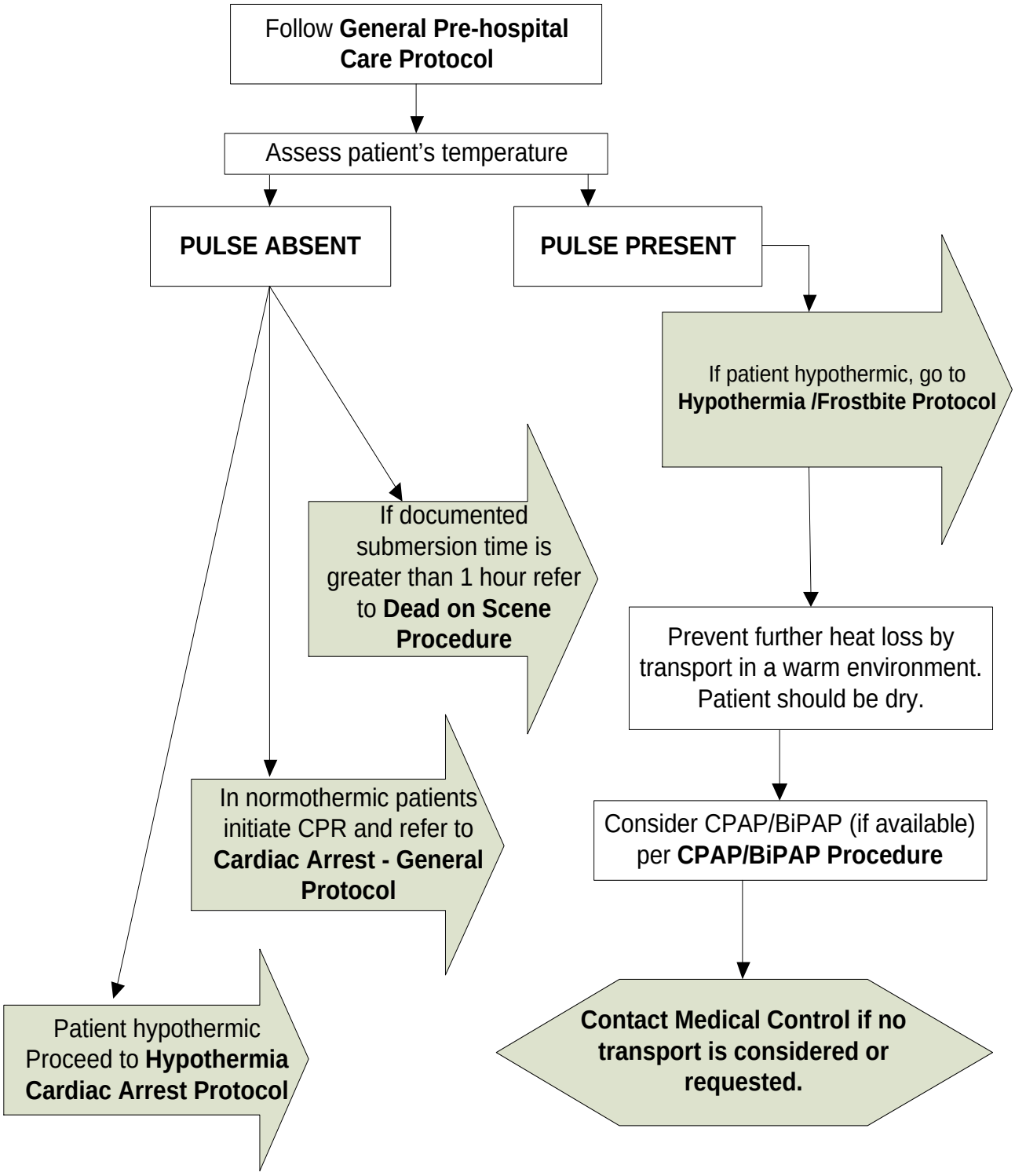
C. Consider CPAP/BiPAP (if available) per **CPAP/BiPAP Procedure.**
D. Contact Medical Control if no transport is considered or requested.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PULSE ABSENT
PULSE PRESENT
If patient hypothermic, go to **Hypothermia /Frostbite Protocol**
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Consider CPAP/BiPAP (if available) per **CPAP/BiPAP Procedure**
Patient hypothermic Proceed to **Hypothermia Cardiac Arrest Protocol**
Contact Medical Control if no transport is considered or requested.