

Michigan
Pediatric Treatment Protocols
NEAR DROWNING

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Near Drowning

Pre-Medical Control

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 Pediatric 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 kept dry.
 - d. Consider CPAP if respiratory distress
 - e. Contact Medical Control if no transport is considered or requested.

Post Medical Control

1. Medications as ordered.

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