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.
Follow **General Pre-hospital Care Protocol**

### PULSE ABSENT

- If documented submersion time is greater than 1 hour refer to **Dead on Scene Policy**
- In normothermic patients initiate CPR and refer to **General Pediatric Cardiac Arrest Protocol**
  - Patient hypothermic
  - Proceed to **Hypothermia Cardiac Arrest Protocol**

### PULSE PRESENT

- Assess patient temperature
- Patient hypothermic
  - Prevent further heat loss by transport in a warm environment
  - Patient should be dry
  - Consider CPAP if respiratory distress

**Contact Medical Control**

- If no transport is considered or requested
- Medications as ordered