

***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.

Pediatric Treatment Protocols

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