11D - WATER SUBMERSION EVENTS ADULT & PEDIATRIC

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHER
EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER
EMT
EMT-INTERMEDIATE 85
ADVANCED EMT
PARAMEDIC

TREATMENT PRIORITIES

1. Rescue safety
2. Oxygenation/Ventilation
3. Assessment/Care for life-threatening injuries and/or cardiac arrest
4. Vital signs
5. Appropriate trauma care destination selection if injury present

EMD

RESCUE ONLY IF SAFE TO ATTEMPT
IF DIVING ACCIDENT, AVOID ALL UNNECESSARY MOVEMENT
STABILIZE HEAD AND NECK IN POSITION FOUND
OPEN AIRWAY IF NOT ALERT & INEFFECTIVE BREATHING

EMR / EMT

GENERAL SUPPORTIVE CARE
OBTAIN VITAL SIGNS
O_2 VIA NC, NRB, OR BVM AS APPROPRIATE

UTILIZE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS USING POWERED DEVICE(S) ON WET PATIENT
APPLY CARDIAC MONITOR (if equipped)

EVALUATE ETIOLOGY OF WATER SUBMERSION – TREAT PER APPLICABLE PROTOCOL(S)
WATER SUBMERSION CARDIAC ARREST: INITIATE RESUSCITATION/TRANSPORT WITH REWARMING IF KNOWN SUBMERSION LESS THAN:
1. 60 MINUTES IF WATER TEMPERATURE GREATER THAN 6^0 CELCIUS (42.8^0 F)
2. 90 MINUTES IF WATER TEMPERATURE LESS THAN 6^0 CELCIUS (42.8^0 F)

EMT OR HIGHER LICENSE:
MEASURE END-TIDAL CO_2 & MONITOR WAVEFORM CAPNOGRAPHY (if equipped; **Mandatory use if pt intubated)
ADULT: APPLY Bi/CPAP IF INDICATED (if equipped)

EMT-I85 / AEMT

ADULT: INTUBATE IF INDICATED

ESTABLISH IV ACCESS

PARAMEDIC

TREAT CARDIAC ARREST SPECIFIC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT PER APPLICABLE PROTOCOL(S)

ADULT: MEDICATION ASSISTED INTUBATION IF INDICATED

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT & TREATMENT PER APPLICABLE PROTOCOL(S)