

3.03 (NEAR) DROWNING

BLS Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Position of comfort.• NPO.• Oxygen as indicated.
ALS Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced airway intervention, as necessary.• Cardiac monitor.• IV or IO of Normal Saline TKO.
Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rapid transport. Patient can deteriorate rapidly.• Description (salt or fresh water) and temperature of submersion fluid.• Duration of submersion.• Height of fall/mechanism of injury.• Suspicion of alcohol or other drugs/medications involved.• Evidence of head/ spinal trauma or other associated injuries.• Neurologic status.• Respiratory findings: rales or signs of pulmonary edema, respiratory distress.
Base Hospital Contact Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To withhold or cease resuscitation due to witnessed submersion of > 25 minutes or no response to treatment.