



# Diving Emergencies



## Injury (Pediatric)

### CRITERIA

- Victims of near-drowning accidents
- History of diving or breathing compressed air
- Symptoms might include:
  - CNS changes
  - Numbness
  - Pain in extremities
  - Joint pain
  - Blurred vision
  - Blood from nose and mouth
  - Seizures

### PROTOCOL

<b>EMR</b>	Follow <i>General – Universal Patient Care/Initial Patient Contact Protocol</i> .	<b>EMR</b>
<b>EMR</b>	Use backboard to remove the patient from the water, consider spinal immobilization.	<b>EMR</b>
<b>EMR</b>	Remove wet clothing. Keep patient warm and dry.	<b>EMR</b>
<b>EMR</b>	Be alert for vomiting: prepare to suction.	<b>EMR</b>

### PEARLS

- 🔔 Any near-drowning or water-related injury patient should be transported to a medical facility for follow-up care regardless of current presentation
- 🔔 Initiate aggressive attempts at resuscitation for the victim of cold-water submersion (less than 70 degrees F)
- 🔔 Consider HEMS
- 🔔 Contact Medical Control to consider direct transport to a medical facility with a DAN-certified recompression chamber:
  - Divers Alert Network: 1-919 -684-9111
  - Sentara Leigh Hyperbaric Medicine: 1-757-261-4325