

Michigan
Adult Treatment Protocols
DROWNING / NEAR DROWNING / SUBMERSION

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Drowning/Near Drowning/Submersion

Pre-Medical Control

MFR/EMT/SPECIALIST/PARAMEDIC

1. Follow **General Pre-hospital Care Protocol**.
 - a. Assess patient's temperature.
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 **Cardiac Arrest – General Protocol**.
 - C. If patient is hypothermic, go to **Hypothermia Cardiac Arrest Protocol**.
3. **If pulse is present:**
 - A. If patient is hypothermic, go to **Hypothermia/Frostbite Protocol**.
 - B. Prevent further heat loss by transport in a warm environment. Patient should be dry.

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- C. Consider CPAP/BiPAP (if available) per **CPAP/BiPAP Procedure**.
- D. Contact Medical Control if no transport is considered or requested.

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