

DROWNING

1. Administer **O₂** to 100% oxygenation. Assist ventilation, as necessary. Consider **CPAP**. Also consider **endotracheal intubation**, if necessary.
2. Take spinal precautions.
3. Apply cardiac monitor and establish IV/IO access.
4. Monitor pulse oximetry, if available.
5. Hyperventilate patient once airway control is established and consider PEEP valve (Adult: 30/min; Pediatric: 35-50/min).
6. Obtain core temperature with low read thermometer.
7. All submersion patients who may have experienced near-drowning should be transported to a hospital for evaluation.
8. In cases of cold-water drowning, do not abandon resuscitative efforts until all ALS measures have been tried and patient's core temperature has been normalized. In extended underwater time (> 1 hour) contact Medical Control for concurrence with not initiating resuscitation.