

### 3.03 (NEAR) DROWNING

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