

SUBMERSION

•Pediatric Routine Medical Care

- Contact the Base Physician if patient is also showing signs of pulmonary edema before moving to the appropriate policy
- Consider CPAP (see CPAP [page 123](#) for indications)
- Consider spinal precautions prior to extrication if possibility of neck trauma. Otherwise place the patient on his/her side to protect the airway and prevent aspiration; be prepared to suction
- Rapid extrication from water
- Note:** If hypothermia is suspected and the patient is in ventricular fibrillation, rewarming is essential. Remove wet clothing, wrap in warm blankets and place in warm ambulance
- Initiate rapid transport to the closest most appropriate receiving hospital

