

SUBMERSION (# 7218)

- **Routine Medical Care**
- Consider spinal precautions prior to extrication if possibility of neck trauma
- Rapid extrication from water
- If **hypothermia** suspected and the patient is in Ventricular Fibrillation, rapid transport to the closest receiving hospital is essential for rewarming. Patients who are hypothermic rarely respond to treatment. (see "Hypothermia" policy #7008)
- **Consider CPAP** - see CPAP procedure (# 10100) for indications

