

OPERATIONS: BLS/ALS TREATMENT PROTOCOLS

DATE: Rev. 4/16/12

SUBJECT: NEAR DROWNING

POLICY NUMBER: 9210

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BLS</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ALS</u></b></p>
<p>Ensure patent airway, suction prn.</p> <p><b>SO</b> *Insert Perilaryngeal Airway prn.</p> <p>Monitor O2 saturation prn.</p> <p>Give oxygen and/or ventilate prn.</p> <p>Spinal immobilization for suspected spinal injury</p> <p>Keep patient warm</p> <p>All patients in this category should be evaluated in the hospital.</p> <p>*Perilaryngeal Airway may only be utilized by authorized EMT-I, or Advanced EMT, who have EMT-I Optional Skill Accreditation.</p>	<p>Monitor ECG/Monitor O2 saturation prn.</p> <p><b>SO</b> Insert ETT/Perilaryngeal Airway prn.</p> <p><b>SO</b> EtCO2 monitoring (Waveform Capnography 35 - 45 mm/Hg) prn.</p> <p><b>SO</b> Establish Saline lock/IV prn.</p> <p><b>SO</b> Consider nebulized Albuterol 2.5 mg for wheezing; may repeat per BH</p> <p><b>BH</b> CPAP at 5-10cm H2O in cooperative and alert patients</p> <p><b><u>PEDIATRIC NOTE:</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Refer to Pediatric Drug Guide</b></p>

APPROVAL:



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