



## **Quality Improvement**

**Associated NEMSIS Protocol(s) (eProtocol.01)** (for additional information, go to [www.nemsis.org](http://www.nemsis.org))

- 9914091 – Injury - Diving Emergencies
- 9914211 – Injury - SCUBA Injury/Accidents

### **Key Documentation Elements**

- Water temperature, if available
- Dive history
  - Number of dives in recent history (days)
  - "Bottom time" in dives
  - Dive profiles
  - Maximum depth
  - Rate of ascent
  - Safety stops utilized if any
  - Dive gas (i.e., air vs. mixed gases such as Nitrox, Heliox or Trimix)
- Timing of onset of symptoms
- History of altitude exposure after diving (air travel)
- Any associated injuries or exposures

### **Performance Measures**

- Recognition and appropriate care of pulmonary/respiratory complaints
- Patient transported to nearest appropriate facility (HBOT if available and indicated)
- Need for HBOT recognized and communicated to receiving facility if indicated

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