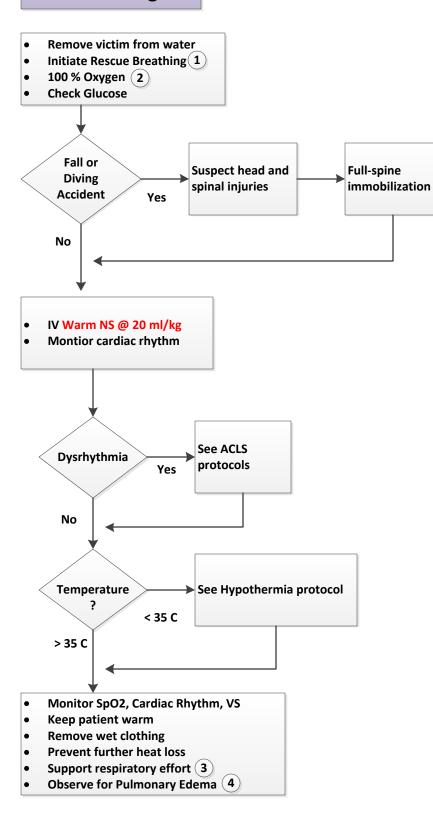
Near Drowning



KEY FACTORS:

- * Control seizures: Phenytoin is the drug of choice
- * Maintain blood sugar levels (60 120).
- * Maintain Normal body temperatures
- * Avoid Hypotension.
- * Antibiotic prophylaxis is not indicated unless submerged in grossly contaminated water

- 1. Heimlick maneuver is not effective in removing aspiration water.
- 2. If patient is alert consider CPAP/ BIPAP
- 3. Consider intubation and mechanical ventilation in any patient with poor respiratory effort, altered LOC, severe hypoxemia, severe acidosis, or respiratory distress. High levels of PEEP is helpful in reversing hypoxemia.
- 4. Observe for bronchospasm, ARDS.