

PEDI ENVIRONMENTAL PE-03

DROWNING

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History and Physical:	
Historical Findings	Physical Findings
 Water submersion without cardiopulmonary 	 Dyspnea, difficulty breathing
arrest and without evidence of hypothermia	

Assessment:

Environmental Assessment

Clinical Management Options:	
Interventions	Pharmacology
Remove from water	
 Oxygen therapy as appropriate 	
 Intubate if patient is unconscious, or in 	
respiratory distress	
 External warming if indicated 	
 Vascular access as indicated 	
■ CPAP 5-10 cmH ₂ O	
 Tracheal suctioning via ETT 	
 PEEP usage during ventilation 5-10 cmH₂O 	

Consult:

Consider DSI