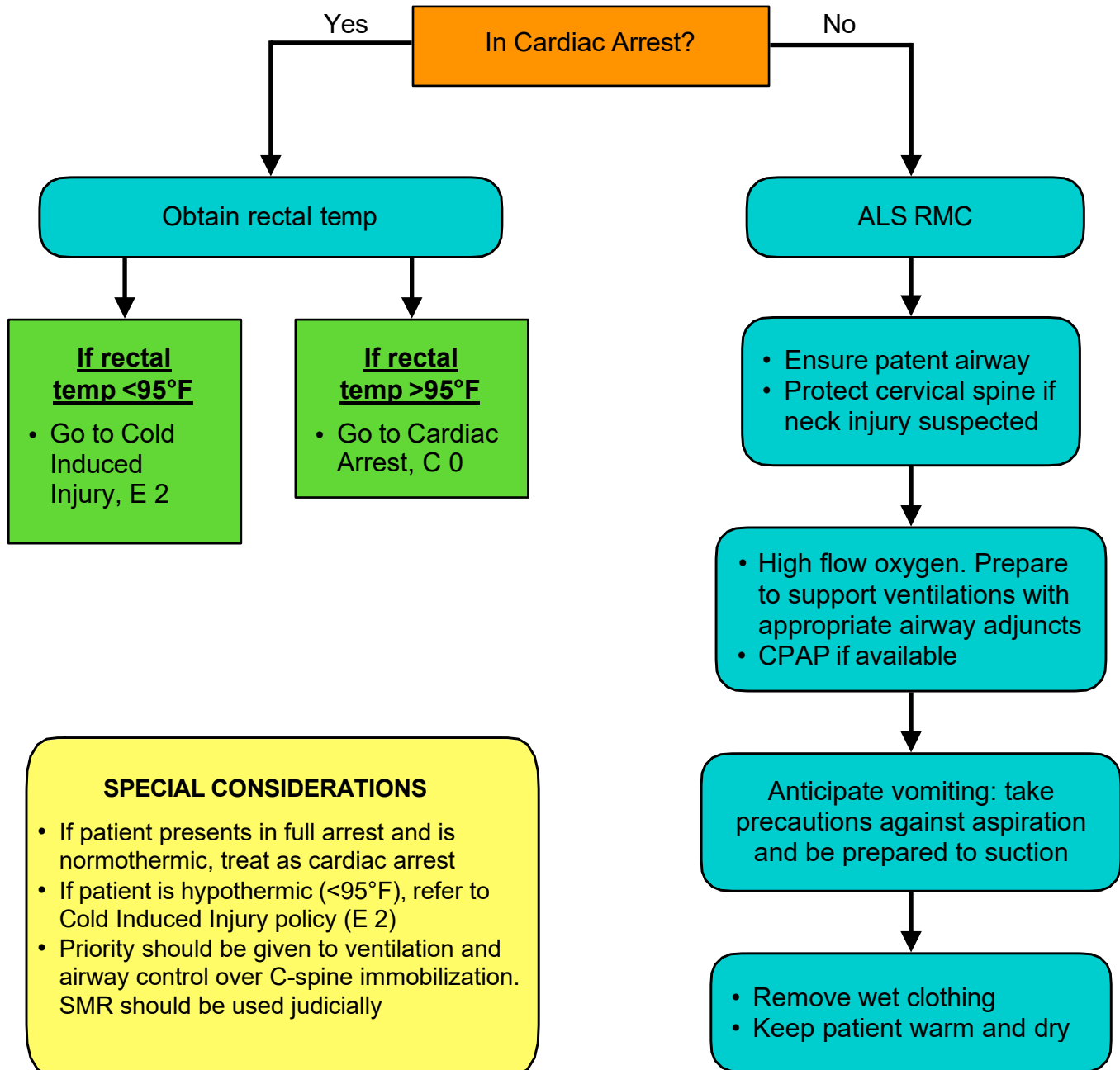


DROWNING / SUBMERSION

Indications

Immersion in water with altered mental status and/or respiratory impairment



SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- If patient presents in full arrest and is normothermic, treat as cardiac arrest
- If patient is hypothermic (<95°F), refer to Cold Induced Injury policy (E 2)
- Priority should be given to ventilation and airway control over C-spine immobilization. SMR should be used judiciously