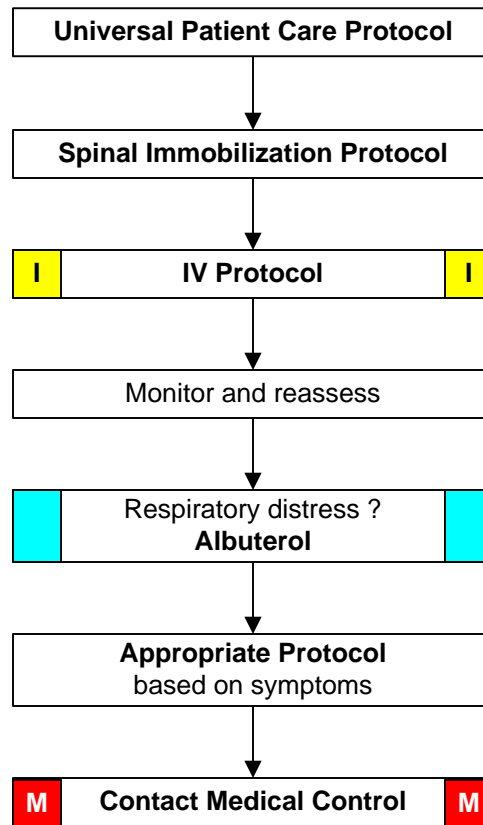




Drowning / Near Drowning



History: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submersion in water regardless of depth • Possible history of trauma ie: diving board • Duration of immersion • Temperature of water 	Signs and Symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unresponsive • Mental status changes • Decreased or absent vital signs • Vomiting • Coughing 	Differential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma • Pre-existing medical problem • Pressure injury (diving) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barotrauma Decompression sickness
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Pearls:

- **Exam: Trauma Survey, Head, Neck, Chest, Abdomen, Pelvis, Back, Extremities, Skin, Neuro**
- With cold water no time limit -- resuscitate all.
- All victims should be transported for evaluation due to potential for worsening over the next several hours.
- **Drowning is a leading cause of death among would-be rescuers.**
- **Allow appropriately trained and certified rescuers to remove victims from areas of danger.**
- **With pressure injuries (decompression / barotrauma), consider transport or availability of a hyperbaric chamber.**