



ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
BASE HOSPITAL TREATMENT GUIDELINES

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NON-FATAL DROWNING – PEDIATRIC

BASE GUIDELINES

1. Determine ALS Standing Order treatments/procedures rendered prior to base hospital contact. Use ALS standing order as guidelines for treatments/procedures not initiated prior to base hospital/CCERC contact.
2. If mechanism of history is unclear, err on the side of transport to a Trauma Center

ALS STANDING ORDER

1. Spinal motion restriction if diving or ocean shore-break accident.
2. Assure airway is clear and patent.
3. Pulse oximetry, for room air oxygen saturation less than 95%:
 - ▶ *High-flow Oxygen by mask or nasal cannula at 6 L/min flow rate (direct or blow-by) as tolerated*
4. Treat cardiopulmonary arrest per SO-P-40 (Cardiac Arrest – Pediatric)
5. Cardiac monitor, document rhythm:
 - ▶ *For bradycardia, assist ventilations with bag-valve-mask using high flow oxygen.*
6. For wheezing with adequate breathing effort:
 - ▶ *Albuterol 6 mL (5mg) 0.83% solution nebulized continuous as tolerated (discontinue for continued coughing or child resisting treatment).*
7. **ALS escort, contact Base Hospital/CCERC for designation to CCERC or if CCERC > 20 min transport time, to nearest appropriate ERC per OCEMS Policy # 310.00.**

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