

FIRST RESPONDER INITIAL CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE OR RE-LICENSING PRACTICAL EVALUATION

3.21 Near Drowning

Key Performance Outcomes

- Airway management
- Breathing management

Patient Instructions

C/C:	Unconscious
HxC/C:	Child found at the bottom of a swimming pool and was removed by bystanders. There is no clear history of how long the child was immersed - an older sister states she last saw her sister approximately 10 minutes ago.
Pain Assessment (PQRST)	N/A
Relevant symptoms:	Water in the mouth
Relevant past Med Hx:	Healthy
Medications:	None
Allergies:	Sister states the patient is allergic to penicillin
Other:	A child CPR mannequin should be used for this evaluation

Scenario Information

Dispatch Information

Dispatched to a residence for a drowning.

Scene Information

You are met by a distraught adult who informs you that he and his wife were having a neighbourhood pool party and one of the neighbour's kids has drowned. He leads you around to the rear of the house. As you approach you see numerous adults and children standing on the pool deck. One adult is performing mouth-to-mouth on a child. The child appears to be 6-7 years of age.

Witnessed or Secondary Information (as required)

If asked, the parents are not available but the patient's older sister is in attendance. There is no clear indication how long the child was submerged but the sister is able to state that she saw her sister about 10 minutes before she was pulled out of the pool.

Criteria	Relevant findings		Required actions	
RSE	Safe but numerous adults and other children standing around		Have an adult remove the crowd into the house	
LOC	Unconscious AV		PU	
D	None			
A	Open and clear		Insert OPA	
B	Absent		Ventilate with Child BVM (or Pocket Mask)	
C	Carotid pulse present and regular			
RBS	No injuries found			
Critical Interventions	Airway and Breathing management		Insert OPA and ventilate with Child BVM	
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HX C/C	Child found at the bottom of a swimming pool and was removed by bystanders. There is no clear history of how long the child was immersed - an older sister states she last saw her sister approximately 10 minutes before she was pulled out of the pool.			
Med Hx	Provided by sister - healthy			
Medication	Provided by sister - none			
Allergies	Provided by sister - penicillin			
Vital Signs	Initial Set		Second Set (if applicable)	
	LOC	Unconscious	LOC	Unconscious
	PULSE	90 regular	PULSE	90 regular
	RESP	Absent (assisted with BVM)	RESP	Absent (assisted with BVM)
	SKIN	Pale, wet, cyanotic	SKIN	Pale, wet
Other/Misc.			Oxygen therapy (attached to BVM) as soon as practical	