# AG13 Diving Medical Disorders

## **Objectives:**

• To assess and appropriately treat patients who are experiencing a diving medical disorder

## **General Information:**

- Mild symptoms a)Fatigue
  - b)Itching
- Serious symptoms
  - a) Pain
  - b) Vertigo
  - c) Focal weakness
  - d) Vision and/or speech difficulty
  - e) Marbled rash
  - f) Numbness and/or tingling
  - g) Confusion
  - h) Seizure
  - i) Cardiac arrest
- Aspirin will help prevent clot formation around nitrogen bubbles in the bloodstream.
- Medical control will designate transport destination
  - a) Hyperbaric chambers:
    - i) Sentara Leigh Hospital ED (757) 261-6804 Hyperbaric (757) 261-4325
    - ii) Bon Secours DePaul ED (757) 889-5112 Hyperbaric (757) 889-2300
    - iii) Diver Alert Network (919) 684-8111
    - iv) Chesapeake Regional Medical Center (757) 312-6149



- Transport patients in a supine position
- Do not transport directly to a hyperbaric chamber without direction from medical control

#### **OMD Notes:**

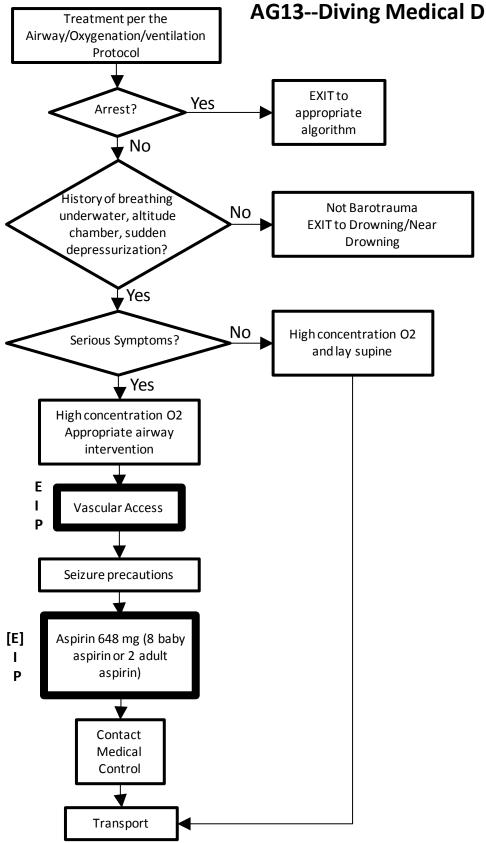
Transport only to hyperbaric chambers at medical facilities listed above

## **References:**

## Performance Indicators:

Barotrauma History Online Medical Control Transport to Appropriate Facility

Aspirin Administration



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