

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



Warnings/Alerts:

- 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 Aspirin Administration
Transport to Appropriate Facility

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