NON-FATAL DROWNING - ADULT/ADOLESCENT

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ALS STANDING ORDERS:

- 1. Spinal motion restriction if diving or shore-break accident.
- 2. Pulse oximetry; if oxygen saturation less than 95%:
 - ► Oxygen, high-flow by mask or nasal cannula at 6 l/min flow rate as tolerated.
- 3. Treat cardiac arrest same as SO-C-10 (Cardiac Cardiopulmonary Arrest).
- 4. Monitor cardiac rhythm and document with rhythm strip:
 - ► For bradycardia, clear airway and assist ventilation with bag-valve-mask using high-flow oxygen.
- 5. For wheezing:
 - ▶ Albuterol, Continuous nebulization of 6 mL (5 mg) concentration as tolerated.
- 6. For conscious and continued respiratory distress after clearing airway (by suction or patient coughing):
 - ► Apply CPAP as tolerated; guard against high risk for vomiting.
- 7. If unconscious or unable to protect airway:
 - ► Advanced airway and confirm tube placement.
- 8. ALS escort to nearest appropriate ERC; contact Base Hospital for suspected spinal injury or trauma or as needed.

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