

 <b>COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO</b> EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	TREATMENT PROTOCOL		<b>S-132</b>
	<b>DECOMPRESSION ILLNESS / DIVING /          ALTITUDE-RELATED INCIDENTS</b>		
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### BLS

### ALS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% O<sub>2</sub> via mask</li> <li>• Ventilate PRN</li> <li>• O<sub>2</sub> saturation</li> <li>• Spinal stabilization PRN</li> <li>• Warming PRN, remove wetsuit, if able</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor/ECG</li> <li>• IV/IO <sup>®</sup></li> </ul>
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**Diving victim:** A person with any symptoms after diving, regardless of whether compressed gasses such as air were used.

**Minor symptoms (non-progressive):** Minimal localized joint pain, mottling of skin surface, or localized swelling with pain.

**Major symptoms:** Symptoms listed above that are severe and/or rapidly progressing, vertigo, altered LOC, progressive paresthesia, seizure, paralysis, severe SOB, blurred vision, crepitus, hematemesis, hemoptysis, pneumothorax, urinary retention, trunk pain, or girdle or band-like burning discomfort.

#### Diving victim disposition

- All patients (including active-duty military) should be transported to UCSD Hillcrest Emergency Department
- Follow policy T-460 if trauma criteria are met
- Bring dive computer and gear if available