

CUPS Assessment of Pediatric Near-Drowning		
Category	Assessment	Actions
Critical	Absent airway, breathing, or circulation; AVPU=P or U	Perform initial interventions and transport simultaneously; call for ALS backup if available
Unstable	Compromised airway, breathing, or circulation; AVPU=V	Perform initial assessment and interventions; transport promptly; call for ALS backup if available
Potentially unstable	Normal airway, breathing, and circulation and AVPU=A, BUT child required assisted ventilation, or was underwater and needed help getting out, or experienced choking and coughing after removal from water	Perform initial assessment and interventions; transport promptly; begin focused history and physical exam during transport if time allows
Stable	Normal airway, breathing, and circulation; AVPU=A	Perform initial assessment and interventions; complete focused history and detailed physical examination; transport

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