DAN
DIVERS ALERT NETWORK

Diving Emergencies Management flow chart

Underwater breathing

NO → **Not a SCUBA diving accident.** go to the nearest hospital

YES ↓

Mild Symptoms?
(unusual tiredness, itching)

YES →
1. Oxygen 100%
2. Horizontal Position
3. Water (0,5 - 1 litre) orally
4. Observe + Neurocheck

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Relief in 30 minutes?

NO ↓ Treat as serious symptoms

YES ↓ Consult Physician. Observe 24 hours.

NO ↓

Serious symptoms:
pain, skin troubles, unusual weakness, numbness, tingling, breathing troubles, visual, hearing,
speech troubles, vertigo, nausea, paralysis, decreased consciousness, coma.

Remember: any symptom at depth is always serious

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EARLY TREATMENT

1. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) if needed.
2. Keep airway open.
3. Put diver in horizontal position.
4. Give 100% Oxygen with face mask for as long as possible.
5. Shelter diver.
6. If fully conscious, give water (0,5 - 1 litre).
7. If Physician is present Ringers Lactate, Normal saline or 5% dextrose in saline I.V. (**No** 5% dextrose in water).
8. Consult DAN Europe or a diving medicine specialist.
9. Plan transportation to Hyperbaric Facility.
10. If air evacuation: maximum possible cabin pressurisation.