

Chapter 7

Special Resuscitation Situations

- Trauma
- Near-drowning
- Hypothermia
- Electric shock

Trauma

If patient is found unconscious:

- consider head or neck injury
- roll victim as a unit
- use jaw-thrust method to open airway
- minimize movement

Jaw-thrust



Near-Drowning

- Attempt rescue only if trained
- Attempt rescue breathing
- Reposition head if needed
- Perform Heimlich maneuver if obstruction is suspected

Hypothermia

- Core body temperature drops below 95°F
- Remove wet clothing and warm patient
- Do not elevate legs
- Check breathing and pulse for 30-45 seconds

Electric Shock

- Safety is the most important consideration
- Patient may have serious internal injuries
- Suspect spinal injury
- Respiratory or cardiac arrest can occur