

HYPOTHERMIA

BASIC EMT

1. Handle patient gently
2. Initiate re-warming techniques.
3. If pulseless and unresponsive, CCR
 - Defibrillate only once using AED.

ADVANCED EMT

4. IV access with warmed Normal Saline if available.

PARAMEDIC

If core temperature is less than 30°C (86°F):

- If pulseless and in Ventricular Fibrillation or Ventricular Tachycardia defibrillate only once as indicated.
- Administer one round of ACLS medications per appropriate protocol then contact Medical Control.



Handle patient gently and use caution with endotracheal intubation as both may induce ventricular fibrillation.

If core temperature is greater than 30°C (86°F):

- Follow regular cardiac arrest guidelines.

Consider aeromedical transport. Patients who are severely hypothermic may require cardiopulmonary bypass.