

FIJI DIVE EMERGENCY NOTES

***IF YOU HAVE A SUSPECTED
DIVE INJURY/ ACCIDENT
CALL***

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ON-CALL HYPERBARIC DOCTOR (CWM, SUVA)

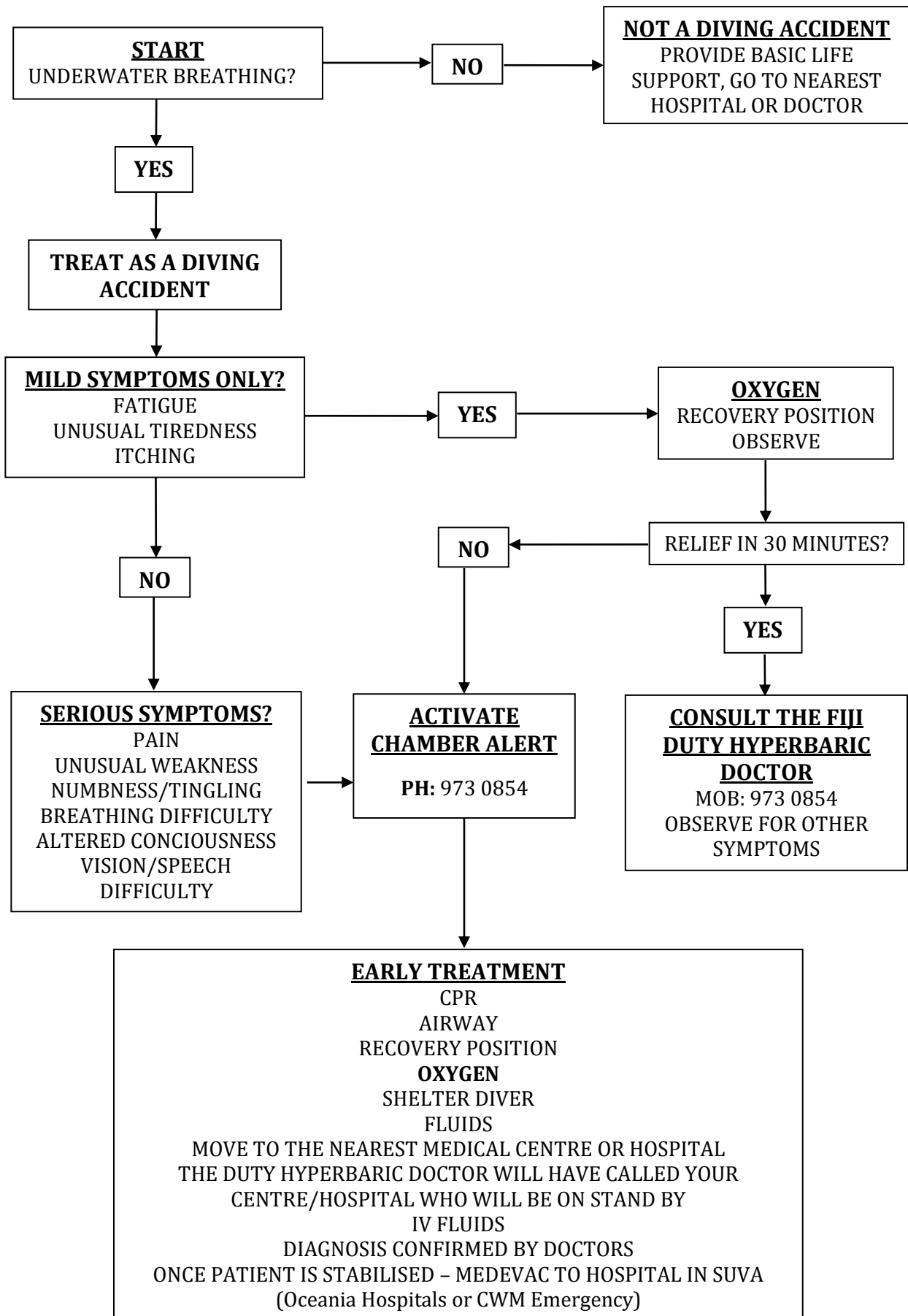
Once retrieval for treatment is authorised, OCEANIA HOSPITALS should also be notified of an admission, if necessary:

Call Dr John Alfred

9929541

***IMPORTANT – YOU MUST PLACE THE
PATIENT ON OXYGEN!***

ACCIDENT MANAGEMENT FLOW CHART - FIJI



IMMEDIATE CARE

In a suspected diving accident, the first question is 'Did the victim take a breath underwater?' from a SCUBA tank, hose, bucket, submerged car, or any compressed air source, regardless of depth.

If the answer is no, give CPR and oxygen if needed and evaluate at the nearest medical facility as the casualty is unlikely to require treatment by a diving medicine specialist.

If the injured diver did breathe underwater and only mild symptoms are present (fatigue and itching only), place the patient in the Recovery position if possible and administer oxygen and oral fluids while maintaining close observation for 30 minutes. DO NOT GIVE ORAL FLUIDS TO PATIENTS SUFFERING DIZZINESS OR NAUSEA DUE TO POSSIBILITY OF VOMITING.

If these symptoms do not clear, **"ACTIVATE THE HYPERBARIC CHAMBER ALERT"**. (see flowchart)

If the injured diver did breathe underwater and has serious symptoms (see flowchart), the Dive Operator must accompany the patient and do the following:

- 1) Administer CPR if required with the victim lying flat on his/her back.
- 2) Keep airway open and prevent aspiration of vomit. An unconscious diver should be intubated by trained personnel if possible.
- 3) Administer oxygen by tight-fitting transparent double seal mask at the highest possible oxygen concentration. Do not remove oxygen except to re-open the airway or if the victim shows signs of convulsions.
- 4) Keep victim in the Recovery position if symptoms occurred within 10 minutes of surfacing and steps 1-3 have been completed.
- 5) If convulsion occurs do not forcefully restrain. Turn victim on side (supporting head and neck), maintain airway, sweep away any vomit. Hold victim loosely to prevent self injury and do not forcefully insert any airway or tongue blade, resume oxygen administration.
- 6) Protect the injured diver from excessive heat, cold, wetness, or noxious fumes.
- 7) For conscious patients only, give conscious patients non-alcoholic liquids such as water or fruit juices.
- 8) Call Hyperbaric Doctor: Dr Luke Nasedra - 973 0854 and initiate Chamber Alert (*see page 8*).
- 9) If necessary, the Hyperbaric Doctor will advise Transport, then Evaluate and stabilize patient at the nearest Medical Centre/Hospital emergency room prior to transfer to the Hyperbaric Chamber Facility.
- 10) **For Doctors or Paramedics only:**
Intravenous fluid replacement with electrolyte solutions is preferred for unconscious or seriously injured victims. Ringers lactate, normal saline, or 5% dextrose in saline may be used. Do not use 5% dextrose in water. Intravenous fluid treatment requires professional care. Do not attempt unless you have proper training.
- 11) Should the patient be moved to a Medical Centre the Fiji Government Doctor will stabilize the patient, the Dive Operator must ensure communications are frequent to the Hyperbaric Doctor at the Hyperbaric Unit.

- 12) When you initiated the Hyperbaric Chamber Alert, the Hyperbaric Unit will have put all personnel on a state of readiness i.e. The Chamber, Ambulances and the quickest method for MEDEVAC will be on standby readiness to depart. The Ministry of Health Doctor and Hyperbaric Chamber Doctor must authorize all patients (Fiji Citizens, Beche-de-mer Divers, Tourist/Recreational divers, staff, salvage and commercial dive companies) Medevacs, and treatment at the Hyperbaric Unit.
- 13) The patient should remain on oxygen during transport to Hyperbaric Unit.
- 14) If air evacuation is used, IT MUST BE ARRANGED BY THE HYPERBARIC UNIT. It is critical that the patient not be exposed to decreased barometric pressure at altitude. Flight crews must fly at the lowest safe altitude in un-pressurised aircraft. CAAF have agreed 500 feet weather permitting. It is essential that you the Operator personally ask the pilot to confirm he has been briefed on this critically important aspect.

Dive Emergency Telephone Numbers

Colonial War Memorial (CWM) Hospital Hyperbaric Unit

General (24Hrs)	Tel	331 3444
Dr Luke Nasedra – Hyperbaric Doctor	Mob	973 0854
Dr Neeraj Sharma	Mob	976 6584
CWM Hyperbaric Unit (<i>only manned if the chamber is in use</i>)	Tel	321 5525

The CWMH Hyperbaric Unit operates every day on week days with routine hyperbaric treatments. They have a 24hr emergency call list for emergencies after hours and weekends. On arrival at the hospital, please report to the emergency room, where a hyperbaric staff member will meet and assist you. Call one of the mobiles on arrival if there is no hyperbaric staff there. Staff would normally take you to the Post Anaesthetic Recovery Unit (PARU).

Oceania Hospitals

Nursing Supervisor (after hours)	Tel	330 3404
Dr John Alfred – Clinical Coordinator/Practice Manager	Mob	992 9541
Dr Penuel Anav – Ward Manager	Mob	992 4683

Medical evacuation direct to Suva will land on the CWM roof heli-pad and Treatment will then be done at the Hyperbaric Unit at CWM.

Zens Medical Centre (Nadi)

Nadi Town	Tel	670 3533
Namaka	Tel	672 2288
Denarau	Tel	675 0211
Lautoka	Tel	666 3058
Dr Zen	Mob	979 7872
Dr Tupou	Mob	939 3590

District Hospitals

Lautoka Hospital	Tel	666 0399
Dr Vukivukiseru	Mob	769 2219
Sigatoka Hospital	Tel	650 0455
Savusavu Hospital	Tel	885 0444
Taveuni Hospital.....	Tel	888 0444
Labasa Hospital	Tel	881 1444
Navua Hospital	Tel	346 0181

Fiji Air/Sea Rescue

Police Sea Rescue	Tel	368 2488 / 368 4762
Fiji Navy (Maritime Search & Rescue)	Tel	331 5380 / 331 2585
After Hours	Mob	999 1644
Island Hoppers	Tel	672 0410 / 672 3343
Pacific Island Air & Seaplanes	Tel	672 5644 / 672 5642
HELiPRO – Emergency Hot Line (24 hrs)	Mob	770 7700

Tourist Police

Suva	Tel	368 0414
Inspector Mariana Bolatolu	Tel	450 2639 / 830 7557
Nadi	Tel	670 0222
Lautoka	Tel	666 9493

FHTA Dive Committee (DiveComm)

Nick Darling, Chair	Mob	992 5557
Mike Agnew	Mob	999 8305
Stuart Gow	Mob	997 5416
Allan Gortan	Mob	999 0125 / 778 0125
Fantasha Lockington, FHTA CEO	Mob	992 6980

Insurance Companies

BSP Life	Tel	331 7000
Health Help Desk	Tel	326 1787
Health Help Line (A/H)	Mob	702 4507
Marsh Ltd - Suva	Tel	322 7300
Daniel Yee – Director (A/H)	Mob	999 0798
Lautoka	Tel	665 3300
Samu Tunidau – Branch Manager (A/H)	Mob	999 0797
Aon (Fiji) Ltd - Suva	Tel	773 3374
Sahreena Mohammed – General Manager (A/H)	Mob	707 7263
Nadi	Tel	776 3599
Peni Bolatui – Branch Manager (A/H)	Mob	707 7254
Lautoka	Tel	776 3598
Vinod Patel – Branch Manager (A/H)	Mob	707 7257
Willis PADI Insurance, V Insurance Group	Tel	+61 2 9285 4111
Divers Alert Network (DAN)	Tel	+61 3 9886 9166
Michelle Brunton	Tel	+61 2 9454 2845
PADI QA/Incident Report Manager		Michelle.Brunton@padi.com.au
DiveAssure (SSI recommended Broker)	Tel	+49 (0) 322 2109 5966
Sam Jupe	Tel	+64 21 747 838
Scuba School International (SSI) Account Manager		sam.jupe@divessi.com

Fiji Department of Immigration¹

Certificate of Identity (CI)

Shalini Devi,	Tel	990 6833
MANAGER PASSPORTS		shalini.devi@govnet.gov.fj

All travel expenses for immigration officers to be dispatched to your location have to be covered by the respective organization.

High Commissions/Embassies

British	Tel	322 9108 / Mob	990 7591 / 707 7681
United States of America	Tel	331 4466 / Mob	772 8049
Australia	Tel	338 2211 / Mob	707 1222
New Zealand	Tel	331 1422 / Mob	779 1956
Japan	Tel	330 4633 / 330 2122	
France	Tel	331 0526 / 331 0527 / Mob	992 1752 / 707 8050
Canada	Tel	6721936	
China	Tel	330 0215	

¹ Information correct as received on 16 July 2020 from the Fiji Department of Immigration

Local Area Dive Contacts

Taveuni

Allan Gortan, PARADISE TAVEUNI Tel 778 0125 / 999 0125
Carl & Muriel Fox, TAVEUNI DIVE RESORT Tel 828 1063
Zoe Trickett, DOLPHIN BAY DIVERS RETREAT Tel 828 3001 / 992 4011
Phillip Morais, GARDEN ISLAND RESORT Tel 888 0286
Julie Kelly, NAKIA RESORT & DIVE Tel 888 1111
Roneel Prasad, QAMEA ISLAND RESORT Tel 888 0220

Savusavu

Bart Simpson, JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU (L'AVENTURE) Tel 885 0188
Dave Woodman, KORO SUN RESORT & RAINFOREST SPA Tel 885 0262
Bill Keefe, NAMALE RESORT Tel 885 0435

Yasawas

Val & Ivan Parker, NANUYA ISLAND RESORT Tel 666 1462 / 6667633
Gareth Van Eyssen, BAREFOOT KUATA/MANTA RESORTS Tel 675 0566
Tina Axelson, MANTARAY ISLAND RESORT Tel 776 6202
James McCann, YAWASAWA ISLAND RESORT Tel 666 3364

Mamanucas

Mike Agnew, VITI WATER SPORTS Tel 670 2413 / 999 8305
Bob Speed, CAPTAIN COOK CRUISES Tel 999 1089
Steven Andrews, CASTAWAY FIJI Tel 666 1233
Karen Koens, SUBSURFACE FIJI Mob 999 6371
Justin King, VOMO ISLAND RESORT (OCEANPLAY) Tel 666 7955

Suncoast/Rakiraki

Beato Dulunaqio, WANANAVU BEACH RESORT Tel 669 4433 / 970 5645
Nick & Steve Darling, VOLIVOLI BEACH RESORT & RA DIVERS Tel 669 4511 / 992 5557

Coral Coast

Ashwin Pal, DIVEAWAY Tel 931 6883
Lorna & Andreas Johnstone, WAIDROKA BAY RESORT Tel 7734605

Kadavu

Jason Nalewabau, MAI DIVE ASTROLABE REEF RESORT Tel 603 0842
Conny Treloar, DIVE KADAVU Tel 368 3502

Pacific Harbour/Beqa

Andrew Cumming, BEQA ADVENTURE DIVERS Tel 345 0911 / 777 1081
Jona Baro, AQUATREK BEQA Tel 702 9898 / 773 0324
Rusiate Naulivou, UPRISING BEACH RESORT Tel 345 2200
Natalie Marletta, THE PEARL RESORT Tel 773 0022

**FIJI CHAMBER ALERT FOR SERIOUS SYMPTOMS
PROCEDURE AND RECORD SHEET**

1. DIVER HAS SERIOUS SYMPTOMS

- CPR
- AIRWAY
- RECOVERY POSITION
- OXYGEN
- SHELTER DIVER
- ORAL FLUIDS

DATE: _____
 TIME: _____
 TIME: _____
 TIME: _____
 TIME: _____
 TIME: _____

2. INITIATE FIJI CHAMBER ALERT BY CALLING

HYPERBARIC DOCTOR (CWM) **973 0854 / 976 6584**
 OR Team Leader Nursing, Oceania Hospitals **330 3404**

TIME: _____

SAY: A) WE HAVE A SERIOUS DIVER EMERGENCY

B) THIS IS A CHAMBER ALERT

C) MY NAME IS _____

D) OUR DIVE OPERATION IS _____

E) WE ARE MOVING PATIENT TO _____

(name of Hospital / Medical Centre)

F) OUR ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL IS _____

G) THE PATIENTS SYMPTOMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- | | | |
|------|---------------------------------|----------|
| I | Unusual fatigue or weakness | Yes / No |
| ii | Skin itch | Yes / No |
| iii | Pain on arms, legs or torso | Yes / No |
| iv | Dizziness | Yes / No |
| v | Numbness, tingling or paralysis | Yes / No |
| vi | Shortness of breath | Yes / No |
| vii | Visual blurring | Yes / No |
| viii | Chest pain | Yes / No |
| ix | Disorientation | Yes / No |
| x | Personality change | Yes / No |
| xi | Blood froth from mouth / nose | Yes / No |
| xii | Other symptoms (list) | |

3. **INITIATE AND COMPLETE THE TREATMENT / RECORD SHEET WHICH MUST ACCOMPANY THE PATIENT**
4. **MOVE PATIENT TO NEAREST GOVERNMENT MEDICAL CENTRE / HOSPITAL, ENSURING TREATMENT / **OXYGEN** IS PROVIDED AND OBSERVATION EN ROUTE. TAKE ALL DOCUMENTATION I.E. CHECK IN FORM / PREVIOUS DIVES / LOG BOOK / LATEST DIVE PROFILES AND ALL DIVE EQUIPMENT USED BY PATIENT.**
5. **ON ARRIVAL AT THE MEDICAL CENTRE / HOSPITAL ADMIT THE PATIENT AND STANDBY TO ASSIST IF NECESSARY**
6. **ASSIST HOSPITAL / MEDICAL CENTRE STAFF WITH ANY INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDEVAC**
7. **MEDEVAC WILL BE ARRANGED BY THE HYPERBARIC UNIT AND THE ON-CALL DOCTOR**
8. **A CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY (CI) MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE FIJI DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION IN CASES WHERE A LOCAL DIVER, WHO DOES NOT HAVE A PASSPORT, IS IN URGENT NEED OF MEDICAL TREATMENT OVERSEAS. IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL WILL HAVE MOBILE ENROLMENT KITS AVAILABLE UPON CONTACT TO CARRY OUT MANDATORY ELECTRONIC ENROLLMENT PROCESSES WHICH INCLUDES BIOMETRICS. (see page 6 for contact details)**

SYMPTOMS / TREATMENT RECORD SHEET

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PATIENT'S DIVE OPERATOR
AND TO BE SENT WITH THE PATIENT

DIVER PATIENT:

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____
() RELATIVE () FRIEND

SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL HISTORY: (Allergies, medications, diseases, injuries, etc.)

SIGNS/ SYMPTOMS: (note time of each as it arises)

FIRST AID PROCEDURES INITIATED: (note time of each)

FIRST DIVE
TIME IN / OUT
DEPTH

SECOND DIVE
TIME IN / OUT
DEPTH

THIRD DIVE
TIME IN / OUT
DEPTH

COMMENTS:

PREVIOUS DIVES IN FIJI:
RESORTS: _____

DIVE OPERATORS: _____

DATES OF DIVING: _____

