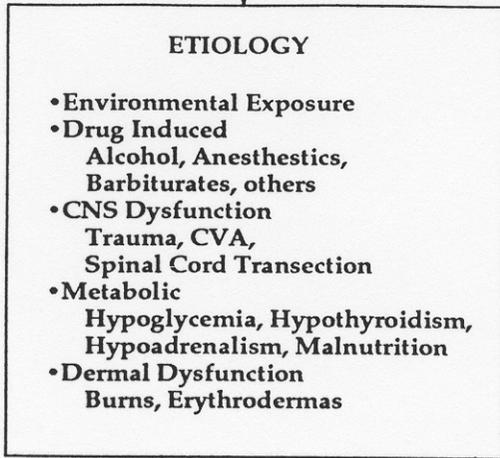


HYPOTHERMIA



CLASSIFICATION OF HYPOTHERMIA

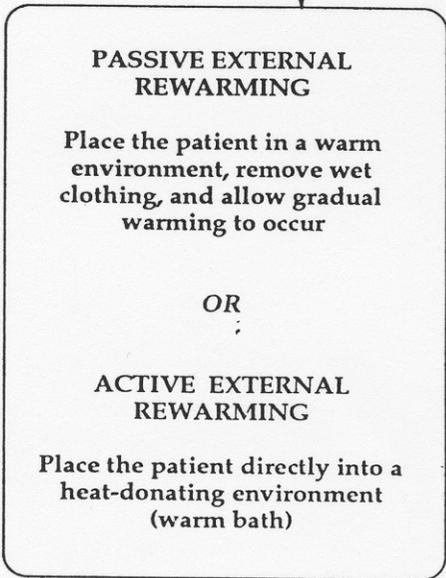
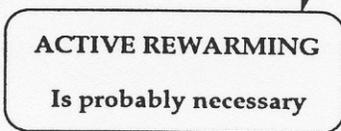
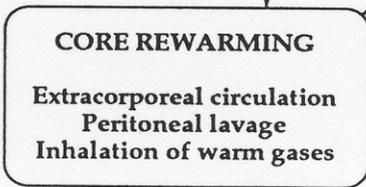


Profound
4–16.5°

Deep
17–27.5°

Moderate
28–33.5°

Mild
34–36.5°



CAUTIONS

- Use of warming blankets may cause thermal burns.
- Active external warming can produce rapid peripheral vasodilation and result in hypotension, shock, and paradoxical further decrease in core-body temperature (afterdrop effect), and hyperkalemic acidosis as peripheral (cold) blood is rapidly circulated centrally.
- A rewarming rate of 0.5–1°C/hour is advised to allow gradual reperfusion of extremities and more gradual afterdrop.