

# In Case of a Diving Accident..

## EMERGENCY CONSULTATION

Within minutes to hours after compressed gas (e.g., scuba) diving, the following manifestations may require immediate transfer to a recompression chamber:

### **Arterial Gas Embolism**

Unconsciousness, paralysis, weakness, confusion, headache, or any other neurological deficit. Can be associated with air under skin of the neck or pneumothorax. Can result from immersion in water as shallow as four feet deep.

### **Decompression Sickness ("Bends")**

Joint pain, back or abdominal pain, paralysis, numbness, tingling, inability to control bowels or urine, headache, dizziness, partial blindness, confusion, shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, shock.

Call for consultation on diagnosis, immediate care, transportation, chamber location:

**(919) 684-8111**  
**24 hours a day**  
**7 days a week**

Collect calls will be accepted for real emergencies only.

Ask for diving accident network at F.G. Hall Laboratory, Duke University Medical Center



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