



The presence of an air pocket and no snow in Jon's airway indicate that he was still breathing after the avalanche. Most air pockets are small and sickle-shaped, with ice on the inner surface of the pocket next to the patient's mouth and nose. Since Jon was not breathing, has no pulse, and his burial time is known or estimated to be between 18 and 35 minutes, begin CPR. If his pulse does not return within 30 minutes of resuscitation efforts, STOP CPR; he is dead. If you recover Jon's pulse and respirations, place him in a hypothermia package, move the group to the cabin and attempt to contact local SAR for an evacuation.

