



Jennifer has a concussion, has suffered a near drowning event (she was found with her head underwater unresponsive with no respirations and responded quickly to rescue breathing), an unstable left ankle, and multiple cuts and abrasions. Her anticipated problems include: increased ICP and respiratory distress (from delayed pulmonary edema).

You should assist her to an open area where with helicopter access and begin an urgent (Level 2) evacuation. Clean her wounds as you await the arrival of the helicopter; consider moving camp close to the landing zone if the wait will be more than a few hours. As long as she does NOT develop any respiratory distress (pulmonary edema) her prognosis is good for a full recovery. If pulmonary edema develops before the helicopter arrives she may not survive the event.

