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Definition of Drowning Information

The World Health Organization has adopted a new definition for drowning.

"Drowning is the process of experiencing respiratory impairment from submersion/immersion in liquid."

Drowning outcomes should be classified as: death, morbidity, and no morbidity.

For more information check the following web sites:

http://www.scielosp.org/scielo.php?script=sci_abstract&pid=S0042-96862005001100015&nrm=iso&tlng=pt

Or:

http://www.usla.org/publicinfo/library/Drowning_Definition_WHO_Bulletin_NOV05.pdf

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