

ENVENOMATION

ALWAYS USE STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

INDICATION

- Unidentified and/or identified poisonous snake bite (physical evidence: puncture wound or symptoms of envenomation: local pain, swelling or numbness)

CRITICAL INFORMATION

- Identify or provide description of snake if seen

TREATMENT

- ALS RMC
- Remove rings, bracelets, or other constricting items from all extremities
- Limit patient's movement as much as possible
- Mark extent of affected area, noting time on skin
- Immobilize extremity in a position of comfort and monitor distal pulses
- Consider pain management.
- If exhibiting signs of allergic reaction or shock, refer to Allergic Reaction Policy
- Expedite transport

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- Contact hospital early to allow preparation for treatment
- Do not apply tourniquets, incise skin, apply ice, or suction

DOCUMENTATION- ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

- Estimated time of snake bite

RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

- Allergic Reactions/ Anaphylaxis M 3
- Adult Pain Management ATG 2