ENVENOMATION

Indications

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

ALS RMC

Remove rings, bracelets, or other constricting items from all extremities

- Limit patient movement as much as possible
- Immobilize extremity in position of comfort and monitor distal pulses
- Mark extent of affected area, noting time on skin

If exhibiting signs of an allergic reaction or anaphylactic shock

- Go to Allergic Reaction Policy, M 3

- Consider pain management
- Expedite transport

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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