

| <b>Bites and Stings</b>  |  |
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| <b>BLS Procedures</b>  |  |
| <p><u>Animal/insect bites:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flush site with sterile water</li><li>• Control bleeding</li><li>• Apply bandage</li></ul> <p><u>Snake bites/envenomation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mark the edge of the wound ASAP and then every 10-15 minutes</li><li>• Remove rings and constrictions</li><li>• Immobilize the affected part in an <b>elevated</b> position</li><li>• Avoid excessive activity</li></ul> <p><u>Bee stings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If present, quickly remove stinger</li><li>• Apply ice pack</li></ul> <p><u>Jellyfish stings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rinse thoroughly with normal saline<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>DO NOT:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rinse with fresh water</li><li>• Rub with wet sand</li><li>• Apply heat</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul> <p><u>All other marine animal stings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If present, remove barb</li><li>• Immerse in hot water if available</li></ul> <p>Administer oxygen as indicated</p> <p>All bites other than snake bites may be treated as a BLS call</p> |  |
| <b>ALS Standing Orders</b>   |  |
| IV access for snake bites  |  |
| Monitor for allergic reaction or anaphylaxis   |  |
| <b>Pain Control</b> – per Policy 705.19  |  |
| <b>Base Hospital Orders Only</b>   |  |
| Consult with ED Physician for further treatment measures   |  |

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