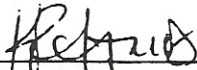


Subject: Treatment Guidelines – BLS
Envenomation

Associated Policies:

- I. Priorities
 - A. ABC's
 - B. Keep patient calm; determine degree of physiologic distress.
 - C. Obtain accurate description of snake, spider, insect, etc.
 - D. Transport.

- II. Envenomation
 - A. Follow basic therapy, and treat for specific envenomations.
 - 1. Basic Therapy:
 - a. Ensure a patent airway.
 - b. Administer oxygen per policy.
 - c. Immobilize affected area.
 - d. Identify causative agent. If it can be safely handled, consider bringing to hospital.
 - e. Contact transporting ambulance or base hospital.
 - f. Transport.
 - 2. Specific Envenomations:
 - a. Jelly Fish:
 - 1) Rinse site of sting with alcohol, ammonia or salt water without rubbing or applying pressure.
 - b. Sting Ray:
 - 1) Soak in hot water.
 - 2) Do not remove barb.
 - c. Bees/Wasps:
 - 1) Remove stinger by the quickest non-invasive means possible.
 - 2) Apply cold packs.
 - 3) Assess for signs of anaphylaxis. Treat per BLS Anaphylaxis Protocol.
 - d. Venomous Snake Bites:
 - 1) Immobilize the affected extremity, keeping it in neutral position relative to the heart.
 - 2) Do not incise skin.
 - 3) Do not apply ice.
 - e. Spider Bites/Scorpion Stings:
 - 1) Apply cold packs to affected area.
 - 2) Avoid excessive movement, keeping the affected extremity dependent.

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