

# ENVENOMATION

ALWAYS USE BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION 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

## TREATMENT

- ALS RMC
- Rinse area of bite gently
- Mark extent of affected area, noting time on skin
- Immobilize extremity at or below heart level 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
- Previously placed tourniquets and constriction bands should be removed after intravenous access is established.
- Do not 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