

Medical: Bites and Stings

EMR

- ABCs and Vital signs
- Airway Management with **Oxygen** maintaining a SaO₂ of 94-98% through titration.
- If stinger is present scrape to remove. **NOTE: Do Not Attempt to Pull the Stinger**
- Gently wash the area
- Remove jewelry from the affected limb before swelling begins, if possible
- Keep limb immobilized and below the level of the heart and keep patient at rest
- Do not apply cold to a snakebite
- Check for signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction (see Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis protocol)
- Mark area of swelling with time and line around the area



EMR STOP

EMT

- Consider administration of ***Nitrous Oxide** for pain or anxiety.
- Consider **Ibuprofen** 600 mg for pain or 10 mg/kg for pediatrics.



EMT STOP

EMT IV

ADVANCED EMT

- Venous Access



EMT IV / ADVANCED EMT STOP

PHYSICIAN OPTIONS

- Consult medical direction regarding constricting band for snakebite

Key Points/Considerations

- If snake is dead, consider bringing it to the hospital for examination.