

SNAKEBITE

UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- Administer Oxygen per Policy 580

- Calm/Reassure patient
- Do not delay transport
- Remove constricting items around area of bite or swelling
- Mark area of swelling and record time
- Irrigate and treat wound site
 - Splint injured extremity and keep below level of heart
 - Do not apply ice
 - Do not incise wound or attempt suction of venom
- Transport patient to hospital

Some of the following may occur with envenomation:

- Pain/Edema/bleeding at wound site
- Numbness/tingling
- Involuntary twitching
- Metallic taste in mouth
- *Exotic snakes/Mojave Rattlesnakes* may cause neurologic and respiratory depression