

## Bites and Stings

### BLS Procedures

#### Animal/insect bites:

- Flush site with sterile water
- Control Bleeding
- Apply Bandage

#### Snake bites/envenomation:

- Mark the edge of the inflammatory process ASAP and then every 10-15 minutes
- Remove rings and constrictions
- Immobilize the affected part in a **neutral** position
- Avoid excessive activity

#### Bee stings:

- If present, quickly remove stinger
- Apply ice pack

#### Jellyfish stings:

- Rinse thoroughly with normal saline
  - **DO NOT:**
    - Rinse with fresh water
    - Rub with wet sand

#### All other marine animal stings:

- If present, remove barb
- Immerse in hot water if available

Monitor for allergic reaction or anaphylaxis

Administer oxygen as indicated

### ALS Standing Orders

IV/IO Access

**Pain Control** – per Policy 705.19

### Base Hospital Orders Only

Consult with ED Physician for further treatment measures

#### Additional Information:

- For snake bites - **ALL** Ventura County hospitals stock antivenom. Early Base Hospital Contact is encouraged in order to verify current supply capabilities at the most accessible facility.