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ENVENOMATION

- I. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9
- II. PURPOSE: To serve as the treatment standard for EMT-Is and EMT-Ps in treating patients.
- III. PROTOCOL:

STANDING ORDERS

ABCs

OXYGEN:

MONITOR: Treat rhythm as appropriate.

IV ACCESS Normal Saline TKO

IDENTIFY CAUSE

Bee/Wasp/Yellow Jacket/Fire Ant sting

Remove stinger. Refer to Allergic Reaction Policy 554.43

Spider bite - Scorpion sting - Centipede sting

No specific treatment.

Snake envenomation

Avoid movement of the affected extremity, keeping extremity at heart level.

Splinting is unnecessary. **Do not apply ice or constricting band.** Monitor distal pulses. Circle any swelling around bite marks with a pen and note time. Measure the circumference of the extremity proximal to the bite and note time.

Do not bring the snake to the emergency department!

MORPHINE: Up to 5 mg slow IV push, then 2.5 mg increments slow IV (if systolic BP greater than 100), to relieve pain. May repeat as needed.

Maximum morphine dose without Base Physician contact is 20 mg.

BASE PHYSICIAN ORDERS

MORPHINE: Additional Morphine per Base Physician Order