Snakebite

ILS
Protocol

Obtain a description of the snake if possible. Do not place yourself in danger to do so.

Remove all rings and bracelets from the affected extremity.

Apply a wide venous constricting band 4 to 5 inches proximal to the bite (do not restrict arterial flow). DO NOT RELEASE CONSTRICTING BAND ONCE IT HAS BEEN APPLIED.

Splint the extremity

·Oxygen
·Start IV NS in unaffected extremity.

Notify the receiving hospital as soon as possible so they may secure the specific anti-snakebite serum

Transport ASAP

Document:
· All patient care/ assessment
· Type of snake if known
· Time of snakebite
·Communication with Medical Control
·Vital Signs

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