



Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency

Protocols

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SNAKE BITE	
Adult	Pediatric
Signs & Symptoms	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local pain Swelling Metallic taste in mouth Hypotension Decreased mental status 	
BLS	
Assess vital signs O ₂ , titrate SpO ₂ to ≥ 94% Assist ventilations as needed Immobilize extremity at or below heart level Restrict patient's movement	
ALS	
Cardiac Monitor, Vascular Access	
Consider	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain management Zoos and legal exotic snake collectors are required to have a starter supply of antivenom on hand for each type of snake. Bring the antivenom with the patient to the hospital. 	
Direction	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact closest Receiving Hospital Physician for additional treatment and verification of Antivenom (Crofab). 	
Documentation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time of bite Prior first aid by patient or bystanders Type of snake Location found Appearance of snake (shape of pupils, presence of stripes or rattle, size) 	
Yolo County Antivenom (Crofab) Supply	
Sutter Davis Hospital Approximately - 12 vials of Crofab	Woodland Memorial Hospital Approximately - 36 vials of Crofab