

Santa Barbara County EMS County Wide Protocols

Policy 533-27

BITES & STINGS	
ADULT	PEDIATRIC - (14 years and under)
BLS Procedures	
 Administer oxygen as indicated Refer to Policy 533-02: Airway Management Monitor for allergic reaction or anaphylaxis Refer to Policy 533-07: Anaphylaxis/Allergic Reaction 	Administer oxygen as indicated ○ Refer to Policy 533-02: Airway Management Monitor for allergic reaction or anaphylaxis ○ Refer to Policy 533-07: Anaphylaxis/Allergic Reaction
Animal/Insect Bites • Flush site with sterile water • Control bleeding • Apply bandage	Animal/Insect Bites • Flush site with sterile water • Control bleeding • Apply bandage
Snake Bites/Envenomation Mark the edge of the wound ASAP & monitor q 10-15 mins Remove rings and constrictions Immobilize the affected part in an elevated position Avoid excessive activity	Snake Bites/Envenomation Mark the edge of the wound ASAP & monitor q 10-15 mins Remove rings and constrictions Immobilize the affected part in an elevated position Avoid excessive activity
Bee Stings • If present, remove stinger • Apply ice pack	Bee Stings • If present, remove stinger • Apply ice pack
Jellyfish Stings ■ Rinse thoroughly with normal saline ■ <u>DO NOT:</u> □ Rinse with fresh water □ Rub with wet sand □ Apply heat	Jellyfish Stings ■ Rinse thoroughly with normal saline ■ <u>DO NOT:</u> □ Rinse with fresh water □ Rub with wet sand □ Apply heat
 All Other Marine Animal Stings If present, remove barb Immerse in hot water, if available 	All Other Marine Animal Stings If present, remove barb Immerse in hot water, if available
Expanded Scope	
Same as BLS	Same as BLS
ALS Prior to Base Hospital Contact	
 Consider Vascular Access Cardiac monitor Monitor for allergic reaction or anaphylaxis Refer to Policy 533-07: Anaphylaxis/Allergic Reaction Pain Control Refer to Policy 533-03: Pain Control 	 Consider Vascular Access Cardiac monitor Monitor for allergic reaction or anaphylaxis Refer to Policy 533-07: Anaphylaxis/Allergic Reaction Pain Control Refer to Policy 533-03: Pain Control
Base Hospital Physician Orders Only	
Consult with ED Physician for further treatment measures	Consult with ED Physician for further treatment measures
Additional Information	
 All bites other than snake bites may be treated as a BLScall For known snake envenomation, consider rapid transport 	 All bites other than snake bites may be treated as a BLScall For known snake envenomation, consider rapid transport