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- 1. Assess airway and initiate basic and/or advanced airway maneuvers prn (MCG 1302)
- Prioritize treatment of systemic symptoms
   For signs or symptoms of allergic reaction, treat in conjunction with TP 1219, Allergy
   For poor perfusion (MCG 1355), treat in conjunction with TP 1207, Shock/Hypotension
- Keep patient calm and limit activity
   Position affected extremity at or below level of the heart
- For SNAKE bites:
   Splint the affected area
   Elevate the extremity to the level of the heart
- For INSECT (bee, wasp, ant), spider and scorpion stings: Remove stinger if visualized 
   Apply cold pack
- For MARINE envenomation (e.g., jelly fish, stingrays and scorpion fish): Remove barb when applicable
   Soak area in hot water if available 2
- 7. Establish vascular access prn (MCG 1375)
- 8. For continued pain after specific measures above: refer to MCG 1345, Pain Management
- For nausea or vomiting:
   Ondansetron 4mg ODT/IV/IM, may repeat x1 in 15 min prn

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## **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- Remove stinger by scraping patient's skin with the edge of a flat surface (credit card or similar). Do not attempt to pull the stinger out with fingernails or tweezers, as this may cause release of additional venom.
- 2 Do not use vinegar given the type of jellyfish endemic to California.

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