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1. Basic ALS Treatments
2. Keep the patient calm and immobilize the limb parallel to the heart.
3. Apply a constricting band **only** if the victim or a bystander has applied a tourniquet.
 - a. In that case, place a constricting band two (2) inches above the tourniquet and then remove the tourniquet.
4. Contact Poison Control (1-800-222-1222) for ALL poisonous stings and bites.
 - a. Contact Medic-1 for recommendations from Poison Control not covered by HCFR policy.
5. Treat anaphylaxis as per **HCFR ANAPHYLAXIS** protocol.
6. Treat seizures as per **HCFR SEIZURES** protocol.
7. Treat pain as per **HCFR PAIN MANAGEMENT** protocol.
8. Do not apply ice or cold packs unless otherwise directed by Poison Control
9. If the source of the envenomation cannot be positively identified, HCFR personnel may attempt to bring the offending animal or insect to the receiving facility, but only if in doing so it will not put responders or receiving facility personnel at risk. In this day and age, an image would be an acceptable substitute.