



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	
<p>Assess vital signs O₂, titrate SpO₂ to ≥ 94% Assist ventilations as needed Immobilize extremity at or below heart level Restrict patient's movement</p>	
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 for verification of Antivenom (Crofab) and contact Base Hospital for additional treatment	
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