



ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PREHOSPITAL ALS STANDING ORDERS

SNAKE ENVENOMATION – ADULT/ADOLESCENT

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***** BASE HOSPITAL CONTACT REQUIRED *****

ALS STANDING ORDERS:

1. Assure scene is safe and risk of second snake strikes are alleviated. If snake located, take cell phone picture of snake, if can be done safely, to show to receiving facility staff.
2. Make early base contact to determine appropriate receiving hospital that can provide antivenin.
3. Minimize patient movement.
4. Splint or otherwise immobilize the affected extremity; keep affected extremity at the level of the heart.
5. Do not use cold packs.
6. For pain management:

► *Morphine sulfate 5 mg (or 4 mg carpuject) IV/IM, may repeat once in 3 minutes to control pain;*
OR,
Fentanyl 50 mcg IV/IM or Fentanyl 100 mcg IN, may repeat once in 3 minutes to control pain.
7. ALS escort to nearest appropriate ERC identified by Base Hospital (see # 1 above).

TREATMENT GUIDELINES:

1. Past recommendations for use of tourniquet and keeping affected extremity below the level of the heart is no longer current due to increased risk of edema and subsequent circulatory compromise in the bite area.

Approved:

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