

# SLAKEBITE STANDING ORDER

## Initiate immediate supportive care:

- Obtain vital signs
- O<sub>2</sub> to keep SpO<sub>2</sub> > 94%
- Cardiac monitor (if available)

## INCLUSION

Symptomatic or Asymptomatic Snake Bite

## ORDERS

### BLS CARE

- Initiate IV in unaffected extremity (if authorized)
- Follow **Dyspnea/Anaphylaxis/Allergic Reaction S.O.** if indicated

### ALS Care:

- If SBP <90 administer 20 ml/kg bolus of NS, may repeat as needed and reassess patient after each bolus
- Follow **Pain Management S.O.** or if indicated to treat pain from local reaction

- Note estimated time bite occurred
- Prepare for immediate transport, do not delay until onset of symptoms
- Remove all watches, rings, jewelry, etc. (including shoes) from all extremities
- Immobilize affected extremity in an extended position and watch for constriction due to swelling
- Elevate limb to the level of the heart
- Perform neurovascular checks and mark the edge of any discoloration or swelling and write the time on the line, if possible
- Monitor every 15 minutes
- Do NOT wrap extremity or place any constricting bands, ice or tourniquets
- No suction or cut to the bite
- Consider contacting receiving facility to confirm availability of antivenom.

### Contact Medical Direction for:

Deterioration in patient condition  
Management of a tourniquet placed prior to EMS arrival  
Non-native/exotic snakebites