

POLICY: 554.61
TITLE: Envenomation

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SUPERCEDES:

APPROVAL SIGNATURES ON FILE IN EMS OFFICE

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ENVENOMATION

- I. AUTHORITY
Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9
- II. PURPOSE
To serve as a patient treatment standard for EMRs, EMTs, AEMTs and Paramedics within their scope of practice.
- III. PROTOCOL

STANDING ORDERS

ASSESS	CAB
OXYGEN	Oxygen delivery as appropriate
MONITOR	Treat rhythm as appropriate.
IV/IO ACCESS	TKO
IDENTIFY CAUSE	<p>Bee/Wasp/Yellow Jacket/Fire Ant sting Remove stinger. Refer to Allergic Reaction Policy 554.43</p> <p>Spider bite - Scorpion sting - Centipede sting No specific treatment.</p> <p>Snake envenomation Avoid movement of the affected extremity, keeping extremity at heart level. Splinting is unnecessary. Do not apply ice or constricting band. Monitor distal pulses. Circle any swelling around bite marks with a pen and note time. Measure the circumference of the extremity proximal to the bite and note time.</p> <p>Do not bring the snake to the emergency department!</p>
PAIN MANAGEMENT	Refer to Pain Management Protocol 554.44