

TREATMENT:

- A. Treat per Universal Patient Care.
- B. Obtain a description of the snake if possible.
- C. Remove rings or other jewelry which might constrict circulation later.
- D. Splint and immobilize the extremity.
- E. Keep affected part below heart.
- F. Mark extent of spread of erythema and swelling with a pen.
- G. Start IV Lactated Ringers or Normal Saline in unaffected extremity.
- H. See Pain Management protocol.
- I. See Shock protocol.

NOTES & PRECAUTIONS:

- A. Obtain a description of the snake if possible. Do not place self or others in danger while doing so.
- B. Document time of snakebite.
- C. Notify receiving hospital ASAP so that they have a chance to secure the specific anti-venom.
- D. Do not apply ice.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

Scene safety.