

TREATMENT:

- A. Treat per Universal Patient Care protocol.
- B. Expose site and remove rings watches or other jewelry.
- C. Clean bite and cover with moist dressing.
- D. Mark the edge of bite to monitor progression of erythema.
- E. Splint and immobilize the extremity and keep it lower than the heart.
- F. Start IV *Normal Saline TKO* in unaffected extremity.
- G. Treat pain, see Pain Management protocol.
- H. Treat shock, see Shock protocol.
- I. Transport time > 30 min consider air ambulance.

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. Specific anti-venoms take time to prepare.
- D. Do not apply ice.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

Scene safety.