# Bites and Stings

## BLS Procedures

### Animal/insect bites:
- Flush site with sterile water
- Control bleeding
- Apply bandage

### Snake bites/envenomation:
- Mark the edge of the wound ASAP and then every 10-15 minutes
- Remove rings and constrictions
- Immobilize the affected part in an *elevated* position
- Avoid excessive activity

### Bee stings:
- If present, quickly remove stinger
- Apply ice pack

### Jellyfish stings:
- Rinse thoroughly with normal saline
  - **DO NOT:**
  - Rinse with fresh water
  - Rub with wet sand
  - Apply heat

### All other marine animal stings:
- If present, remove barb
- Immerse in hot water if available

Administer oxygen as indicated

All bites other than snake bites may be treated as a BLS call

## ALS Standing Orders

IV access for snake bites

Monitor for allergic reaction or anaphylaxis

**Morphine** – per Policy 705 - Pain Control

Base Hospital Orders only

Consult with ED Physician for further treatment measure