# 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

**Pain Control**—per Policy 705.19

**Base Hospital Orders Only**
- Consult with ED Physician for further treatment measures