

# E5 BITES & STINGS

KEY QUESTIONS	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTION
Type of bite or sting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area bitten?</li> <li>• Where is the animal now?</li> </ul>	Keep patient still / Identify animal or insect / Advise responders
Difficulty Breathing?	<b>Conscious:</b> Position of comfort. <b>Unconscious:</b> if not breathing normally start <a href="#">CPR</a>
Severe Bleeding?	Apply direct pressure. Refer to <a href="#">Bleeding Card</a>

INCIDENT TYPE	
Bite or Sting - Controlled bleeding, alert and breathing normally	BITE F
Bite or Sting - with: breathing problems -OR- facial swelling -OR- signs of shock -OR- altered level of conscious	BITE F
Bite or Sting and patient is unconscious	UNC F
Bite or Sting - Uncontrolled Bleeding	TRAU F

SECONDARY QUESTIONS	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTION
Nausea or vomiting	Place patient on left side
Snake Bite	ID the snake, DO NOT PICK UP OR ATTEMPT TO KILL SNAKE-THINK SAFETY. If bite is on a limb, keep the limb below the heart. NO TOURNIQUETS

## CALL BACK IF ANYTHING CHANGES

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

NOTE:	Localized symptoms of insect bites and stings are pain, swelling, heat, redness, itching, and whitish firm elevation of the skin. No treatment is necessary.
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Generalized symptoms of insect bites and stings such as generalized itching and burning, hives, swelling of the lips and tongue, bronchospasm, wheezing, chest tightness, difficulty breathing, abdominal pain and cramps are an extreme medical emergency.