

# Bites and Envenomations

**Designation of Condition:** Attempt to identify type of bite/sting, consider photo for later identification. Document time, location, size of bite/sting and any previous known reactions or if the patient immunocompromised. Look for allergic reactions, hives, itching, shortness of breath, hypotension or shock. Patient has sustained a bite from a rattlesnake (bites from other snakes including exotics require different treatment methods; contact MCEP), usually recognized by two small puncture wounds. Expect swelling and discoloration of the area. Even though the snake may be venomous, venom may not have been injected.

