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- 1. Assess airway and initiate basic and/or advanced airway maneuvers prn (MCG 1302)
- Prioritize treatment of systemic symptoms
 For signs or symptoms of allergic reaction, treat in conjunction with TP 1219, Allergy
 For poor perfusion, treat in conjunction with TP 1207, Shock/Hypotension
- Keep patient calm and limit activity
 Position affected extremity at or below level of the heart
- For SNAKE bites:
 Splint the affected area
 Elevate the extremity to the level of the heart
- For INSECT (bee, wasp, ant), spider and scorpion stings: Remove stinger if visualized 1
 Apply cold pack
- For MARINE envenomation (e.g., jelly fish, stingrays and scorpion fish): Remove barb when applicable Soak area in hot water if available 2
- 7. Establish vascular access prn (MCG 1375)
- 8. For continued pain after specific measures above: refer to MCG 1345, Pain Management
- For nausea or vomiting:
 Ondansetron 4mg ODT/IV/IM, may repeat x1 in 15 min prn

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Remove stinger by scraping patient's skin with the edge of a flat surface (credit card or similar). Do not attempt to pull the stinger out with fingernails or tweezers, as this may cause release of additional venom.
- 2 Do not use vinegar given the type of jellyfish endemic to California.

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