



FACT SHEET



Snake Bite

1. Follow DRSABCD

2. Rest and reassure the patient

3. Apply a pressure immobilization bandage

- If on a limb, apply a broad pressure bandage over the bite site as soon as possible
- Apply a firm heavy crepe or elasticized roller bandage starting just above the fingers or toes, and moving upwards on the limb as far as can be reached (include the snake bite)
- Apply tightly without stopping blood supply to the limb

4. Splint the bandaged limb

5. Ensure the patient does not move

6. Write down the time of the bite and when the bandage was applied

- Stay with the patient
- Check circulation in fingers or toes

WARNING

DO NOT wash venom off the skin

DO NOT cut the bitten area

DO NOT try to suck the venom out of the wound

DO NOT use a tourniquet

DO NOT try to catch the snake



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