STANISLAUS COUNTY EMS AGENCY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

POLICY NO. 555.61

TITLE: Envenomation (Pediatric)

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PEDIATRIC ENVENOMATION

I. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

II. PURPOSE: To serve as the treatment standard for EMTs and Paramedics within their scope of practice.

III. PROTOCOL:

STANDING ORDERS

ASSESS CAB

OXYGEN Oxygen delivery as appropriate.

MONITOR Treat rhythm as appropriate.

IV/IO ACCESS TKO with microdrip tubing and volume control chamber.

IDENTIFY CAUSE

A. Bee/Wasp/Yellow Jacket/Fire Ant sting

Remove stinger. Refer to Allergic Reaction Policy 555.42

B. Spider bite - Scorpion sting - Centipede sting

No specific treatment.

C: Snake envenomation

Avoid movement of the affected extremity, keeping extremity at heart level. Splinting is unnecessary. **Do not apply ice or constricting band**. Monitor distal pulses. Circle any swelling around bite marks with a pen and note time. Measure the circumference of the extremity proximal to the bite and note time.

Do not bring the snake to the emergency department.

PAIN MANAGEMENT Refer to Pain Management Protocol 555.44