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SNAKEBITE FIRST AID

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:
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7400 people bitten by snakes every day

- Make sure the victim is safe & not in any danger from another bite or their environment.
- Get the victim to the nearest medical facility as quickly, safely & passively as possible - transport in recovery position (side lying with bent limbs supporting the body) if unconscious & protect their airway.
- Reassure & keep the victim calm.
- Remove all jewellery, bracelets, tight bands & tight clothing from the bitten limb.
- Apply a pressure pad and immobilise the limb in an extended position.
- Be ready to give assistance breathing (CPR) if required.
- Paracetamol 1g max ADULT dose can help with pain relief and provide some reassurance.

- DO NOT try to kill the snake.
- DO NOT apply a tourniquet or tight band around the bitten limb.
- DO NOT use traditional methods of healing.
- DO NOT drink alcohol.
- DO NOT suck the bite site to remove venom.
- DO NOT cut, burn, shock or freeze the bite site.

SPITTING COBRAS/VENOM IN THE EYES

- Immediately wash the eye out with liberal volumes of any bland liquid (water, milk, beer or even urine). Take care not to rinse venom from one eye into the other.
- Try not to rub your eyes.
- Wear sunglasses to protect the eyes from bright light.

GET MEDICAL ADVICE.

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