Blue-Ring Octopus & Cone Shell Bites/Stings

St John

Primary Care
Intermediate Care
Advanced Care
Critical Care

BLUE RING OCTOPUS ENVENOMATION IDENTIFIED

PRIMARY SURVEY with c-spine consideration

Commence CPR if no signs of life

DO NOT utilise an artery tourniquet.

Consider patient positioning

Apply reassurance

Keep patient at rest and limit movement where possible

Do NOT walk the patient

Assist ventilations if necessary

Administer oxygen if supporting ventilation or otherwise indicated

Consider airway adjunct OPA / NPA

Bite occurred on limb

YES

Apply Pressure Immobilization Technique

Apply Splint

DO NOT remove bandages or splint prior to hospital arrival

NO

Do NOT apply Pressure Immobilization Technique

Perform Vital Sign Survey

Apply cardiac monitoring

Establish **IV access**

Obtain **pre-hospital blood sample**

Consider Secondary / CNS Survey

Manage Trauma as required

Consider pain relief as required

Consider Ondansetron as required

Re-evaluate

Re-consider: Patient positioning

Monitor closely
Record observations
Stable: Every 10 minutes
Time Critical: Every 5 minutes.

Time Critical: Transport Priority 1

Patient Stable: Transport Via normal road conditions