Spider & Insect Bites

St John

- Primary Care
- Intermediate Care
- Advanced Care
- Critical Care

SPIDER & INSECT BITE IDENTIFIED

PRIMARY SURVEY

- **Commence CPR** if no signs of life
- **Manage anaphylaxis** if identified

Consider patient positioning

- **Apply reassurance**
- Keep patient at rest and limit movement where possible

ENVENOMATION TYPE

TICK – NO ALLERGY
- Remove immediately

BEE STING
- Remove sting as quickly as possible, to prevent further venom injection through the sting

TICK – KNOWN ALLERGY
- Tick must remain in place to prevent further envenomation occurring on removal.

Perform Vital Sign Survey

- **Consider cardiac monitoring**
- Establish **IV access**

Use cold compress to reduce pain and swelling at site

Consider **Secondary / CNS Survey**

- **Manage Trauma** as required

Consider pain relief if cold compress ineffective

Consider Ondansetron as required

Re-evaluate

- **Re-consider: Patient positioning**
- **Manage anaphylaxis** if identified

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