

8.03 G. Bites and Stings

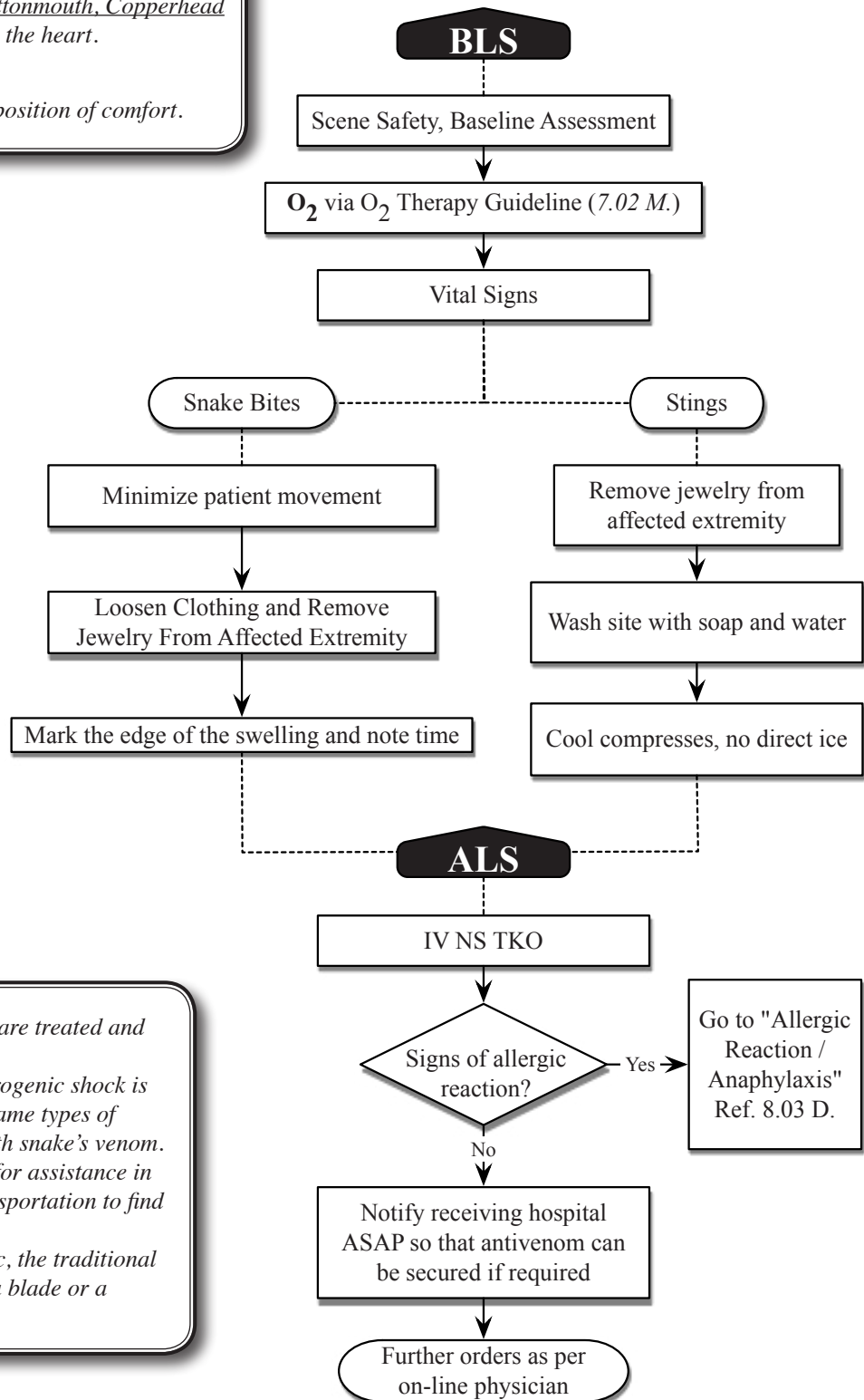
Limb Positioning / Care for Snake Bites

Pit Vipers/Crotalids: Rattlesnake, Cottonmouth, Copperhead

- Elevate the affected extremity above the heart.

Elapids: Coral Snake

- Position the affected extremity in a position of comfort.



- All potential venomous snakebites are treated and transported.
- Treatment for hypovolemia or neurogenic shock is appropriate since these are the same types of physiology actions that occur with snake's venom.
- If safe, take a picture of the snake for assistance in identification. Do not delay transportation to find the snake.
- To remove the stinger or venom sac, the traditional advice is to scrape the site with a blade or a card.