

Clinical Situations for Snakebite Training Module

Case No.1. 35 yrs male patient, (B H) was brought to Habra State General Hospital in North 24-Paraganas, at about 4 AM . On examination the patient was unconscious with flaccid limbs, no respiration notable. Pulse was normal. Relatives gave the history of suspected snake bite about 2 hours back while the pt. was sleeping on open floor outside his house. Snake not seen by pt. but he told about severe pain in left arm. He could speak till 30 minutes before reaching hospital. No medical specialist was available that time. No bite mark noted.

Q. a). Can you rely upon the history of Snakebite?

b). Can you start treatment without identification of a snake?

c). Whether to try treating there or to refer to district Hospital 20 KM away?

d). What treatment to start with?

e). How far to wait for improvement?

f). When to transfer?

g) If treated at S G Hospital, when to discharge?