

Snake Bite

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- Snake bite is very common in India especially in rural area.
- Common venomous snake in India are viper, cobra and krait.
- The estimated death in India is 50,000/ yr, an underestimate because of lack of proper registration.

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- “CARRY NO R.I.G.H.T.” It consists of the following:
- **CARRY** = Do not allow victim to walk; just carry him in any form.
- **No** - Tourniquate / Electrotherapy/ Cutting/ Pressure immobilization
- **R** = Reassure the patient. 70% of all snakebites are from non-venomous species.
- Only 50% of bites by venomous species actually envenomate the patient.
- **I** = Immobilize in the same way as a fractured limb.
Do not apply any compression in the form of tight ligatures, they don't work and can be dangerous!
- **GH** = Get to Hospital Immediately.
- **T** = Tell the Doctor of any systemic symptoms that manifest on the way of hospital.