

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

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Patient Population

Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

POLICY: All animal bites are to be reported in combination with procedures established by the Board of Health (see procedure for reporting of communicable disease.)

IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1.) Local wound care, tetanus and rabies prophylaxis as appropriate.
- 2.) Report by filing the animal bite card issued by the Department of Health.
 - a) Fill out card LEGIBLY and complete ALL fields
 - b) Put card in outgoing mailbox.
 - c) If Rabies prophylaxis is given, put on card
- 3.) Call in all wild animal bites (raccoons, foxes, bats, coyotes). Even if no bite is found, exposure to a bat must be treated.
M-F (9-5) 566-7754 or 566-2068
Other times: POISONS
- 4.) Contact Mount Sinai Hospital Pharmacy for vaccine and Human Rabies Immune Globulin (HRIG). If Mount Sinai Hospital Pharmacy does not have sufficient quantities, the pharmacy supervisor will arrange for obtaining the above.
- 5.) Call the Department of Health for instructions if an animal is in need of testing.
- 6.) Consult the attached treatment guidelines for all types of bites.
- 7.) For Venomous Animal Bites or Insect Stings:

Call POISON Control for all anti-venom information if necessary..