

BEE or WASP STING

Level 1

(If subjective data sufficient, no exam is necessary.)

Skill Level: RN

Definition: Localized mild reaction resulting from insect bite or sting.

MILD	
Subjective: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "I got stung by a bee and it hurts."• Denies prior allergic reaction to sting or bite.• Denies difficulty breathing.	Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alteration in comfort: bee or wasp sting.• Alteration in skin integrity: bee or wasp sting.
Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has area of erythema, swelling less than 5 cm in size.• Stinger may/may not be visible at site of sting.	Plan: Patient education and self-care items for this protocol include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tylenol/Aspirin 2 tabs Q 4 hrs, prn• Ibuprofen 200 mg 1-2 tabs QID prn.• Ice pack. At nursing discretion may use any of the below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If stinger visible, carefully remove it with tweezers.• Return to clinic if increased symptoms or sign of infection.

Nursing Education: Large local reactions do not necessarily indicate that the patient is at risk for a severe systemic reaction.


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