



Effective Health Care

New Technique for Emergency Care of Envenomations Nomination Summary Document

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- The topic, *New Technique for Emergency Care of Envenomations*, did not include enough information for further assessment by the Effective Health Care Program. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.

Topic Description

Nominator(s): *Individual*
Nomination Summary: The nominator is a plastic surgeon who indicates he has developed a new technique for the emergency care of envenomations, which he states extracts venom immediately. He states that this technique has to be tried when the patient is seen early. He suggests that after a number of cases, if it is statistically proven that the technique is safe and efficient, then the current approach to treating envenomations needs to be changed.

Considerations

- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), through its Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPCs), sponsors the development of systematic reviews to assist public- and private-sector organizations in their efforts to improve the quality of health care in the United States. These reviews provide comprehensive, science-based information on common, costly medical conditions, and new health care technologies and strategies. Systematic reviews are the building blocks underlying evidence-based practice; they focus attention on the strength and limits of evidence from research studies about the effectiveness and safety of a clinical intervention.
- This topic could not be further evaluated because it did not include enough information in the original nomination to define the relevant populations, interventions, comparators, and/or outcomes of interest. No further program activity will be undertaken on this nomination.