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Can You Treat a ... 01/15/21 # 15660593

simonkenton7

Campfire Ranger

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I have been studying up on this for quite a while. I can't figure out if this is the real deal or not. Have any of y'all ever tried shocking a poisonous snake bite?

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Physician Pulls Stun Gun to Treat Spider Bites
David Blum Jul 28, 1991 Updated Feb 25, 2019
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An Ada doctor is successfully treating poisonous spider bites with shocks from a stun gun, a state medical journal reports.
Dr. Carl D. Osborn says the unconventional treatment neutralizes the venom before it can destroy tissue and cause scarring.
"The treatment is briefly uncomfortable, but the results are worth the discomfort," Osborn said. "It is a very, very effective treatment."

Between Sept. 7, 1988, and Jan. 15, 1991, Osborn treated 147 confirmed or suspected cases of spider bite with high-voltage
direct-current shocks from a hand-held stun gun. Osborn outlined his procedure in the June edition of the
Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Tissue damage caused by the venom is stopped at the time
of the treatment, and pain and other symptoms usually are improved within 15 minutes, the article states.
Untreated, a poisonous spider bite will darken and blister, Osborn said. In the following weeks or months, the tissue dies, rots
and sloughs off, leaving a scar that can be at least 1/2-inch deep. Many spider bite victims require skin grafts to cover scarred
tissue, Osborn said.

"You may have to graft three or four times before it takes," he said. "It can be a very expensive procedure."
Although others disagree, Osborn

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believes that standard treatments, which involve the injection of medication into
a bite, spread the venom and increase tissue loss and scarring.
The shock treatment neutralizes the venom before it can damage tissue, he said.
The unproven theory as to why the treatment works is that metallic components in venom are altered when blasted with
high current, Osborn said.

"My experience is the venom action is stopped at the time of the first shock," he said. "The direct current changes the structure of the venom."

Osborn said he first heard of the effects of electrical current on venomous bites from a 1988 article in an outdoorsman's magazine.
The article described an explorer in Ecuador who neutralized a poisonous snake bite with a stun gun.

Shortly thereafter, Osborn said, his 10-year-old granddaughter was bitten on the shoulder by a brown recluse spider.
He administered a stun gun treatment, and the hardened tissue began softening within 45 minutes, Osborn said.
"By the second morning, you couldn't see (the bite,)" he said. "That is a far different course than what you would expect."

The brown recluse, also called the fiddleback, and black widows are the two varieties of spiders in Oklahoma venomous
enough to cause significant problems, according to the Oklahoma Poison Control Information Center.

Osborn began using the shock procedure and recording the results, which he compiled for the medical journal.
He said the technique was especially useful because it is not necessary to know the type of spider responsible for the bite.
"It has worked on all spider bites so far," he said.

Since beginning the study, Osborn said, he has treated more than 200 spider bite patients with the stun gun.
To treat a bite, he attaches an extension wire to one terminal on the stun gun.
That wire is placed on the skin on the opposite side of the arm or leg where the bite is located.
The other terminal is placed directly on the lesion, coursing the jolt through the bite area.
Next, shocks are administered across the bite in a spoke pattern to cover any areas in which the venom may still be active, Osborn said.

Osborn also administers antibiotics and tetanus boosters when required.
His article recommends against surgically removing lesions or injecting medication, which are current standard procedures.

Osborn stresses that only DC, or direct current, from a stun gun powered by a nine-volt battery be used.

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R simonkenton7 01/15/21 # 15660620

flintlocke
Campfire Outfitter

F

Joined: Dec 2014
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Likes: 1103
Siskiyou Co.,Jefferson State

Several fire members spanked my chubby ass on this a few months ago...I will never again mention high voltage and venom in the same sentence. I think it was the dreaded but famous Dr. Sycamore that publicly shamed me.

Well this is a fine pickle we're in, should'a listened to Joe McCarthy and George Orwell I guess.

R simonkenton7 01/15/21 # 15660627

TrueGrit
Campfire Tracker

T

Joined: Jan 2020
Posts: 6,272
Likes: 157
Middle Georgia

Shocking works on dogs that have been snake bit. And shocking a person who was bit by a spider seemed to work. Used a Hot Shot on the dogs and a spark plug on man with the spider bite.

Life is good live it while you can.

R simonkenton7 01/15/21 # 15660712

Starman
Campfire Outfitter

Anyone that trusts in electric shock treatment
can go get bitten by a Mamba, cobra, Taipan or
better still sea snake.. and

Joined: Mar 2007
Posts: 9,097

demonstrate their confidence in such.

Is there a peer reviewed scientific paper on how EST neutralizes the various venom proteins?

-Bulletproof and Waterproof don't mean Idiotproof.

R simonkenton7 04/13/22 # **17158815**

C_D_Osborn_III
New Member

C

Joined: Apr 2022
Posts: 1

This is the "real deal". I'm am Dr. Osborn's grandson. He loved this stuff!

IC B2

R simonkenton7 04/13/22 # **17158821**

steveredd1
Campfire Tracker

S

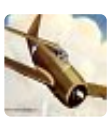
Joined: Dec 2021
Posts: 4,615
Likes: 265
WV

440 will cure any snake bite

R simonkenton7 04/13/22 # **17158878**

hanco
Campfire Oracle

Put white wire up your ass, black on snake bite. I guarantee this will cure you from the bite. Stand in water



Joined: Apr 2011
Posts: 219,354
Likes: 15077
Texas

barefoot also

Re: ... Starman 04/13/22 # **17158881**

AUGrad
Campfire Member

A

Joined: Jan 2012
Posts: 155
Likes: 2
Alabama

> **Originally Posted by Starman**
>
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There is a significant difference in deliberately getting bitten because you trust the treatment and trying an otherwise harmless treatment after being bitten. I've never deliberately allowed myself to be bitten, but the two times I did get bit by a brown recluse, I shocked myself afterwards (lawn mower spark plug first time, cheap stun gun second time). Whether it helped or not I can't say for sure, but the effects of the bites subsided within hours both times and I didn't have to resort to other remedies.

This remedy will never receive

serious study - except maybe to try to discredit it - because the medical industry can't make billions off of it.

R simonkenton7 04/13/22 # **17158897**

The_Real_Hawkeye
Campfire Savant

Joined: Jun 2002
Posts: 143,808
Likes: 1979
USA

I've heard of this before.

Also, some doctor a few years ago discovered that a series of injections of cortisone in a circle around the bite has a similar result. Not sure if this is the "injected medication" the above article is negatively referring to, but it was presented as quite revolutionary and effective a few years ago.

Re: C... AUGrad 04/13/22 # **17158902**

The_Real_Hawkeye
Campfire Savant

Joined: Jun 2002

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Bingo!

IC B3

R simonkenton7 04/13/22 # **17158909**

killerv
Campfire Tracker

K

Joined: Jun 2012
Posts: 5,117
Likes: 102

They make upwards of 10k a vial for antivenom, a bite might cost a patients insurance company 6 figures. Hospitals aren't going to get paid much for cheap shock therapy.

R... steveredd1 04/13/22 # **17158914**

CrowRifle

> **Originally Posted by**

Campfire Outfitter

C

Joined: May 2004
Posts: 11,195
Likes: 51

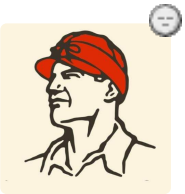
> **steveredd1**
>
> 440 will cure any snake bite

Golden.

Go bird hunting in Texas and you will see the guides all have pieces of romex in their trucks for the dogs that get bit. And they follow up with steroid injections.

Re: Ca... killerv 04/13/22 # **17158917**

Teal
Campfire 'Bwana



Joined: Aug 2003
Posts: 44,994
Likes: 1049
Flyover Country

> **Originally Posted by killerv**
>
> They make upwards of 10k a vial for antivenom, a bite might cost a patients insurance company 6 figures. Hospitals aren't going to get paid much for cheap shock therapy.

Wonder why the ins doesn't push it then - to reduce their costs.

Me

Re: Can ... Teal 04/13/22 # **17158937**

CrowRifle
Campfire Outfitter

> **Originally Posted by Teal**
>
> > **Originally Posted**

C

Joined: May 2004
Posts: 11,195
Likes: 51

> **by killerv**
>
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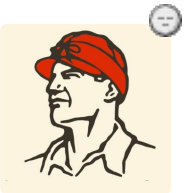
Because most insurance plans don't cover snake bites.

Re:... CrowRifle 04/13/22 # **17158942**

Teal
Campfire 'Bwana



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> **Originally Posted by CrowRifle**
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Interesting - where I live, we have no real venomous snakes in any

number. 2 - timber rattler and some other one. The other is considered endangered, so few of them. All south of me. Not a concern so I never looked into it.

How does that jive of 10k a vial for antivenom and costing a patient's insurance 6 figures. It costs the patient that then - I wonder how much of that the hospitals write off as bad debt vs what they actually recover.

Me

R simonkenton7 04/13/22 # 17158948

Beaver10
Campfire Ranger

Joined: Jan 2018
Posts: 23,507
Likes: 6
Oregon

I'd prefer to shock the snake with birdshot before it hit flesh.

If I carried a taser with me. I'd try it. Couldn't hurt....Well, maybe except for the brief paralysis from the voltage.

Curiosity Killed the Cat & The Prairie Dog
"Molon Labe"

R simonkenton7 04/13/22 # 17158949

viking
Campfire Ranger

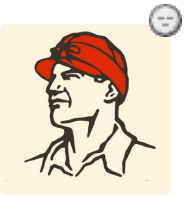
V

A dry stun might be worth a try.

Joined: Apr 2008
Posts: 19,907
Likes: 259
MonDak

Re: ... Beaver10 04/13/22 # **17158959**

Teal
Campfire 'Bwana



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Probably where I'd be too - any port in a storm and if I had the tools avail, give it a go.

Me

Re: Can ... Teal 04/13/22 # **17158963**

Dillonbuck
Campfire Ranger

Joined: Sep 2014
Posts: 24,744
Likes: 205
Between Pittsburgh and

> **Originally Posted by Teal**
>
> > **Originally Posted by killerv**
> >
> > They make upwards of 10k a vial for antivenom, a bite might cost

Philthy...

> a patients insurance company 6 figures. Hospitals aren't going to get paid much for cheap

Because they don't have costs in the sense other businesses do.
Risk+costs+margin=Your insurance bill.
Our medical system has been configured in a way that forces one to have insurance.
So, you will buy it, and they collude in pricing so there is no price competition.

It's awfully hard to determine the effectiveness of anti venom treatments.
The variables in venom, strength, and quantities, coupled with the variables in the bite location and within the victim make
comparisons a tough thing.
Just consider the amount of antidote given to a few different patients on bites from the same type of snake.

Not a doc, medical anything, haven't even stayed at a motel in awhile.
But this is easy to see.

The only way to get good

testing would be carefully chosen subjects, injected with the same venom,
by a doc who eliminated as many variables as possible.
Even then, no idea how you would have placebos for the shock treatment.

The Alabama Part!

Re: ... flintlocke 04/13/22 # **17158971**

jaguartx
Campfire Savant

J

Joined: Jan 2016
Posts: 116,529
Likes: 958

> **Originally Posted by flintlocke**
>
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FIXT

You know you are over the target when Suckawhore objects.

Curses from some are to be considered accolades and appreciated.

Ecc 10:2
The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but that of a fool to the left.

A Nation which leaves God behind is soon left behind.

"The Lord never asked anyone to be a tax collector, lowyer, or Redskins fan".

I Dindo Nuffin

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