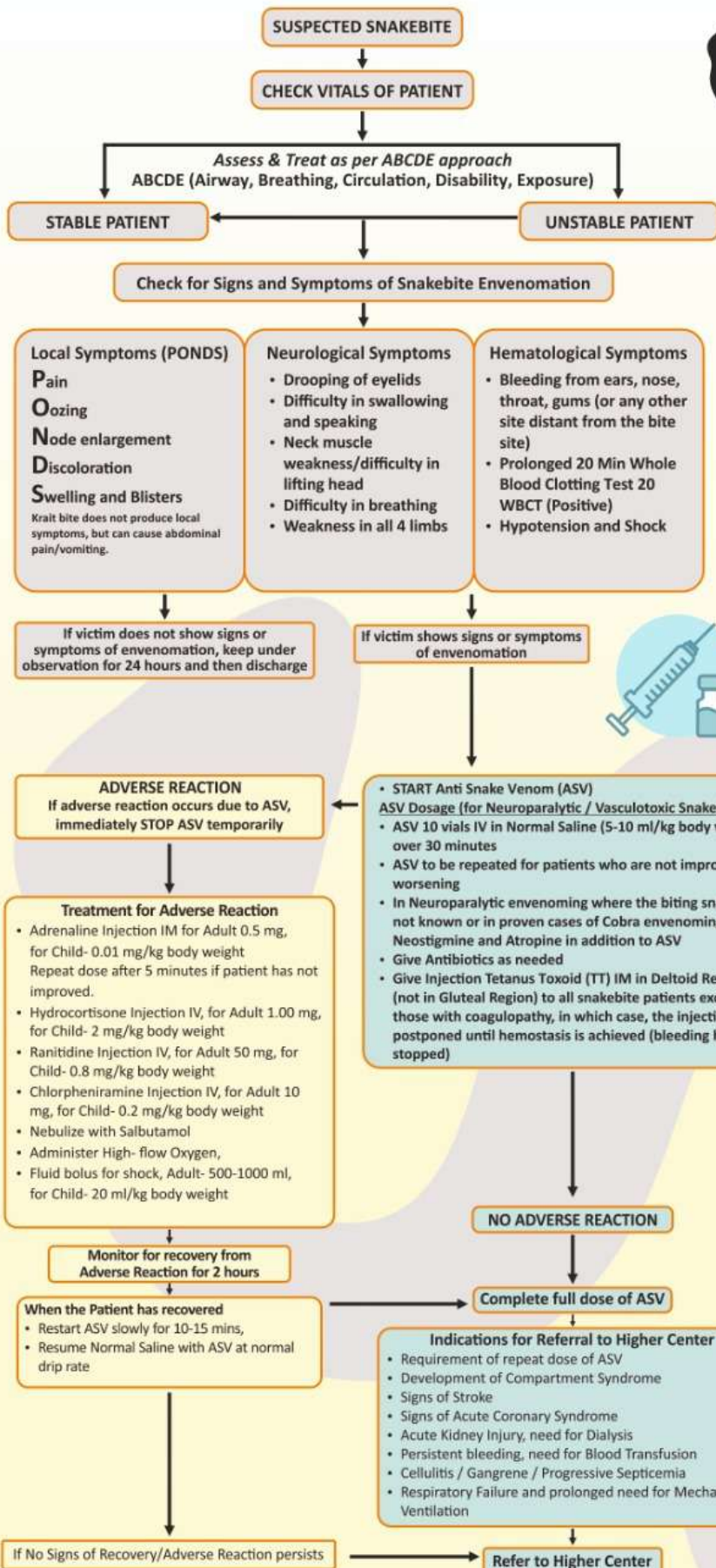




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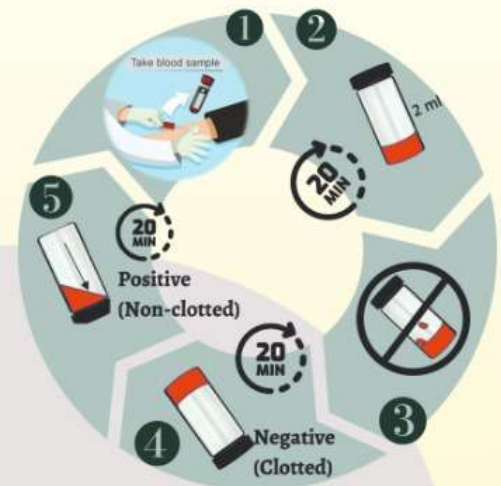


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20 Minute Whole Blood Clotting Test (20 WBCT)



- 1 Take 1-2 milliliters of venous blood in a clean, dry glass bottle or vial
- 2 Allow to stand at room temperature for 20 minutes
- 3 Leave undisturbed
- 4 Tip and record the presence or absence of a complete clot
- 5 If no clot forms and the blood remains liquid, the test result is positive

In case where the 20WBCT result is inconsistent with the patient's clinical condition, repeat the test in duplicate, including a "control" (blood from a healthy person).

20 WBCT may remain negative in patients with evolving "Venom-induced consumption coagulopathy" (VICC), therefore, the patient should be re-tested hourly for the first 3 hours and then 6 hourly for 24 hours until either test result is not clotted or clinical evidence of envenomation to ascertain if dose of ASV is indicated