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Scorpion bite. What to do?

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Background and Aim: Young man who arrived to our Health Center because of a scorpion bite. This is a very unusual case in our country and the way to treat it was unknown. However, this is an urgency and it is very important to treat this patient as soon as possible. We looked for the correct treatment in many books and this is what we found. With this treatment our patient got better.

Method: Our 31 years old patient arrived with the bite on his right hand. It was really painful and he had already taken some antiinflammatories at home but this pain was getting worse. He didn't have any medical antecedent and he didn't take any chronic treatment. He felt a terrible pain on his right hand and then he looked for the animal which had bitten him. He found an scorpion on his garden and he came to see the doctor quickly. The first thing to do was taking blood test to make sure that he didn't suffer from coagulation disorders. The blood test was anodyne so we started the treatment. We washed his hand with soap and water; we put ice on the bites's area. Regard to medicines, we injected antiinflammatories, amoxicillin-clavulanate and tetanus gammaglobulina. As the pain was too hard, we injected corticosteroids too.

Results: This patient considerably improved so he could go home taking powerful antiinflammatories and antibiotics for ten days.

Conclusions: One of the most important things when we feel the bite of a poisonous animal, is to look for the guilty one. After that, you have to go to see the doctor immediately. If this patient wouldn't have been treated so fast, he probably would have had important complications, even his life could be at stage. Now, you know what to do in these strange cases.