



STANDING ORDER

HIVES

I. ASSESSMENT

- A. Obtain history of possible cause.
- B. Take vital signs, including temperature, document presence of hives, location, amount.
- C. Assess respiratory status.

II. MANAGEMENT

- A. Give Benadryl 50 mg PO STAT, then 50 mg QID x 2 days PRN as indicated.
- B. For localized itching, apply hydrocortisone cream topically.

III. EVALUATION

- A. If breathing difficulties occur or anaphylaxis develops, call EMTs for immediate transport to emergency room.