



# ANASCORP<sup>®</sup> UPDATE: SPRING 2015

## Centruroides (Scorpion) Immune F(ab')<sub>2</sub> (Equine) Injection

### BARK SCORPION STING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING! IS YOUR HOSPITAL PREPARED?

Now is the time to check your stock. Your community is located in bark scorpion territory, so if your hospital does not stock Anascorp, or is low in stock, see ordering details on back. This season, consider these important details:

### BARK SCORPION FACTS

Bark scorpions become active around 72°F.

Unlike ambush predators, bark scorpions spend their evenings wandering about in search of food and water.

Our homes provide an ideal environment for their temperature, food, and water requirements.

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*You NEVER know what will walk through your ER, so make sure you are prepared for a scorpion sting emergency.*

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### DOSING

The initial dose is **NEVER LESS than 3 vials**. Only subsequent doses are individually administered PRN (see page 5 in the attached brochure for a simple dosing guide and pages 8–11 for full prescribing information).

Due to the seasonality of scorpion stings, it is possible to receive multiple patients at the same time. Please make sure your hospital **stocks enough antivenom for your community**.

It is recommended you **stock at least 5 vials per patient**.

### FREE PRODUCT REPLACEMENT FOR EXPIRED PRODUCT

Never worry about Anascorp expiring on you because we offer a **free vial-for-vial exchange for unused, expired Anascorp**.

Free replacement means you only purchase Anascorp once to be prepared for a potentially life-threatening emergency. Do not risk it! **Do not subject your patient to unnecessary hospital admissions, transfer costs, and complications of supportive care!**

### TRAINING

Easily update your staff on how to handle an envenomated patient with a 13-minute online video: [www.anascorp-us.com/video](http://www.anascorp-us.com/video).

This easy-to-follow training video features Michelle Ruha, MD, considered the nation's leading expert on treating scorpion envenomation, walking your staff step-by-step through envenomation treatment.

I am always available for in-service training. My contact information is on the back.

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### **SAFETY**

The most common adverse effects reported in clinical trials were vomiting, pyrexia, rash, nausea, and pruritus.

Anascorp may produce severe hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis. All patients should be observed closely for evidence of hypersensitivity during Anascorp administration, and epinephrine, corticosteroid, and antihistamines should be readily available in case they are needed.

No patients died or discontinued study participation for severe adverse reactions.

8/1534 (0.5%) patients were considered to have serum sickness (Type III hypersensitivity); no patient manifested the full serum sickness syndrome. 3 patients were treated with systemic corticosteroids and 5 others received either no treatment or symptomatic therapy.

34 patients experienced a total of 39 severe adverse reactions such as respiratory distress, aspiration, hypoxia, ataxia, pneumonia, and eye swelling. It is not clear whether these adverse reactions were related to Anascorp, envenomation, or a combination of both.

Equine plasma may carry risk of transmissible infectious agents.

Reaction to a cresol-trace amounts from manufacturing process, possible localized reaction or generalized myalgias.

Special Populations: Pregnancy – It is not known whether Anascorp can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Nursing Mothers – It is not known whether

Anascorp is excreted in human milk. Pediatric Use – 78% of the patients enrolled in clinical studies were pediatric subjects ranging in ages from less than 1 month to 18.7 years of age. Geriatric Use – In clinical studies Anascorp was administered to 77 patients over the age of 65 years with comparable efficacy and safety to the overall patient population. Specific studies in elderly patients have not been conducted.

For additional safety details, see full prescribing information on pages 8 – 11 in the attached Anascorp brochure.

### **BE PREPARED**

You NEVER know what will walk through your ER, so make sure you are prepared for a scorpion sting emergency. Why send your patient to the ICU when you can send them home in under 4 hours? Do your best to alleviate hardships on families due to hospital admissions, transfer costs and complications of supportive care. Use Anascorp this season.

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