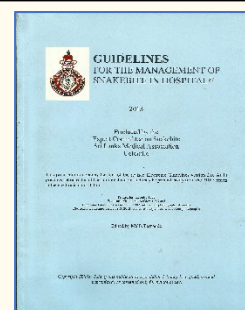
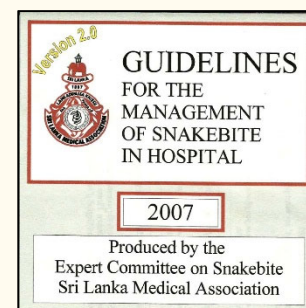


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- 2002. Commenced programme of outreach seminars for doctors in outstation hospitals on management of snakebite. The WHO had given Dr. Sellahewa a grant to carry out 12 programmes. By the end of 2008, 18 seminars had been held and the balance money had been utilised to print (in 2007) copies of the Snakebite Management Guidelines as a booklet.
- 2004. Commenced programme 'Training of health personnel and selected persons on first aid and basic life support with bag & mask ventilation at village level' supported by a grant from WHO.
- 2005. Electronic guidelines ver. 1.0. Containing the 1999 guidelines on a CD, as a Power Point presentation.
- 2007. Electronic guidelines ver. 2.0. An updated and revised version including a picture library of venomous and non-venomous snakes on CD, as a Power Point presentation. CD included the guidelines and the English version of the booklet on Prevention and First Aid in pdf format.
- 2013. Electronic guidelines ver. 3.0. Updated and extensively revised, the CD included the guidelines and the booklet on Prevention and First Aid (pdf format) in English, Sinhala and Tamil. A printed booklet of the guidelines was also published for free distribution.
- The Guidelines for the Management of Snakebite in Hospitals have been periodically updated, the most recent being in 2021, available on the SLMA website. The recommendations are mostly evidence-based, with extensive references to published literature.



Other activity has focused on the following:

- **Snakebite incidence as shown by admissions to Government Hospitals.** The Ministry of Health accepted the SBC proposal and was to implement the scheme through the Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry. Data collection sites will be the nine Sentinel Surveillance Sites already collecting information regarding non-communicable diseases. (Status: Implementation failed.)
- **Incidence of snakebite deaths in Government Hospitals.** Report form prepared, accepted by DGHS, circulated to all Government Hospitals (DGHS/COR/2008/55 of 11.8.2008). (Status: Reporting has been incomplete. Receipt of data delayed. Was inactive. A change in strategy was considered by SBC. This data to be henceforth collected and analysed in the office of the Chief Epidemiologist of the Ministry of Health. Failed to implement on a sustainable basis.)