

TOURNIQUET CONVERSION



CONSIDER body substance isolation.

NOTE: ASM/CLS personnel should not convert a tourniquet after 2 hours unless directed by the CMC or CPP; if there is no medical oversight, leave the tourniquet in place and continue monitoring the casualty.

NOTE: Do not perform Tourniquet Conversion if limb amputation or if wound cannot be regularly monitored.



01 **EXPOSE** the wound, if not previously exposed.

NOTE: Remove clothing and equipment as required.

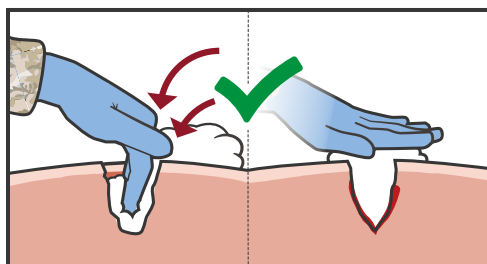


02 **REMOVE** the hemostatic dressing or gauze from its sterile package.

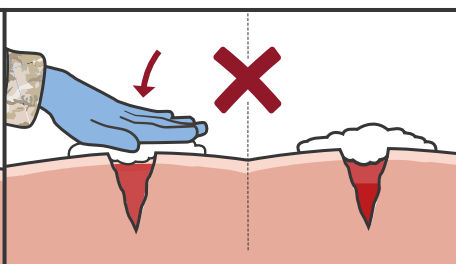
NOTE: If hemostatic dressing or gauze is not available, use clean, dry cloth material.



03a **PACK** the dressing tightly into the wound.



03 **STEP 3 NOTE:** **FILL** and **PACK** the whole wound cavity tightly while keeping firm pressure on the wound. More than one hemostatic dressing or gauze may be required.



04 **ENSURE** the hemostatic dressing or gauze extends 1-2" above the skin.

STEP 4 NOTE: If the hemostatic dressing or gauze does not extend 1-2" above the skin, place additional hemostatic dressing or gauze.

STEP 4 NOTE: If a penetrating object is lodged in the casualty's body, bandage it in place. **Do not** remove the object.



05 **AFTER** packing, continue to apply firm, manual pressure for a minimum of 3 minutes.



06 **REMOVE** the pressure bandage from its package.



07 **PLACE** the pad of the pressure bandage directly over the wound (or previously applied hemostatic dressing) while continuing to apply direct pressure.

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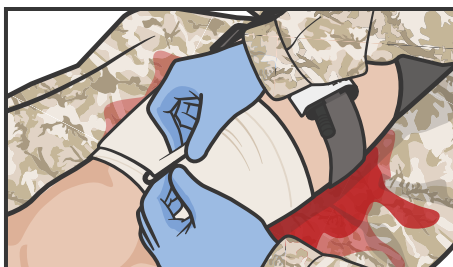
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08 WRAP the pressure/elastic bandage tightly around the extremity, focusing pressure over the wound and ensuring that the edges of the pad are covered.

STEP 8 NOTE: If the bandage has a pressure bar, insert the elastic wrap completely into the pressure bar, pull the bandage tight, and reverse it back over the top of the pressure bar, forcing it down onto the pad.



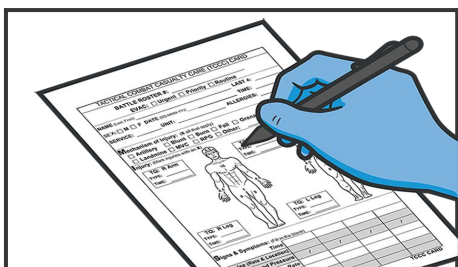
09 SECURE the hooking ends of the hook and loop straps (or closure bar) onto the last wrap of the bandage.



10 SLOWLY release the tourniquet (over one minute); observe the bandage for bleeding.

STEP 10 NOTE: Leave the loosened tourniquet in place and remove excess slack ensuring it will not interfere with further treatment and casualty movement.

STEP 10 NOTE: If bleeding reoccurs, retighten the original tourniquet, ensuring bleeding is controlled and the distal pulse is absent.



11 ANNOTATE the time of tourniquet release on the tourniquet and the DD Form 1380 TCCC Casualty Card.

12 DOCUMENT all findings and treatments on a DD Form 1380 TCCC Casualty Card.