

HEMOSTATIC DRESSING/WOUND PACKING INSTRUCTION

TASK:	Apply hemostatic dressings, pack wounds, and apply pressure bandage
CONDITION:	Given a trauma casualty with a bleeding wound in a location where a tourniquet cannot be applied, and a hemostatic dressing
STANDARD:	Demonstrate the proper application of a hemostatic dressing and control bleeding in accordance with CoTCCC guidelines.
EQUIPMENT:	First aid kit with hemostatic dressing, pressure bandage and part-task trainer

PERFORMANCE MEASURES: Step-by-step instructions.

- 01** Identify the wound and expose the injury by opening or cutting away the casualty's clothing.
- 02** Locate the source of the most active bleeding and apply direct pressure.
- 03** (a) Remove the hemostatic dressing from its sterile package.
(b) Pack it tightly into the wound directly over the site of the most active bleeding.

***NOTE:** Fill and pack the whole wound cavity tightly while keeping firm pressure on the wound. More than one gauze may be required to stop the blood flow. If there is a penetrating object lodged into the casualty's body, bandage it in place. Do not remove the object.*

- 04** After packing, continue to apply firm, manual pressure until the bleeding stops. Hold continuous direct pressure for a minimum of 3 minutes.
- 05** Reassess the wound to ensure that bleeding has stopped, and apply more dressings, if necessary.

***NOTE:** Ensure blood is not seeping through or around the gauze. If bleeding has stopped, leave the gauze in place.*

- 06** Apply a sterile pressure bandage over the hemostatic dressing to secure it in place. (See Pressure Bandage Skill Instruction Card).
- 07** Document medical aid on a casualty's DD1380 Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) Card.
- 08** Communicate your findings and any medical aid provided to medical personnel; assist with evacuation, as requested.