

Wound Care-Tourniquet

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Clinical Indications:

- Life threatening extremity hemorrhage that can not be controlled by other means.
- Serious or life threatening extremity hemorrhage and tactical considerations prevent the use of standard hemorrhage control techniques.

Contraindications:

- Non-extremity hemorrhage
- Proximal extremity location where tourniquet application is not practical

Procedure:

1. Place tourniquet proximal to wound
2. Tighten per manufacturer instructions until hemorrhage stops and/or distal pulses in affected extremity disappear.
3. Secure tourniquet per manufacturer instructions
4. Note time of tourniquet application and communicate this to receiving care providers
5. Dress wounds per standard wound care protocol
6. If delayed or prolonged transport and tourniquet application time > 45 minutes: consider reattempting standard hemorrhage control techniques and removing tourniquet

Certification Requirements:

- Maintain knowledge of the indications, contraindications, technique, and possible complications of the procedure. Assessment of this knowledge may be accomplished via quality assurance mechanisms, classroom demonstrations, skills stations, or other mechanisms as deemed appropriate by the local EMS System.