



Hemorrhage Control

EMT-Basic

Advanced EMT

Paramedic

PROCEDURE

- Complete a head to toe – hands on – physical exam. Expose all trauma patients to avoid missing injuries.
- Identify source of bleeding.
- Place pressure on active bleeding directly to the injury site with gauze.
- QuikClot gauze may be used for wounds with active bleeding that is difficult to control.
- Insert QuikClot gauze into the wound using the “finger over finger” method.
- Continue to use pressure until bleeding stops.
- If bleeding does not stop, an arterial tourniquet should be applied.

REFERENCE GRAPHICS



KEY POINTS

- Wounds to the chest need to be closely monitored for pneumothorax development
- QuikClot gauze is impregnated with Kaolin which assists in the clotting cascade
- Hemorrhage not controlled with pressure or QuikClot gauze should have a tourniquet applied (See Arterial Tourniquet)

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