



PROCEDURES PROC-16

QUIKCLOT

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Indications:

- For the control of moderate to severe bleeding.

Procedure:

1. Expose the injury by removing/cutting away clothing.
2. If on an extremity, place a tourniquet proximal to the injury.
3. Remove any excess blood from the wound while preserving any clots that have formed.
4. Locate the source of the most active bleeding
5. Remove the combat gauze from the packing and pack it tightly into the wound directly over the site of the most active bleeding.
6. Apply direct pressure to the bleeding site while packing the gauze and apply enough force to stop the bleeding.
7. After the gauze has been packed, continue to hold direct pressure for **AT LEAST** 3 minutes.
8. Reassess for bleeding control.
9. **DO NOT REMOVE** combat gauze, leave in place.
10. Cover with roller gauze, or other securing method.
11. More than one package of gauze may be used to control the hemorrhage.
12. If the gauze becomes over saturated and bleeding is continuing, remove the combat gauze and repeat above steps.

Considerations:

- When extremities are involved, first use a tourniquet proximal to the bleeding site.
- Transport to a Level I or II Trauma Facility.
- Advise ER staff that combat gauze was used.
- QuikClot Combat Gauze is impregnated with Kaolin an inert mineral promotes the activation of Factor XII and results in activation of Factor XI allowing for the formation of a fibrin clot. There is NO exothermic reaction.