Hasbro Emergency Department

Stop the Bleed Algorithm

Is Victim Bleeding?

— NO → **Stop**

— YES ↓

Identify source of bleed

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Is the bleed life threatening?*

— NO → **Stop**

— YES ↓

Is a C.A.T. tourniquet available and appropriate?+

— NO → **Apply direct pressure to the wound using clean cloth or gauze**

— YES → **Apply C.A.T.** (Found in HED travel bags)

***Life threatening bleed**

- Spurting blood from wound
- Blood that wont stop coming out
- Blood pooling on ground
- Clothing soaked with blood
- Bandages soaked with blood
- Loss of all or part of arm or leg
- Bleeding in confused or unconscious victim

+ Combat Application Tourniquet (C.A.T.)

- Found in HED Travel Bags
- Tourniquets CANNOT be applied to the joints, genitalia, or neck

Windlass Clip — Windlass Rod — Windlass Strap — Self-Adhering Band

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Step 1: Place the tourniquet 2-3 inches above the wound

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Step 2: Pull self-adhering band tight and velcro the band around extremity, but DO NOT go past the clip

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Step 3: Twist windlass rod until the bleeding stops, then lock the rod in the windlass clip

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Step 4: Pull band through the clip, then secure both band and rod with windlass strap on the opposite clip hook

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Step 5: Write time the tourniquet was applied on the strap. If cannot write on the strap, write time on patient's forehead

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