











## **TOURNIQUET REPLACEMENT**



**CONSIDER** body substance isolation. **NOTE:** If a Combat Lifesaver is available, direct them to assist.



**EXPOSE** the injury and assess the bleeding source.



**ASSESS** previously applied tourniquet(s) for effectiveness at controlling bleeding and proximity to the bleeding site.



Check for distal pulse.
NOTE: If distal pulse is present, attempt additional tightening. If distal pulse is still present, proceed immediately to STEP 4.



**APPLY** a CoTCCC-recommended tourniquet directly on skin 2-3" above the bleeding site if possible (see Tourniquet Application Instructions).



**SLOWLY** release the original tourniquet(s) over one minute.



**WATCH** the area where bleeding originally took place, ensuring no bleeding reoccurs.



ASSESS to ensure distal pulse is absent, and bleeding is still controlled.



**SLIDE** originally placed tourniquet(s) down, but leave in place proximal to the newly placed tourniquet.

**STEP 6 NOTE:** If bleeding reoccurs, immediately retighten the initial tourniquet(s), ensuring bleeding is controlled, and further tighten the newly applied tourniquet. Repeat Steps 5 & 6 until the new tourniquet controls bleeding.

**STEP 8 NOTE:** replaced tourniquets should not be fully tightened, but excess slack should be removed.



**ANNOTATE** the time of the new tourniquet placement on the tourniquet.



**DOCUMENT** all findings and treatments on a DD Form 1380 TCCC Casualty Card and attach it to the casualty.