

TOURNIQUET REPLACEMENT



CONSIDER body substance isolation.

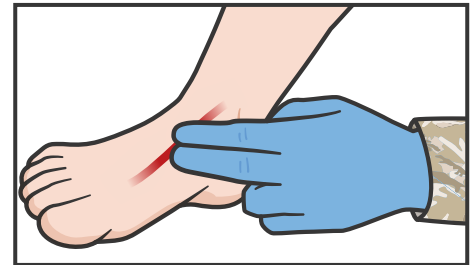
NOTE: If a Combat Lifesaver is available, direct them to assist.



01 EXPOSE the injury and assess the bleeding source.



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



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



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



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



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



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



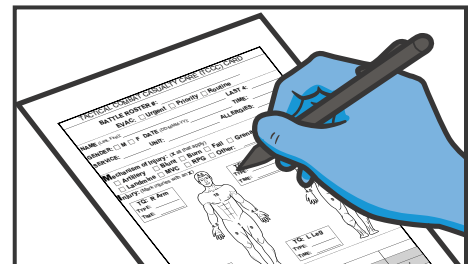
08 SLIDE originally placed tourniquet(s) down, but leave in place proximal to the newly placed tourniquet.

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.



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



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