

AMPUTATION BANDAGING



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 APPLY gauze or other dressing materials and wrap the casualty's stump, ensuring all areas are covered.



03 APPLY elastic wrap or cravats over the gauze, extending 4 inches above the wound.

STEP 3 NOTE: You may need to use more than one package of gauze and elastic wraps.



04 PLACE and loosely wrap the amputated body part, if found, in saline-moistened sterile gauze.



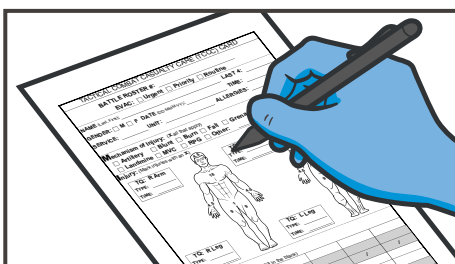
05 SEAL the amputated body part inside a plastic bag or wrap it in a cravat.

NOTE: Place in container with ice, if available.



06 TRANSPORT the body part with the casualty to the hospital for possible reimplantation or skin graft.

CAUTION: Do not delay transport of a patient in order to locate and care for an amputated body part.



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

STEP 5 CAUTION: Avoid further injury to the amputated body part by:

- (a) **NEVER** warming an amputated body part.
- (b) **NEVER** placing an amputated body part directly in water.
- (c) **NEVER** placing an amputated body part directly on ice.
- (d) **NEVER** using dry ice to cool an amputated body part.