

EXTERNAL HEMORRHAGE CONTROL

1. Apply direct pressure/pressure dressing to injury.
2. If hemorrhage is not controlled and the wound is amenable to use of a tourniquet (i.e. extremity injury), apply a tourniquet.
3. If hemorrhage is not controlled and wound is not amenable to tourniquet placement (i.e. junctional injury), apply a topical hemostatic dressing, if available, with direct pressure. *†

*Only apply topical hemostatic agents in a gauze format that supports wound packing.

†In the event of a mass casualty situation or a situation where there is minimal time to devote to the patient in the interest of responder safety (active shooter, etc.), topical hemostatic dressings (if available) with direct pressure may be the first option.