

ALL BLEEDING STOPS... EVENTUALLY

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- ✘ Presenters have no financial interest in any of the products or companies discussed in this presentation

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ✘ Describe the controversies regarding hemorrhage control
- ✘ Review methods of hemorrhage control
 - + Direct Pressure
 - + Pressure Point
 - + Tourniquets
 - + Hemostatic Agents
- ✘ Address different strategies depending on the environment and type of injury

DIRECT PRESSURE AND PRESSURE POINT

- ✘ Do they work?
 - + Standard part of most curriculums
 - + Can be effective if done correctly
- ✘ But, what are the challenges to these techniques?
 - + Do you have any other tasks to perform?
 - + How long do you have to hold pressure?
- ✘ Which patients can you use this on?
 - + Single system vs. Polytrauma

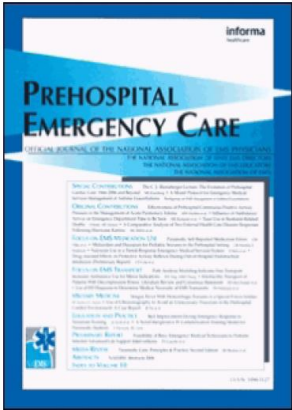
WHAT ABOUT TOURNIQUETS

- ✘ They do free up the provider to perform other tasks and can be effective
 - + Much of their use has been in blast injuries involving massive tissue loss
 - + These injuries are not common in the civilian population
- ✘ Tourniquets are not without side effects

TOURNIQUETS: A REVIEW OF CURRENT USE WITH PROPOSALS FOR EXPANDED PREHOSPITAL USE

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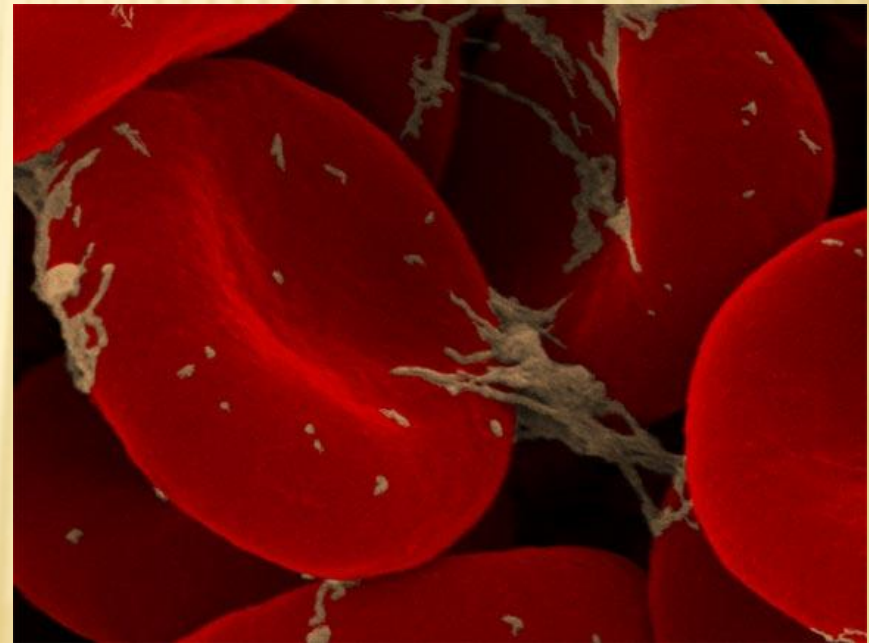
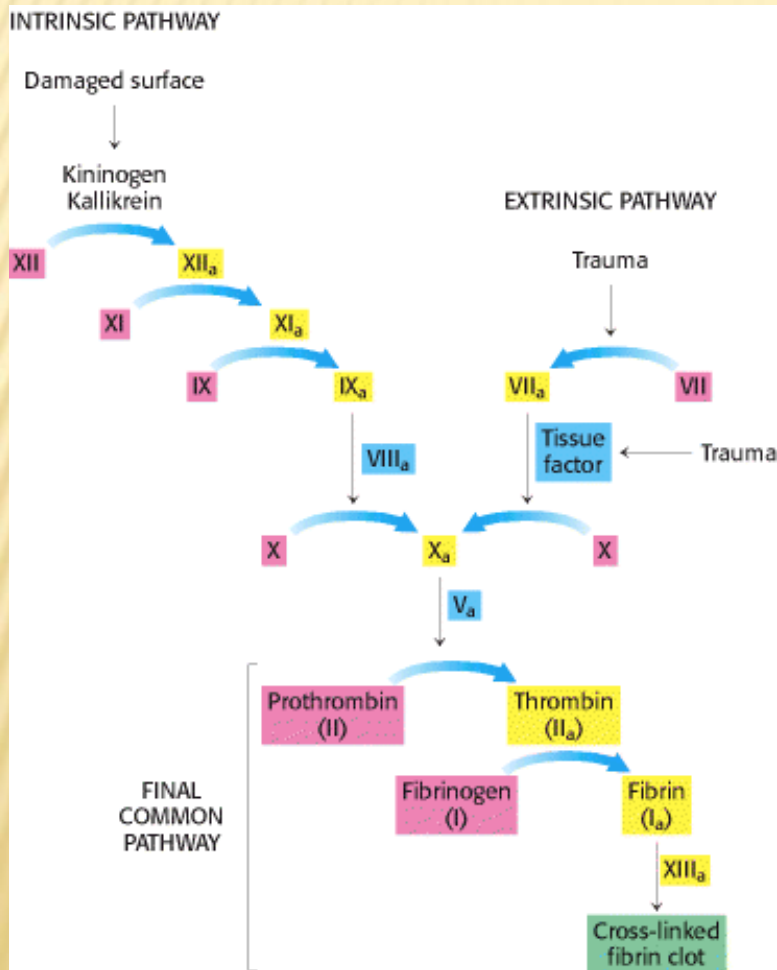
- ✘ Tourniquet use can result in venous complications
 - + Increased bleeding if improperly applied
 - + Thrombosis from venous stasis
- ✘ Compartment syndrome – may be due to injury itself
- ✘ Pain from tourniquet itself

TOO MUCH LATE NIGHT TV...

- ✘ Ideally, you want to stop the bleeding – “just set it and forget it”
- ✘ Bleeding, even arterial bleeding, is not unexpected
 - + The body is designed to form clots and, depending on degree of injury, maintain flow – but sometimes it needs a little bit of help

WHAT IS THE BEST BLEEDING CONTROL?

- ✘ The components are already in the blood!



ENTER THE WORLD OF HEMOSTATIC AGENTS

- ✘ A hemostatic agent is designed to help create a clot, preventing further hemorrhage
- ✘ Ideally, once the clot is formed, there will not be a need for continued direct manual pressure
- ✘ This could free up the provider to perform other tasks
- ✘ Depending on the injury, may still have perfusion, preventing ischemic injury

Making Sense of the Preclinical Literature on Advanced Hemostatic Products

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Review Article

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- IV. Lightweight and durable
- V. Long shelf life even in extreme conditions
- VI. Safe to use – no risk of infection or injury
- VII. Inexpensive

FIRST GENERATION

- ✘ 1999
- ✘ Red Cross Dry Fibrin Dressing
 - + Add thrombin, fibrinogen, and factor 13 to biodegradable gauze
 - + These agents are purified from human blood
- ✘ Effective in animal models but was never FDA approved for routine use, only in combat
- ✘ \$1000 per bandage

SECOND GENERATION

- ✘ Second generation agents focused on concentrating the clotting factors already present in the blood
- ✘ Zeolite granules – QuikClot
 - + Adsorbs the liquid from the plasma, leading to concentration of the clotting factors
 - + Exothermic reaction: issue with burns
 - + QuikClot sponge was designed to keep granules from spreading and also minimize heat production
- ✘ Chitosan – cross link RBCs to form clot independent of usual clotting mechanisms
 - + Celox granules: cross link RBCs and adsorbs water
 - + Hemcon dressing: stiff material – serves as a matrix to attract RBCs and start clot formation

THIRD GENERATION

- ✘ Attempts to address complications previously noted
- ✘ New trend: use gauze impregnated with the clotting agent
- ✘ QuikClot: new material – kaolin
 - + Activates the clotting cascade
- ✘ Celox Gauze
- ✘ ChitoGauze: by HemCon

ARE THEY SAFE?

Safety Evaluation of New Hemostatic Agents, Smectite Granules, and Kaolin-Coated Gauze in a Vascular Injury Wound Model in Swine

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- ✘ Compared kaolin-coated gauze to smectite granules
 - + Smectite granules caused endothelial damage and made them nonviable for primary surgical repair
 - ✘ NOTE: WoundStat product (smectite) was pulled by the FDA in 2009 over concerns of embolization
 - + Vessels treated with QuikClot gauze or control (Kerlix dressing) remained patent with no thrombus or blood clot in their lumen

ARE WE THERE YET?

- ✘ Do we have the ideal hemostatic agents available now? Time will tell....
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