

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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Manual:	Emergency Medical Services Administrative Policies and Procedures	Policy Number: 510.23
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	SOFT TISSUE INJURIES	
References:	California Administrative Code, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2	Effective: 11/15/83

I. TREATMENT

A. Stop bleeding

1. Apply direct pressure on the wound cover the wound with a clean gauze/cloth and apply pressure by pushing directly onto the wound with both hands
2. For life-threatening bleeding from an arm or leg and a tourniquet is available: Apply a tourniquet. Apply the tourniquet around the bleeding arm or leg about 2 to 3 inches above the bleeding site (DO NOT to place the tourniquet onto a joint – go above the joint if necessary)
3. For life-threatening bleeding from an arm or leg and a tourniquet is NOT available OR for bleeding from the neck, shoulder, or groin: Pack the wound with a hemostatic gauze** (if available) or plain gauze, then apply pressure with both hands.

B. Sterile dressing

C. Bandage

D. Treat shock as indicated

II. ASSESSMENT

A. Check distal neurovascular status.

1. Before and after application.
2. Anytime adjustment is made or every 15-30 minutes.

NOTE: The EMS Authority has authorized the use of the following hemostatic agents ONLY;

Quick Clot®, Combat Gauze® LE, Quick Clot®, EMS Rolled Gauze, 4x4 Dressing, TraumaPad®, Celox® Gauze, Z-Fold Hemostatic Gauze, Celox® Rapid, Hemostatic Z-Fold Gauze, HemCon®, or Chito Flex Pro Dressing.

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