



Introduction

Wound packing is for compressible (external) hemorrhage not amenable to limb tourniquet use or as an adjunct to tourniquet downgrade/conversion.

Procedure

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1. Identify the extent of injury and bleeding site.
2. Open foil pouch and remove hemostatic dressing. If hemostatic dressing is not available, use gauze roll dressing.
3. Identify the source of bleeding.
4. With the dressing, apply direct digital pressure to the source of bleeding.
5. Pack dressing completely into the wound track. Use enough of the dressing to fill the wound and contact all bleeding surfaces. More than one dressing may be required.
6. Pack an absorbent dressing in a gauze roll, on top of the hemostatic dressing(s)
7. Apply constant pressure to the bleeding site for at least 3 minutes.
8. Secure the entire dressing with a pressure bandage.