

Catastrophic haemorrhage

Extreme bleeding likely to cause death within minutes

Head, neck, torso

Apply a field dressing

Apply direct pressure

NB Pressure must be firm and applied directly over the wound

Bleeding controlled

Bleeding NOT controlled

Transfer to further care – provide an alert/information call

Pack with haemostatic gauze – apply fresh dressings and direct pressure

Bleeding controlled

Bleeding NOT controlled

Secure dressing over wound

Apply further dressings and direct pressure

Undertake a **TIME CRITICAL** transfer to the nearest receiving hospital. Continue patient management en-route. Provide an alert/information call

Limb(s)

Apply a tourniquet on the limb as low as possible proximal to the bleeding point

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Bleeding controlled

Bleeding NOT controlled

Undertake a **TIME CRITICAL** transfer to the nearest receiving hospital. Continue patient management en-route. Provide an alert/information call

Apply a second tourniquet above the first

Bleeding controlled

Bleeding NOT controlled

Pack with haemostatic gauze and apply fresh dressings and direct pressure

Undertake a **TIME CRITICAL** transfer to the nearest receiving hospital. Continue patient management en-route. Provide an alert/information call

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