



Trauma Management Pack (TMP) Trainer Notes

Introduction

- Made to fit in trauma plate pocket or behind bullet proof vest.
- DO NOT LEAVE IN CAR
- DO NOT open it unless you need it to prevent the loss of a life
- Packs contain items necessary to prevent blood loss or bleed out, which kills 2 or 3 officers in the line of duty.
- Packs are made to be thrown or skipped across pavement to a fallen officer without coming apart or damaging the contents of the pack.
- All packs were donated by people or businesses in the community. The donor's name is on the top of the pack. If you know the donor, thank the donor. If you email Project Triage with your pack number they can provide you the email address of the donor. We highly encourage you to email the donor and thank them. This will help keep the program alive.
- If you open the pack and use it you must email Project Triage or go on the web page and report the use. By doing so Project Triage will replace your pack for **FREE**. The email address is on the pack the website is www.projecttriage.org. The process of reporting a use will literally take minutes. Your pack's tracking number would be helpful but is not required since you are filling out the sign out form.
- Project Triage will notify you when packs are getting close to expiration. However, the packs should still be effective long after the expiration date is reached as long as they are cared for. Additionally Project Triage will email you updates and training material. At any time you can go to www.projecttriage.org and utilize the officer resource section for free.
- If you have a first generation pack KEEP IT. However, use **ActCel**® before you use QuickClot®.

TMP Contents

- Swat- T Tourniquet™
- Compression Bandage
- Hemostatic Gauze - **ActCel**®
- Pair of Gloves
- Tourniquet application card



Packs are the same as the first generation that had been given out with exception of the hemostatic agent.

HEMOSTATIC GAUZE ACTCEL®

- **REPLACES QUICKCLOT®.** Unlike QuickClot®, **ActCel®** very rarely fails to achieve hemostasis (the process that causes bleeding to stop). Does not need to be cleaned out of a wound by a doctor as it turns to saline after 7 days.
- Pack it in a wound where major blood loss is taking place. Pack around damaged arteries to include major ones like the femoral. **Work quickly. Gauze will begin to gel and break down upon contact with blood. In cases where the wound is full of blood or gushing blood, use the pressure bandage to first soak off excess blood, then immediately pack ActCel® into the wound.**
- If wound is too small to get **ActCel®** gauze into it, get as much in as possible and leaving excess over the top of the wound, cover with pressure bandage and apply direct pressure.
- In large wounds more than one application of **ActCel®** Gauze can be used.
- In some cases internal bleeding may be taking place, therefore the loss of blood may not be evident. When in doubt **PACK THE WOUND.**

SWAT T Tourniquet™

(Stretch, Wrap and Tuck)

When used as a Tourniquet

- Used on damaged limbs where wound is causing major loss of blood.
- Start wrap 6 inches above the wound. First wrap will not likely be tight, however is needed to get the process started. Once wrap is started begin to wrap tightly.
- The Tourniquet has ovals and diamonds on them. You will know you have enough tension when the **ovals turn to circles** and the **diamonds turn to squares.**
- Wrap the remaining amount with tension and tuck end when finished.
- Check for a post wound pause. **There should be none.**



SWAT T Tourniquet (cont.)

When used in connection with ActCel® and or a pressure bandage.

Tourniquet can be used on top of **ActCel®** and a pressure bandage to help keep pressure on the wound. **DO NOT** wrap to the point that tension has turned ovals to circles and diamonds to squares.

Compression Dressing

- Place white gauze over the wound area. Wrap stretching bandage around the wound. Continue wrapping until the wound is covered. When the wrap has reached the end, tuck the end into wrapping.
- For additional pressure the SWAT T can be applied on top of the pressure bandage as described above. **ActCel®** can be applied before the pressure bandage for arterial wounds.