

Wound Packing

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Supersedes:
N/A

Approved Provider: EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic

Reference Protocols: [General Trauma](#), [Hemorrhage Control](#)

Indications

- For uncontrolled hemorrhage from
 - Junctional areas
 - Other areas not amenable to tourniquet use

Contraindications

- Head, neck and torso use is contraindicated

Precautions

- None

Procedure

- Identify wound
- Prepare Kerlex
- Identify source of bleeding in wound
- With dressing, apply direct digital pressure to source of bleeding
- While maintaining pressure on bleeding source, continue to pack entire wound track. Multiple dressings may be required
- Apply firm pressure on top of dressings and site for at least 3 minutes
- Secure with pressure bandage or very tightly wrapped dressing
- Reassess for bleeding after application

Complications

- Continued blood loss due to lack of pressure application

Documentation

- Indications for procedure
- Description of procedure
- Response to procedure