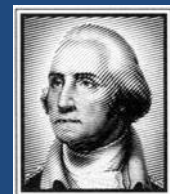


Hemostasis for the Field Provider

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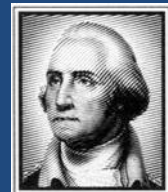
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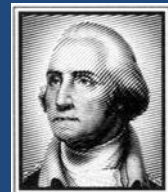
Objectives

- Discuss coagulopathy related to trauma
- Review novel topical hemostatic agents
- Review data for tourniquets



Background

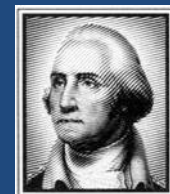
- Hemorrhage is the second leading cause of death in trauma
- Hemorrhage is the lead cause of preventable death in trauma



Prevalence of Uncontrolled Bleeding

Surgical Discipline	Uncontrolled Bleeding Rate
Cardiovascular	5%–7% Post-op ¹
General	1.9% Laparoscopic cholecystectomy ²
Obstetric	3.9% (vaginal); 6.4% (cesarean) ^{3,4}
Orthopedic	2%–6.3% Hip/knee arthroplasty ⁵⁻⁷
Urologic	4%–8% TURP ⁸ ; 3.3%-9.9% URL ⁹
Trauma	30%–40% ^{10,11}

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Hemostasis

“Life in the Balance”

Bleeding
to Death

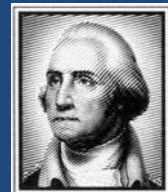
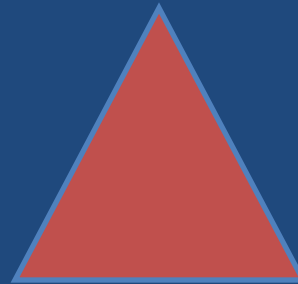


Trauma
Major Surgery
Hemophilia

Clotting
to Death

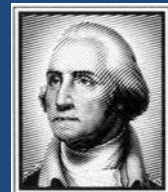


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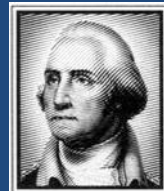
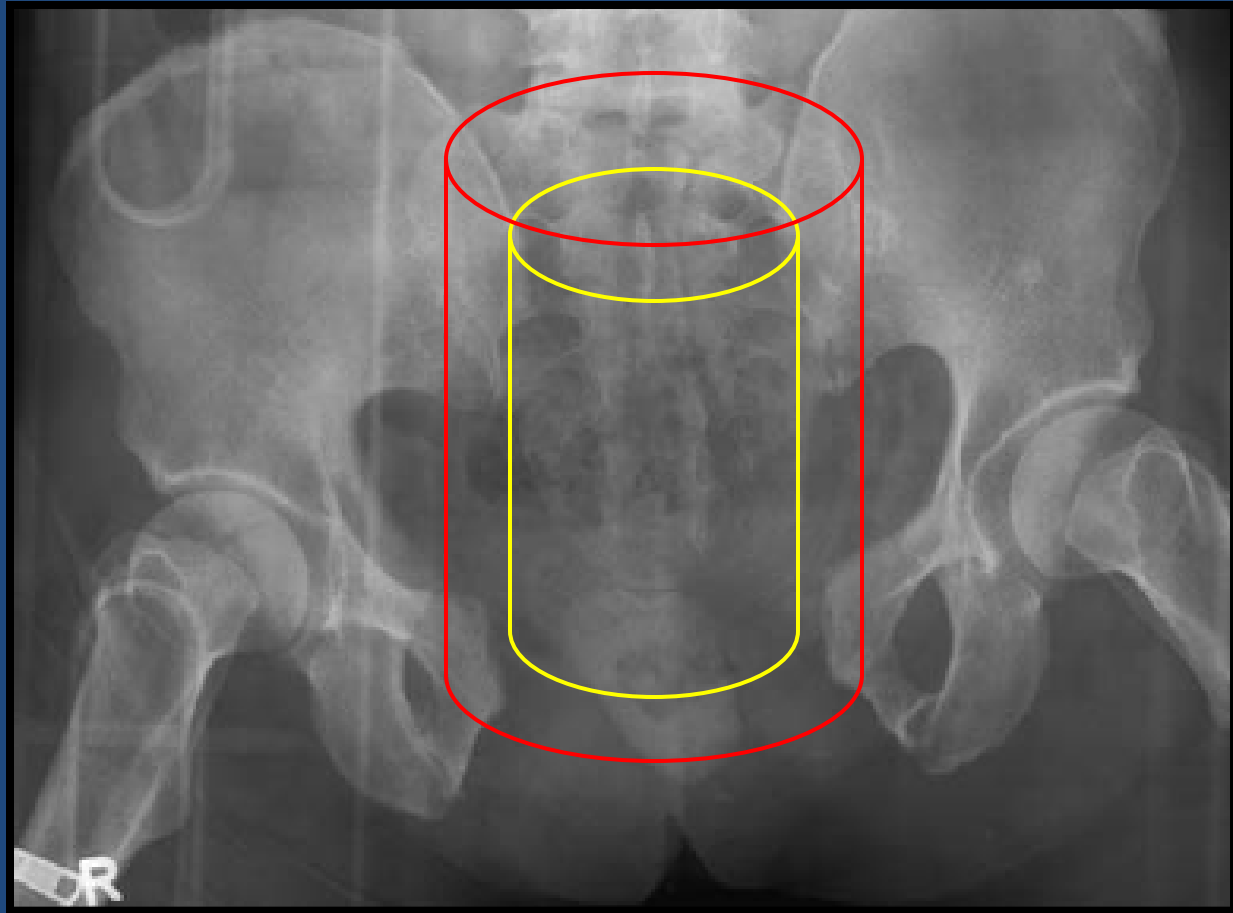


The Hemorrhaging Patient

- The Basics
 - Direct Pressure, splint fractures
 - Rapid Transport, Minimize fluids
 - Tourniquets (stay tuned)



Reducing Fractures Stops Bleeding





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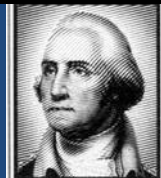
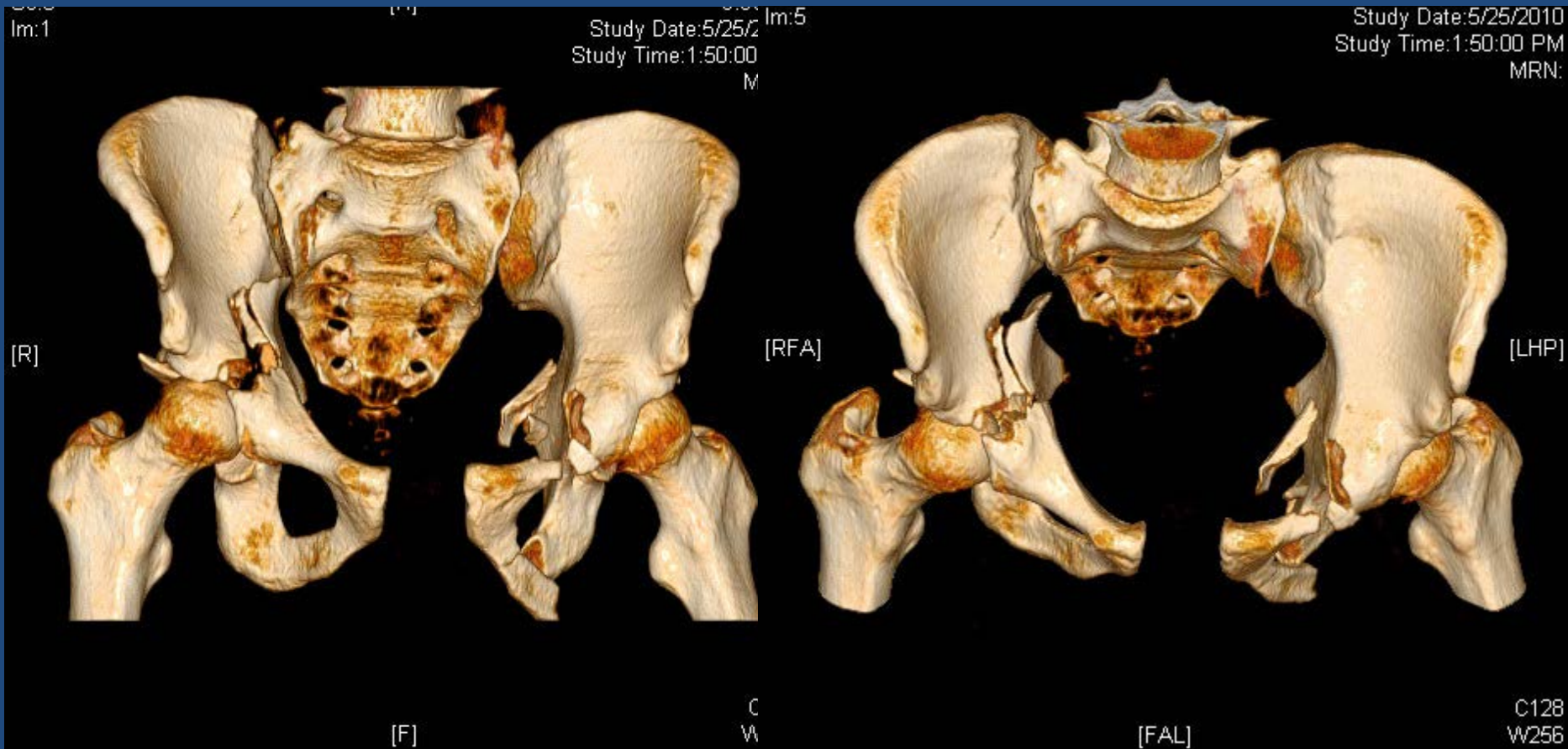
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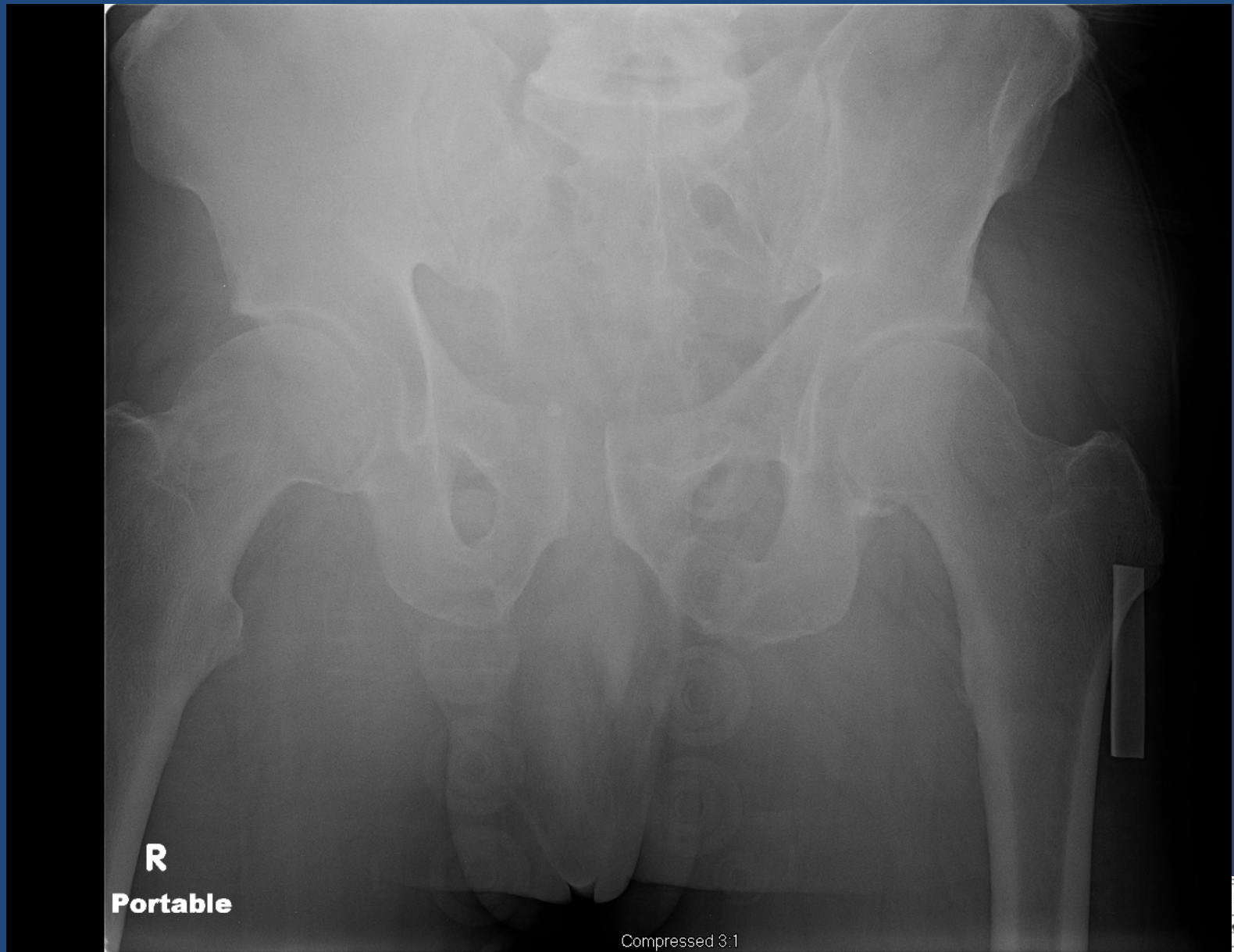
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Open Book Pelvis Fracture





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Resuscitating the Bleeding Patient

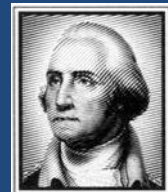
- Lethal Triad of Trauma

- Hypothermia < 34

- Acidosis < 7.1

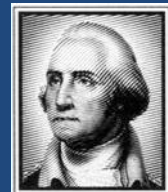
- Coagulopathy > 2

98% Mortality (w/o damage control)



Addressing Coagulopathy

- Blood-based resuscitation
 - Military reports
 - Minimize crystalloid
 - Rapid transport to FST for blood based therapy
- Permissive hypotension
 - SBP 80-90 mmHg for penetrating trauma
 - SBP 120 mmHg for head injury



Hypotension Resuscitation

Table 4. Total Volumes of Fluids Administered to Patients with Penetrating Torso Injuries, According to Treatment Group.*

VARIABLE	IMMEDIATE RESUSCITATION (N = 309)	DELAYED RESUSCITATION (N = 289)	P VALUE
Before arrival at the hospital			
Ringer's acetate (ml)	870±667	92±309	<0.001
Trauma center			
Ringer's acetate (ml)	1608±1201	283±722	<0.001
Packed red cells (ml)	133±393	11±88	<0.001

Table 5. Outcome of Patients with Penetrating Torso Injuries, According to Treatment Group.

VARIABLE	IMMEDIATE RESUSCITATION	DELAYED RESUSCITATION	P VALUE
Survival to discharge — no. of patients/total patients (%)	193/309 (62)*	203/289 (70)†	0.04
Estimated intraoperative blood loss — ml‡	3127±4937	2555±3546	0.11
Length of hospital stay — days§	14±24	11±19	0.006
Length of ICU stay — days§	8±16	7±11	0.30

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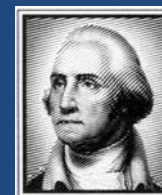
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“Prolongation of the PT is the sentinel event...and occurs early in the operation”

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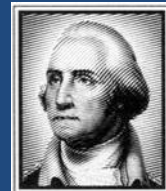
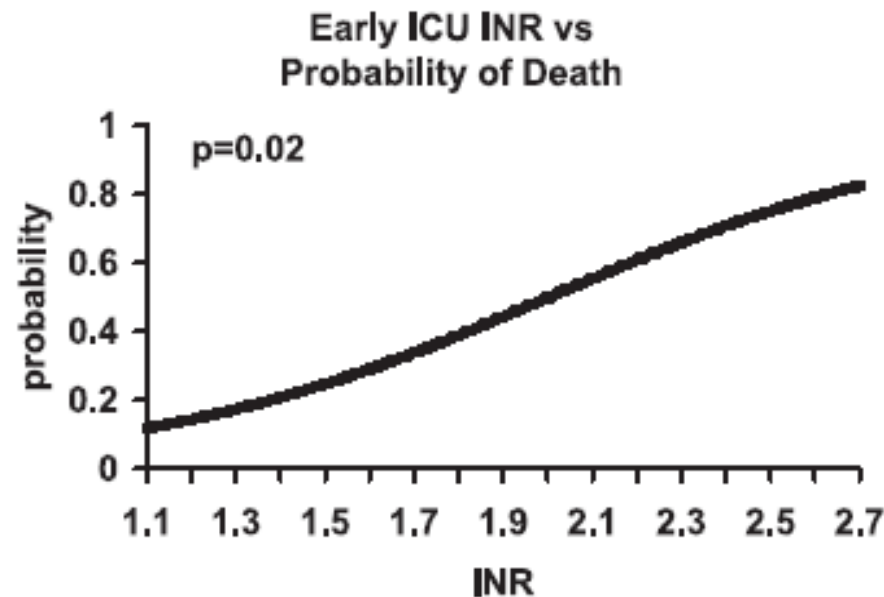


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Fresh Frozen Plasma Should be Given Earlier to Patients Requiring Massive Transfusion

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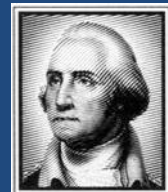
Topical Agents

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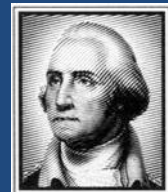
Topical Agents

- Mechanical only
 - Gauze – matrix for clot formation
- Mechanical and inherent hemostatic capability
 - Tissue factor activators
 - Induce Hypercoagulable State



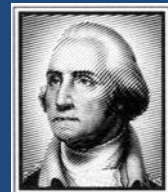
Topical Agents

- Characteristics:
 - Stop large arterial vessel bleeding < 3 minutes
 - No need to mix/reconstitute
 - Light weight
 - Long/indefinite shelf life in extreme setting
 - Safe/no infectious concerns
 - Inexpensive



Mechanisms

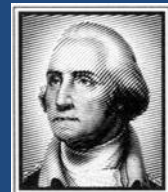
- Mucoadhesive agents
 - Chitosan based: Celox, HemCon
 - Plug the hole
- Factor concentrates
 - QuikClot
 - Create a hypercoagulable environment
- Procoagulant supplementation
 - Dressing with imbedded procoagulant factors
- All require 3-5 minute hold
- All must be removed (non-absorbable)



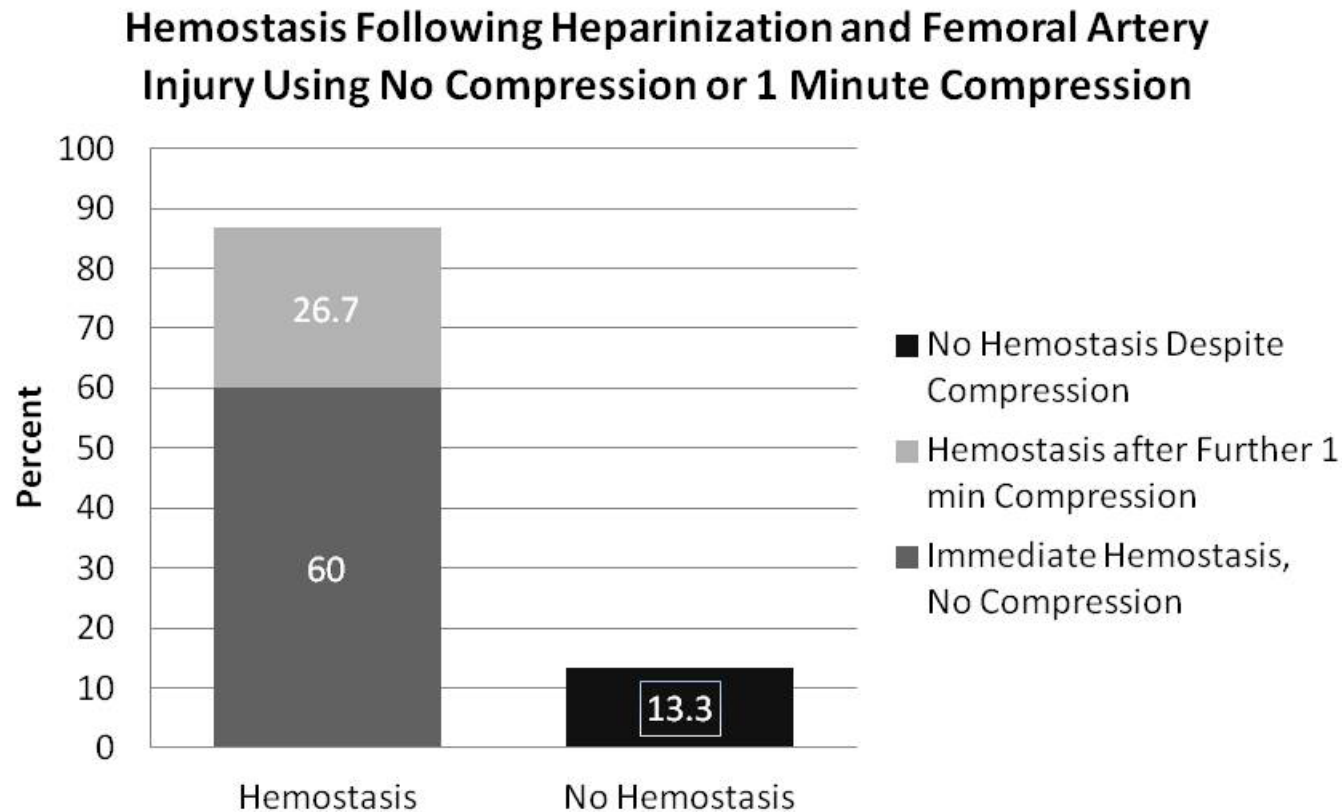
Mucoadhesive Agents

HemCon/Chitoflex/Celox

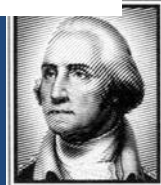
- Chitosan based product that adheres to the bleeding surface and seals it
 - Supposed to work in coagulopathy because it plugs the hole
 - Must be in firm contact with the bleeding surface
- Bacteriostatic



Celox: Heparinized Porcine Model



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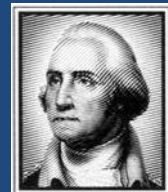


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Factor Concentrates

QuikClot

- Zeolite (volcanic rock)
 - Absorbs water to make the local area hypercoagulable
 - Poor outcome in coagulopathic patient

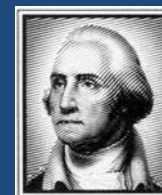


QuikClot

Table 3 Post-Injury Effects of Control (gauze) and QuikClot Treatments

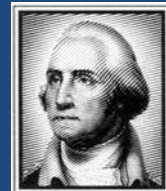
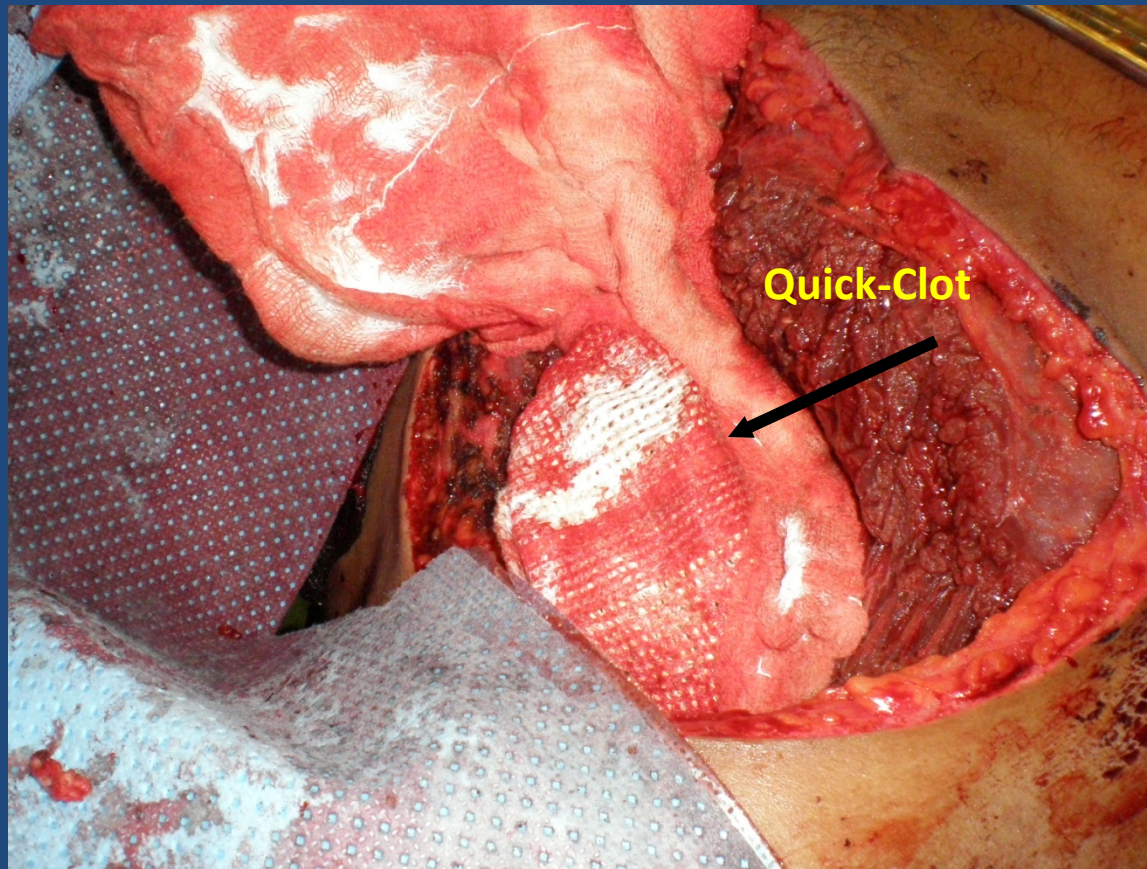
Variable	Gauze	QuikClot	<i>p</i> Value of Difference
Post-treatment blood loss (ml)	5338 ± 806	1397 ± 806	<0.01
Resuscitation fluid used (ml)	9686 ± 1260	5574 ± 1260	0.04
Peak temperature at tissue interface (°C)	37.5 ± 0.01	93.3 ± 10.5	<0.01
Survival	1/8 (12%)	7/8 (88%)	<0.01
Survival time (min)	44.5 ± 3.6	58.3 ± 1.8	<0.01

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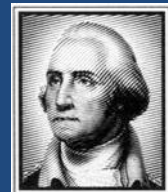
Hemostatic Dressings



Procoagulant Supplement

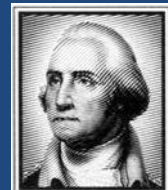
Combat Gauze

- Woven gauze impregnated with Kaolin
 - Activates clotting process
 - Must be in dense contact with bleeding surface
 - Hold for 3-5 minutes
 - May not be effective in coagulopathic patient



Evidence/Trials

- No prospective studies
- Retrospective, uncontrolled data
- Animal data



In Vitro Effects of Topical Agents on Coagulation

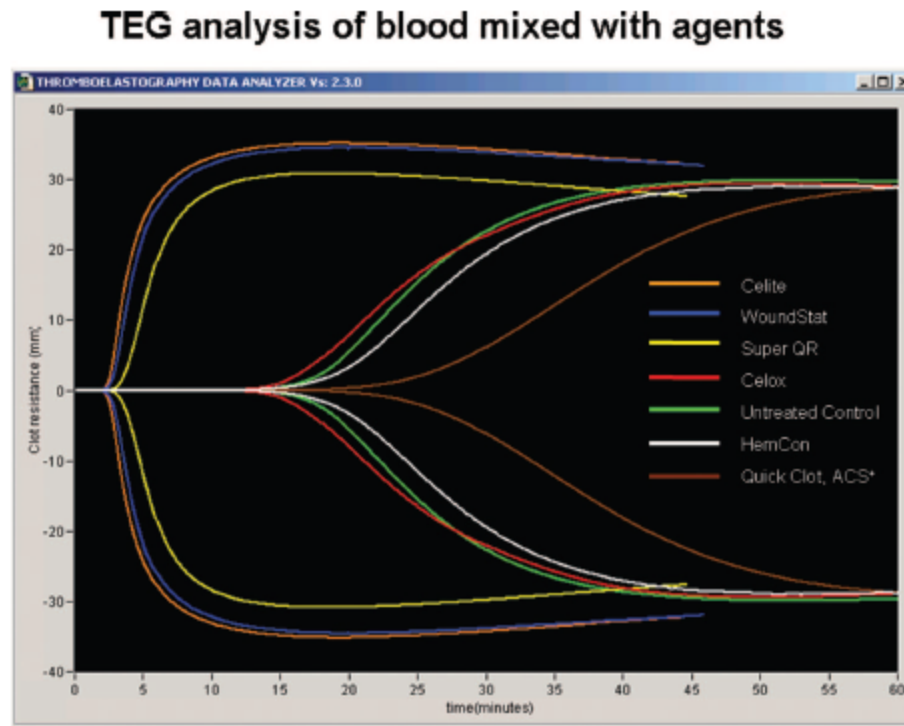
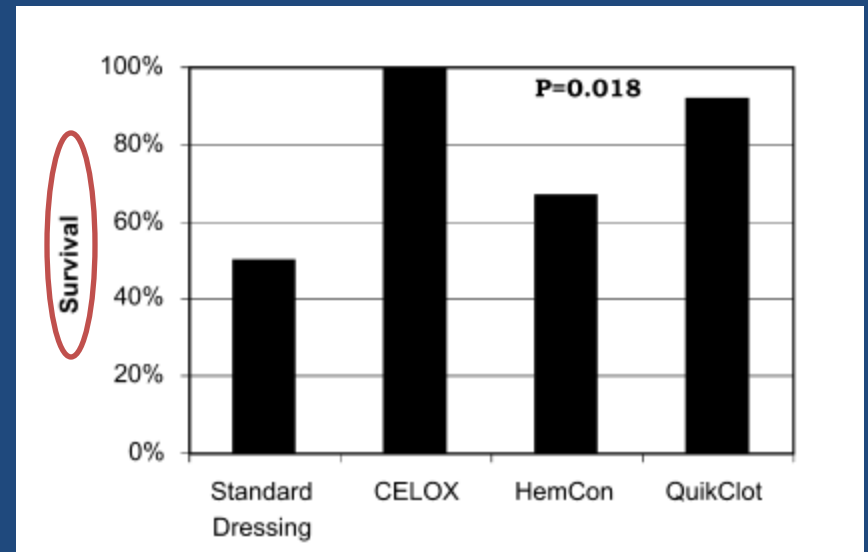
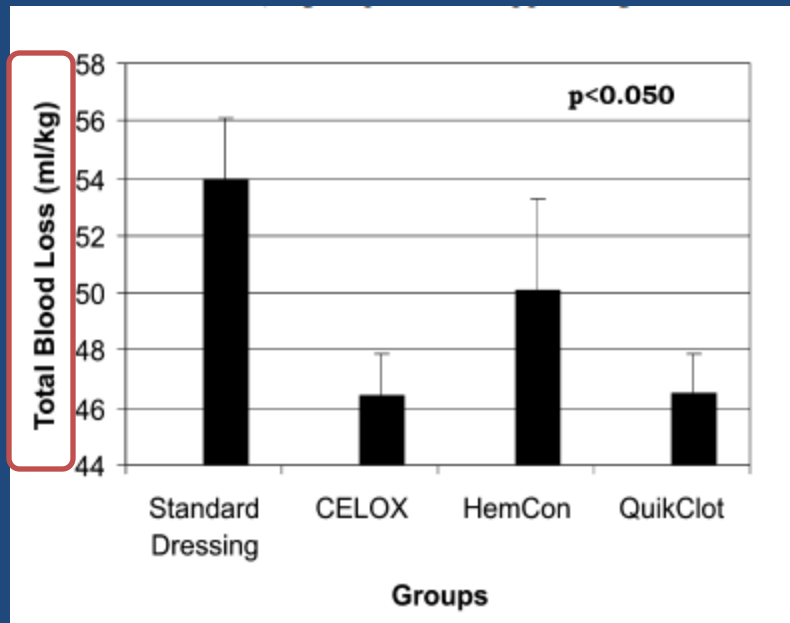
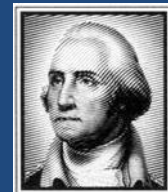


Fig. 7. The average thrombograms of pig blood after treatment with different hemostatic agents. Two milliliter of blood samples were mixed with 9 mg of each agent and assayed after addition of calcium chloride. The agents were compared with a known contact pathway activators (Celite) and untreated blood (control).

Comparison of Various Topical Hemostatics

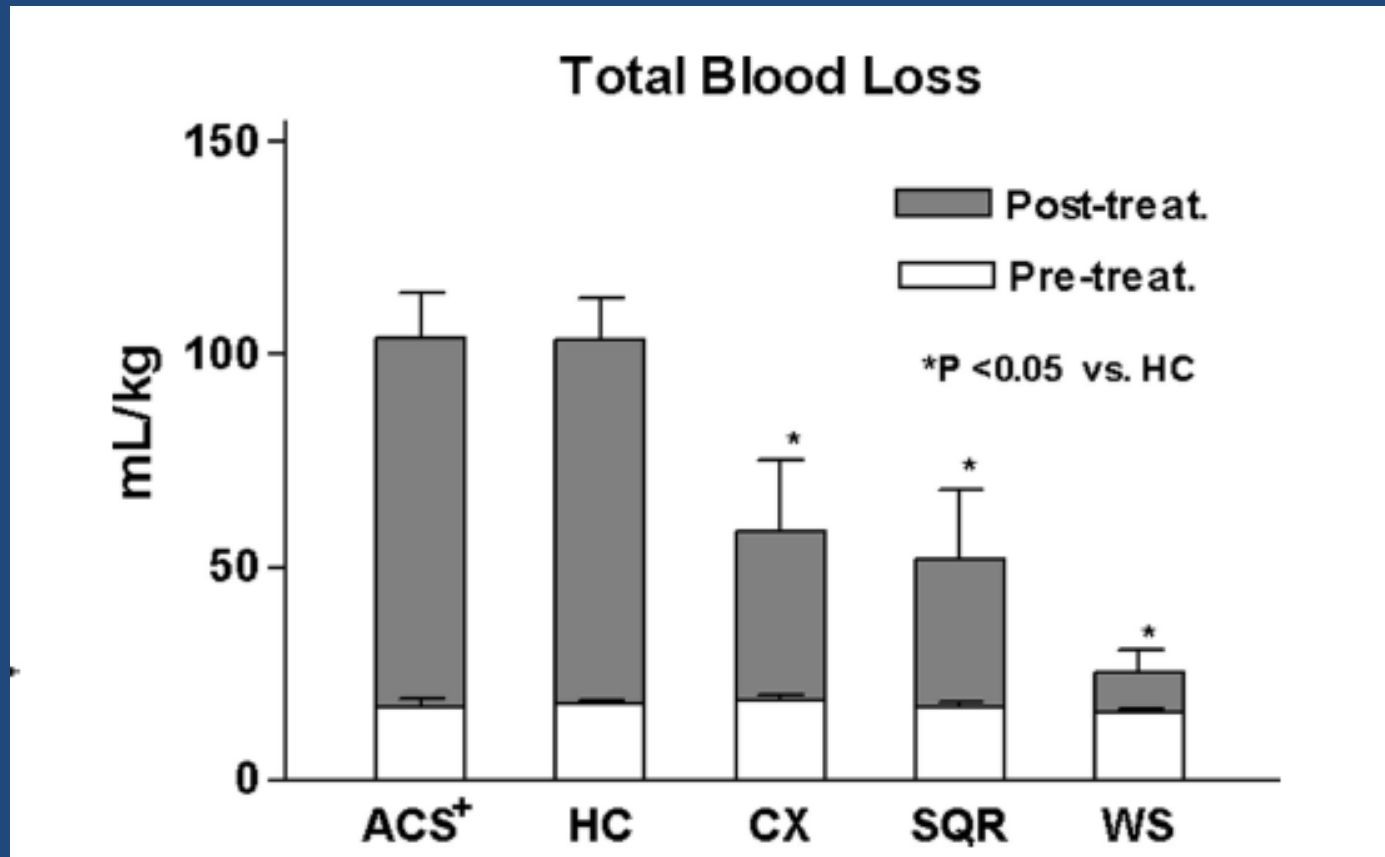


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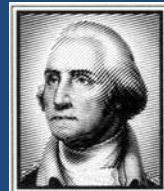


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Animal Studies

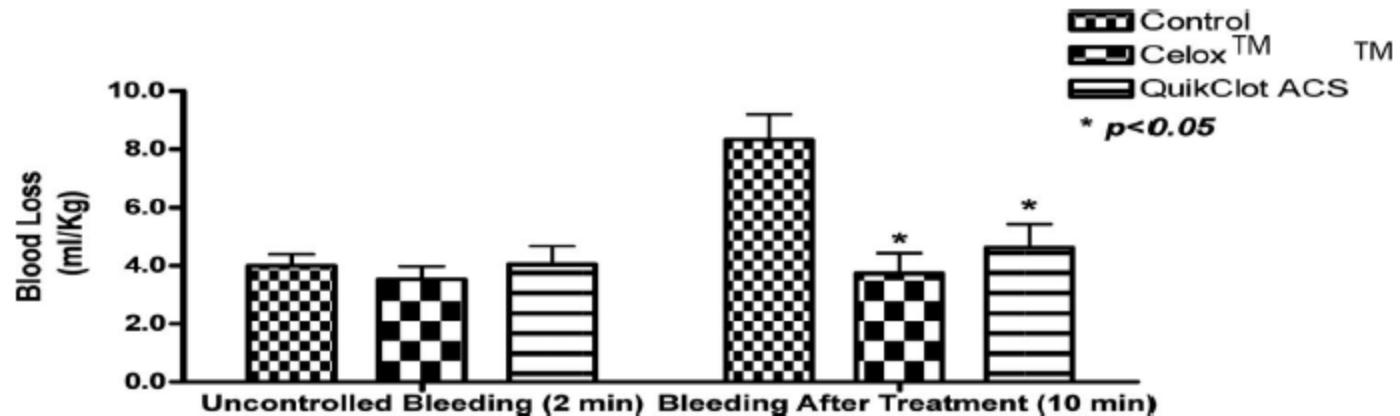


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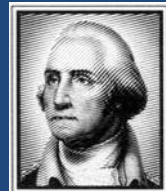
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Liver Injury Model



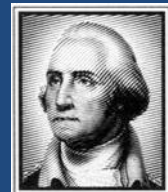
In the control and QuikClot ACS⁺ animals that survived to reoperation, removal of the packs led to immediate rebleeding, severe enough that repacking would have been necessary in all cases. In the Celox arm, however, all but one animal had successful removal of packs and excess hemostatic agent without the need for repacking.

Tourniquets



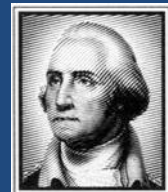
Tourniquets

- **SAVE LIVES!!**
- Max time 120 minutes
- Risk factors for injury
 - Injury/Shock
 - Age
 - Vascular disease



Tourniquet

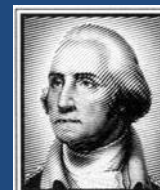
- Use a wide, smooth material
- Apply to the thickest part of the extremity
- Tighten to the pressure needed to make the extremity pulseless
- Mark the time that the tourniquet was applied
 - Do NOT cover the extremity



Tourniquet Use

TABLE 2. Indications for Tourniquet Use in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and other Prehospital Settings

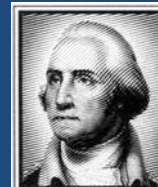
Amputation
Failure to stop bleeding with pressure dressing(s)
Injury does not allow control of bleeding with pressure dressing(s)
Significant ^a extremity hemorrhage in the face of any or all of: - Need for airway management - Need for breathing support - Circulatory shock - Need for other emergent interventions or assessment - Bleeding from multiple locations
Impaled foreign body with ongoing extremity bleeding
Under fire or other dangerous situation for responding caregivers
Total darkness or other adverse environmental factors
Mass casualty event ^b



Tourniquet Use

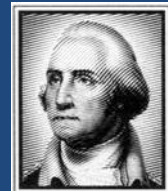
TABLE 1. Potential Complications of Use of Tourniquets^a

Local	Systemic
Postoperative swelling and stiffness	Increased central venous pressure
Delay in recovery of muscle power	Arterial hypertension
Compression neuropraxia	Cardiorespiratory decompensation
Wound hematoma	Cerebral infarction
Wound infection	Alterations in acid-base balance
Direct vascular injury	Rhabdomyolysis
Bone and soft-tissue necrosis	Deep venous thrombosis
Compartment syndrome	Tourniquet pain
	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome ^b
	Fibrinolysis ^c



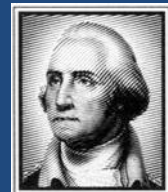
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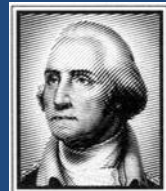
- 1. Minimize coagulopathy
 - Minimize fluids
 - Rapid transport to trauma center
- 2. Minimize bleeding
 - Permissive hypotension
 - Tourniquet use
 - Rapid transport to trauma center
- 3. Novel Hemostatic agents
 - Celox and Combat Gauze appear to be the best



Podcast On Topical Hemostatics

- <http://www.east.org/resources/traumacast-detail/28>





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