

# TOURNIQUET REPLACEMENT



**CONSIDER** body substance isolation.

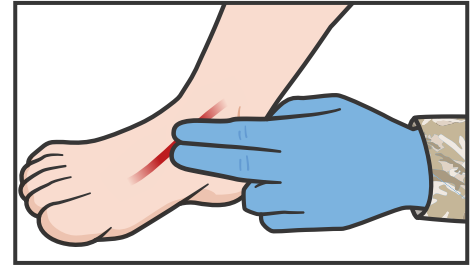
**NOTE:** If a Combat Lifesaver is available, direct them to assist.



**01 EXPOSE** the injury and assess the bleeding source.



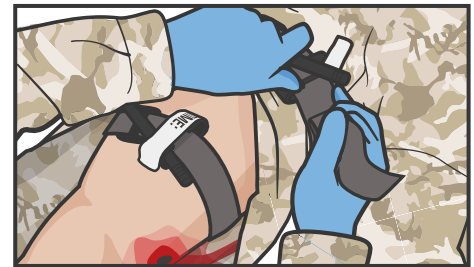
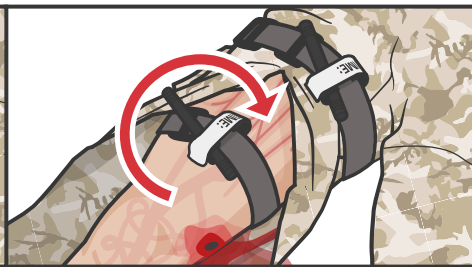
**02 ASSESS** previously applied tourniquet(s) for effectiveness at controlling bleeding and proximity to the bleeding site.



**03** Check for distal pulse.  
**NOTE:** If distal pulse is present, attempt additional tightening. If distal pulse is still present, proceed immediately to STEP 4.



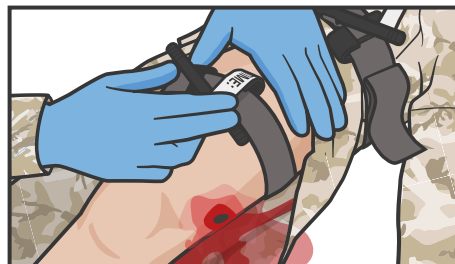
**04 APPLY** a CoTCCC-recommended tourniquet directly on skin 2-3" above the bleeding site if possible (see Tourniquet Application Instructions).



**05 SLOWLY** release the original tourniquet(s) over one minute.



**06 WATCH** the area where bleeding originally took place, ensuring no bleeding reoccurs.



**07 ASSESS** to ensure distal pulse is absent, and bleeding is still controlled.



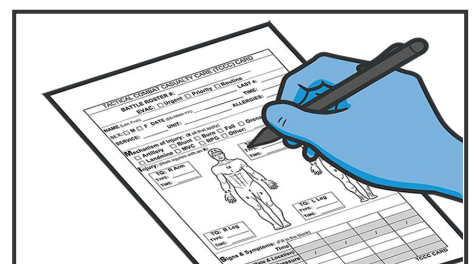
**08 SLIDE** originally placed tourniquet(s) down, but leave in place proximal to the newly placed tourniquet.

**STEP 6 NOTE:** If bleeding reoccurs, immediately retighten the initial tourniquet(s), ensuring bleeding is controlled, and further tighten the newly applied tourniquet. Repeat Steps 5 & 6 until the new tourniquet controls bleeding.

**STEP 8 NOTE:** replaced tourniquets should not be fully tightened, but excess slack should be removed.



**09 ANNOTATE** the time of the new tourniquet placement on the tourniquet.



**10 DOCUMENT** all findings and treatments on a DD Form 1380 TCCC Casualty Card and attach it to the casualty.