



**COMBAT LIFESAVER**  
**TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE**

**MODULE 17:**  
**FRACTURES**  
**SKILL INSTRUCTIONS**

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## **SPLINT INSTRUCTION**

<b>TASK:</b>	Apply a splint to a fractured extremity
<b>CONDITION:</b>	Given a Tactical Field Care scenario where the casualty and responder are in combat gear and the casualty has a fracture of the arm or leg, and you have splinting materials
<b>STANDARD:</b>	Apply an effective splint following all steps and meeting all performance measures without causing further injury to the casualty
<b>EQUIPMENT:</b>	Splinting materials

## **PERFORMANCE MEASURES: step-by-step instructions**

- 01** Identify the location of the fracture.  
**NOTE:** Have the casualty or someone else manually stabilize the area.
- 02** Check the distal pulse (pulse below the fracture) and capillary refill (color returning to the nail bed after pressing on it) on the injured extremity before applying the splint.
- 03** Prepare the splint materials for application.  
**NOTE:** Measure and shape the splint on the opposing uninjured extremity.
- 04** Prepare securing materials (cravats, elastic wraps/bandages, etc.)
- 05** Apply the splint to the injured extremity with the limb, in the position of function (a normal resting position), if possible.  
**NOTE:** If possible, lightly pad all gaps within the splint to make it more comfortable.
- 06** Secure the splint in place with appropriate materials.
- 07** Ensure the joints above and below the fracture are immobilized in the splint whenever possible.
- 08** Recheck the distal pulse following application of the splint. If the pulse is not palpable, loosen the splint, reposition, and reapply the splint.
- 09** If the casualty has pain, severe combat wounds, and is conscious and can swallow, administer all pills (pain medication and antibiotics) from the Combat Wound Medication Pack, or CWMP, with water.
- 10** Document all findings and treatments on a DD Form 1380 TCCC Casualty Card and attach it to the casualty.

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