



UN FIELD MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Instructor Handbook

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Prologue

Based on scientific Joint Trauma System ® and Tactical Combat Casualty Care ® (TCCC) principles, adapted to United Nations' needs this course aims to enhance the medical emergency support in the field.

Since the number of professional medical personnel among the peacekeepers in UN-missions is limited, additional measures have to be taken to urgently treat casualties within the first minutes after an incident. These first minutes are considered as "platinum 10 minutes" because they are essential for the survivability of wounded patients.

So, this becomes a task for the peacekeepers.

As a first step every peacekeeper has to attend a mandatory pre-deployment Buddy First Aid Course. But there remains still a gap between First Aid and professional medical emergency treatment.

To fill this gap a United Nations Tactical Combat Casualty Care (UN TCCC) Course has been developed. Selected peacekeepers will be trained on enhanced measures to rescue wounded, ill or injured casualties even under the life-threatening conditions in robust missions in the fields.

Therefore, this course not only contains medical/technical approaches but also takes into consideration the "tactical" needs in certain field-situations which peacekeepers might face.

This instructors' manual aims to help the trainers to receive a common understanding of UN principles in the rescue chain in order to provide a proper training to the students. The Principles are based on the open Joint Trauma System, TCCC, and Deployed Medicine sources which are developed by U.S. military and are Evidence Based.

As this is a living document it shall be adjusted to the latest scientific results for emergency medicine measures.

We hope that based on the information given in this document a successful training based on common UN emergency medicine principles will be conducted to enhance the survival rate of ill, injured or wounded UN personnel.

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MODULE 1

Principles and Application of United Nations Tactical Combat Casualty Care (UN TCCC)

These comprehensive speaker notes provide a script for the trainer to use in delivering this UN TCCC-FMA didactic presentation. The notes include key points that should be emphasized throughout the presentation.

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE

Good morning. Welcome to the United Nations Tactical Combat Casualty Care (UN TCCC) Field Medical Assistants (FMA) Course.

My name is **(insert name)**, and I am the lead trainer for this course. I am joined by other trainers who will assist with the hands-on portion of the training. **(Introduce other trainers as appropriate.)**

Explain JTS, TCCC, CLS and UN Equivalent Terminology and Qualifications.



SLIDE 1b – ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustments are as follows:

- The UN equivalent to **Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC)** = **United Nations Tactical Combat Casualty Care (UN TCCC)**
- The UN equivalent to **TCCC Combat Lifesaver** = **Field Medical Assistants (FMA)**
- The UN equivalent to the **TCCC 9-Liner Medical Evacuation** = **UN Evacuation 4 Liner**
- The UN equivalent to **TCCC DD Form 1380** = **UN Casualty Card**
- The UN equivalent to **TCCC CASEVAC/MEDEVAC/TACEVAC** = **UN CASEVAC**
- The UN equivalent to **TCCC Joint First Aid Kit (JFAK)** = **Buddy First Aid Kit (BFAK)**
- The UN equivalent to **TCCC Combat Lifesaver Bag (CLS Bag)** = **UN Trauma Pack (UNTP)**
- The UN equivalent to **TCCC Combat / Combatant** = **Peacekeeping / Peacekeeper**
- The UN equivalent to **TCCC Combat Wound Medication Pack (CWMP)** = **Wound Medication Pack (WMP)**



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

UN Tactical Combat Casualty Care is broken up into two roles of care. The most basic taught is the UN Buddy First Aid Course (BFAC), which is designed to instruct in the absolute basics of hemorrhage control and to recognize more serious injuries.

You are in the Field Medical Assistant (FMA) role. This teaches you more advanced care to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, and to recognize, prevent, and communicate with medical personnel the life-threatening complications of these injuries.

The Combat Medic role includes much more advanced and invasive care requiring significantly more medical knowledge and skills.

Finally, the last role, is Medical Professionals such as Paramedics, Nurses and Doctors, to provide the most sophisticated care to keep our wounded warriors alive and get them to definitive care.

Your role as a FMA is to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, which are massive hemorrhage and airway/respiratory problems. Also, you are given the skills to prevent complications and treat other associated but not immediately life-threatening injuries.



SLIDE 3 – TLOs/ELOs

Students need to understand the basis for the course, and the expected learning outcomes.

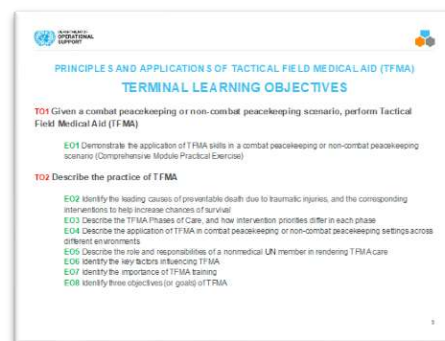
The UN TCCC-FMA course is built on a foundation of learning objectives. These objectives lay out the basic structure of the course and describe the knowledge and skills you are expected to acquire by the end of the course.

This module has two Terminal Learning Objectives, or TLOs. Each TLO is supported by a series of Enabling Learning Objectives, or ELOs.

This module has one performance objective: to demonstrate the application of UN TCCC skills in a combat peacekeeping or non-combat peacekeeping scenario.

This module has seven cognitive learning objectives. They are to:

1. Identify the leading causes of preventable death due to traumatic injuries and the corresponding interventions to help increase chances of survival

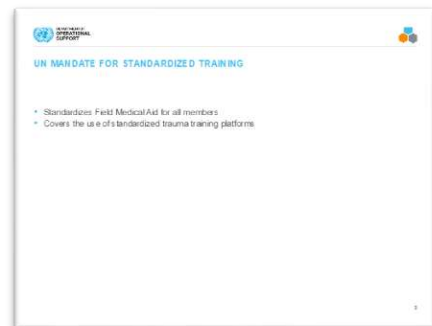


2. Describe the UN TCCC Phases of Care and how intervention priorities differ in each phase
3. Describe the application of UN TCCC in combat peacekeeping and non-combat peacekeeping settings across different environments
4. Describe the role and responsibilities of a nonmedical UN member in rendering UN TCCC care
5. Identify the key factors influencing UN TCCC
6. Identify the importance of UN TCCC training
7. Identify the three objectives (or goals) of UN TCCC.

SLIDE 4 – CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED STANDARD

Standardized Field Medical Aid training for all members is mandated by the UN.

UN TCCC is the standard of care in prehospital battlefield medicine.



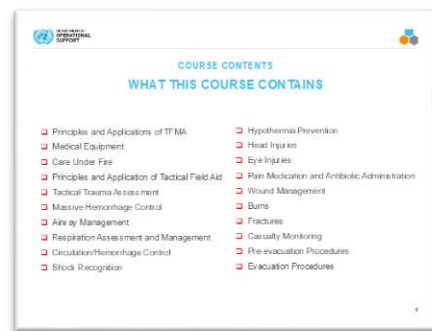
SLIDE 5 – ONLINE RESOURCES

The Deployed Medicine site (DeployedMedicine.com) and phone app from the Defense Health Agency (DHA) leverage technology to provide access to on-demand multimedia content. This content supports continuous lifelong learning and access to real-time updates in TCCC training and education.



SLIDE 6 – COURSE CONTENT

This course will reinforce the principles of UN TCCC and teach the knowledge and skills needed to save lives and improve outcomes for combat casualties.



SLIDE 7 – WELCOME TO TCCC (VIDEO)

Trainer: Play video. The course starts by playing a motivational video or scene setter to launch the course.

TCCC Training Overview Video. This video describes the genesis and evolution of TCCC and the critical role it plays in saving lives on the battlefield and improving outcomes for the combat wounded.



SLIDE 8 – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FMA

Your role as a FMA is to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, which are massive hemorrhage and airway/respiratory problems.



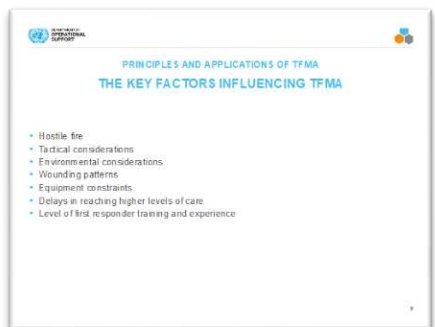
SLIDE 9 – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FMA (CONT.)

Also, you are given the skills to prevent complications and treat other associated but not immediately life-threatening injuries.



SLIDE 10 – THE KEY FACTORS INFLUENCING UN TCCC

Several key factors influence how prehospital care is provided in the combat versus the civilian setting. Factors influencing UN TCCC are: hostile fire, tactical and environmental considerations, wound patterns, equipment constraints, delays reaching higher levels of care, and level of first responder training and experience. These factors will



be discussed more within this module and throughout the training.

SLIDE 11 – IMPORTANCE OF UN TCCC TRAINING

Approximately **90 percent** of combat casualty deaths occur before the casualty reaches a higher level of care (surgeon, etc.). Prehospital care, including the care provided by FMA, is critical to the survival of those wounded in combat. Multiple research studies and casualty data from Iraq and Afghanistan highlight the causes of preventable death on the battlefield.

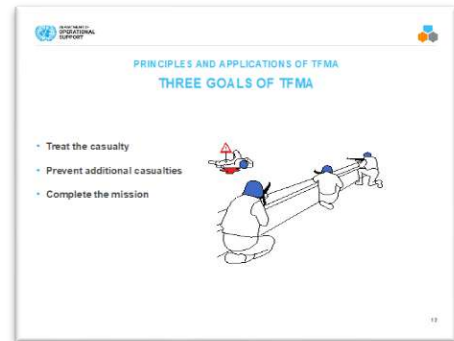
UN TCCC training focuses on identifying and treating these most common causes of preventable death on the battlefield: hemorrhage/bleeding, injuries resulting in tension pneumothorax, and airway issues.



SLIDE 12 – THREE GOALS OF UN TCCC

The three goals of UN TCCC are to:

1. Treat the casualty
2. Prevent additional casualties
3. Complete the mission



SLIDE 13 – ENTER PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS



SLIDE 14 – THREE PHASES OF UN TCCC

UN TCCC is organized into Phases of Care that start at the point of injury. These phases are relevant to combat peacekeeping and non-combat peacekeeping combat trauma scenarios:

1. **Care Under Fire, or Care Under Threat**, is the aid rendered at the trauma scene while the threat is still active. Available medical equipment is limited to that carried by an individual or found in a nearby first aid kit. Massive bleeding is the only medical priority that requires your attention during this phase, as you are actively dealing with an ongoing threat in a potentially chaotic and dangerous situation.
2. **Tactical Field Care (TFC)** is the care provided once the threat has been neutralized and/or the scene is safe or the casualty has moved/been moved out of the immediate threat situation. During this phase, a rapid casualty assessment should be performed. Bleeding control should be assessed/reassessed, and airway/breathing issues addressed. Other injuries such as burns, fractures, eye trauma, and head injuries should now be identified and treated. Medical equipment is still limited. Time to arrival of medical personnel or evacuation may vary considerably, depending on the tactical situation, etc.
3. **Tactical Evacuation Care** is the care rendered during and once the casualty has been moved by an aircraft, vehicle, or other mode of transportation for evacuation to a higher level of care. Additional medical personnel and equipment are typically available in this phase of casualty care.



Remember: The goal of the FMA in UN TCCC is to rapidly assess casualties to identify and treat potentially life-threatening injuries to keep them alive long enough to reach a higher level of medical care.

SLIDE 15 – PHASE 1: CARE UNDER FIRE

Care Under Fire is the care rendered by the first responder/FMA at the scene of the injury while still under effective hostile fire. Available medical equipment is limited to that carried by the individual responder or casualty (Buddy First Aid Kit (BFAK) or a UN Trauma Pack (UNTP)). Remember: Always use the **casualty's BFAK first**.

The critical feature of CUF is that the casualty and responder/FMA are still under effective hostile fire.

The mission does not stop just because there is a casualty. Most battlefield casualty scenarios involve making medical and tactical decisions rapidly. In the combat environment, there is no “time-out” when casualties occur. Good medicine can sometimes be bad tactics;



doing the RIGHT thing at the WRONG time can get you and your teammates killed or cause the mission to fail.

Order of initial actions will be dictated by the tactical situation. Little time is available to provide casualty care while under effective enemy fire. Suppressing hostile fire and gaining fire superiority should be the priority to minimize the risk of injury to other personnel and minimize additional injury to the casualty while completing the mission. Personnel may need to assist in returning fire instead of stopping to care for casualties (this includes the casualty if still able to fight). Wounded UN members who are exposed to enemy fire should be directed to continue to return fire, move as quickly as possible to any nearby cover, and perform self-aid, if able.

Remember: Do not become a casualty! Assess the situation and the risk. Suppress enemy fire and gain fire superiority first. Communicate with the casualty (return fire, move to cover, self-aid), and develop a plan before moving to care for a casualty under fire.

SLIDE 16 – PHASE 1: CARE UNDER FIRE CONT. (EARLY CONTROL OF SEVERE HEMORRHAGE IN CARE UNDER FIRE IS CRITICAL)

In CUF, your **#1 priority** is to recognize and stop massive bleeding and get yourself and the casualty to cover and out of hostile fire. Massive bleeding can be identified by a pulsing or steady bleeding from a wound or traumatic amputation of an extremity.

Apply a tourniquet without delay if indicated. Injury to a major vein or artery can result in shock or death from blood loss in minutes. Extremity (arm or leg) hemorrhage is a leading cause of preventable combat death. Using tourniquet(s) to stop the bleeding is essential to the survival of casualties with these types of injuries.

Permanent skin, muscle, and blood vessel damage to the limb is rare (tourniquets are often left in place for several hours during routine surgical procedures). Applying a tourniquet promptly to stop life-threatening bleeding saves lives and may allow the injured UN members to continue to fight while awaiting further care and evacuation. It is imperative that all UN members with access to BFAK, etc. be trained in tourniquet use.

Remember: Both you and the casualty remain in grave danger under threat of enemy fire while applying a tourniquet in the CUF phase. Quickly place the tourniquet high and tight on the affected limb. Treatment of non-life-threatening bleeding should be deferred until the Tactical Field Care phase.



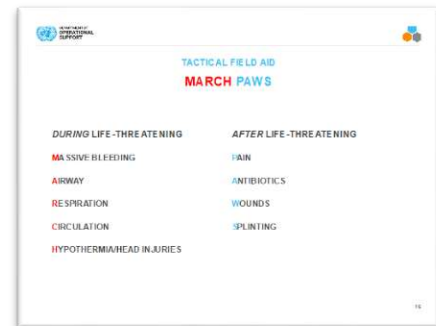
SLIDE 17 – PHASE 2: TACTICAL FIELD CARE MARCH PAWS

Tactical Field Care is the care rendered by a first responder/FMA once the responder and casualty are no longer under direct threat from effective enemy fire. This allows for the time and the relative safety for a more deliberate approach to casualty assessment and treatment.

Casualty assessment and management in TFC follow an approach known as **MARCH PAWS**.

Massive bleeding
Airway
Respiration/breathing
Circulation
Hypothermia/**H**ead Injuries
Pain
Antibiotics
Wounds
Splinting

This is a helpful mnemonic for remembering how to systematically approach casualty assessment and management to ensure that life-threatening injuries are identified and treated promptly, saving lives on the battlefield and reducing preventable combat death.



SLIDE 18 – OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF TACTICAL FIELD CARE

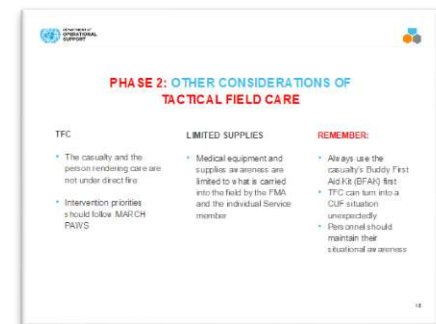
The critical feature of Tactical Field Care is that the casualty and responder/FMA are no longer under effective hostile fire.

However, the FMA must maintain security and situational awareness at all times while continuing to treat casualties and preparing for handoff to medical personnel/evacuation assets.

The tactical situation is often fluid and can change rapidly and revert to a CUF scenario at any time.

Your available medical equipment is still limited to that carried into the field by the casualty (BFAK), the FMA, and other first responders (BFAKs, UNTP or the Medic in their aid bag. Remember to use the supplies within the casualty's BFAK first before using your own supplies.

The TFC phase allows more time, and relatively more safety, for you to provide further medical care. You may need to continue treatment until medical personnel arrive and then assist medical personnel with continued treatment and preparation for evacuation. Anticipated time to



evacuation to the next higher level of care may vary depending on the tactical situation. The FMA must be prepared to reengage the enemy and continue the mission.

Medical personnel will be focused on casualty treatment, so you and unit leaders must coordinate, and request evacuation assets based on the operational situation.

SLIDE 19 – PHASE 3: TACTICAL EVACUATION CARE (TEC)

Tactical Evacuation Care is the care rendered once the casualty has been **picked up** by an aircraft, ground vehicle, or other evacuation platform. It continues the care for the casualty started in the earlier phases of care.

Tactical Evacuation Care is similar to TFC in many ways. However, the extra medical personnel and equipment on the evacuation asset may enable provision of additional care in this phase of casualty management.

The term “CASEVAC” means evacuation from Point of Injury to a Medical Treatment Facility (MTF). The term “MEDEVAC” means transport between MTF’s. Nonmedical first responders or FMAs are not expected to care for casualties during evacuation. However, if it does happen, the approach (MARCH PAWS) and skills learned for CUF and TFC apply.

The key principle in Tactical Evacuation Care is that monitoring with appropriate assessment and treatment **MUST** be continued until the casualty is handed off to medical personnel or arrives at a higher level of care.

Pre-evacuation procedures include ensuring that all assessment and care rendered in CUF and TFC have been documented by the first responder or FMA on the Casualty Card.

An evacuation request using the 4-line format is communicated per unit Standard Operating Procedures to initiate CASEVAC. The 4-line CASEVAC request includes a **MIST** (Mechanism of injury, Injuries, Symptoms, and Treatment) report.

Before evacuation, **the casualty must be packaged for evacuation**, items (weapons, equipment, etc.) secured, litter and evacuation equipment prepared, etc.



SLIDE 20 – IN SUMMARY

The GOALS of UN TCCC are to:

1. Treat the casualty (provide lifesaving care to the injured combatant)
2. Prevent additional casualties
3. Complete the mission

The three phases of UN TCCC are:

1. Care Under Fire



- Take cover, return fire, and gain fire superiority
- Address life-threatening hemorrhage with tourniquets/move to cover
- 2. Tactical Field Care
 - Cover and conceal
 - MARCH PAWS
 - Prepare for evacuation Casualty Card, 4-line CASEVAC Request, MIST)
- 3. Tactical Evacuation Care (TEC)
 - Continue monitoring and care (additional medical personnel/equipment) until handoff at a higher level of care

Remember that bleeding is the number one cause of preventable prehospital combat death:

- Remain tactically vigilant and maintain security at all times, or you could become a casualty.
- Document all assessment and care on the Casualty Card.

SLIDE 21 – CHECK ON LEARNING

Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

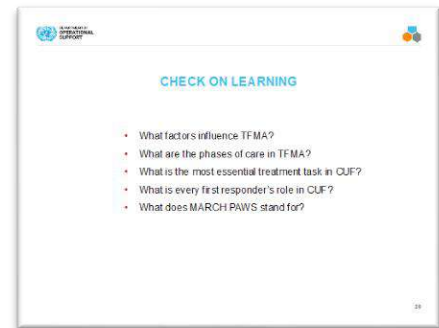
- 1) What are factors that influence UN TCCC?
 - Hostile fire
 - Wounding patterns
 - Equipment constraints
 - Delays in reaching higher levels of care
 - Level of first responder training and experience

- 2) What are the phases of care in UN TCCC?
 - Care under Fire (CUF)
 - Tactical Field Care (TFC)
 - Tactical Evacuation Care (TEC)

- 3) What is the most essential treatment task in Care Under Fire?
 - Tourniquet (TQ) application to stop massive bleeding

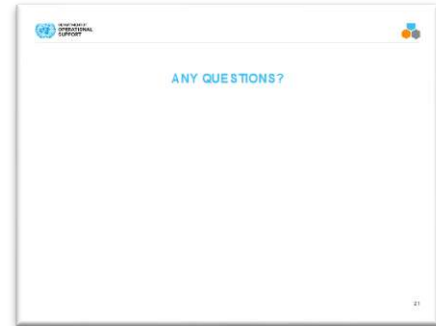
- 4) What is every first responder’s role in Care Under Fire?
 - To treat the most immediate life-threatening injuries with TQ application on the battlefield

- 5) What does MARCH PAWS stand for?
 - M – Massive Bleeding (Hemorrhage)
 - A – Airway
 - R – Respiration
 - C – Circulation
 - H – Hypothermia/Head Injuries



- P – Pain
- A – Antibiotics
- W – Wounds
- S – Splints

SLIDE 22 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 02

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

NOTE TO TRAINERS: Pass out appropriate kits so the students can have them in hand during the discussion.

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

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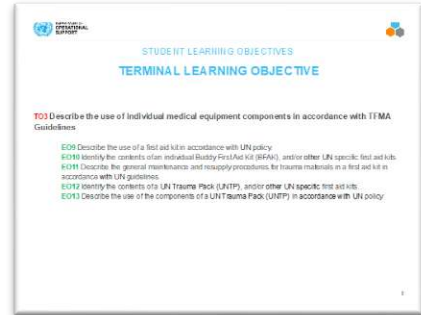


SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

The Medical Equipment module has **five cognitive learning objectives**. The cognitive learning objectives are to:

1. Describe the use of the first aid kit in accordance with UN policy
2. Identify the contents of the Buddy First Aid Kit and/or other UN specific first aid kits
3. Describe the general maintenance and resupply procedures for trauma materials in the first aid kits
4. Identify the contents of a UN Trauma Pack (UNTP) and/or other UN-specific first aid kits
5. Describe the use of the components of a UN Trauma Pack (UNTP) in accordance with UN Policy

The critical aspects are to be familiar with the contents, use, and maintenance/resupply of the BFAK, UNTP, and/or other UN specific first aid kits used by a FMA to provide aid and save a life.



SLIDE 4 – MEDICAL SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE AID AND SAVE A LIFE

Peacekeepers in the UN carry a large array of equipment, and survival depends heavily on the ability to properly use that equipment.

One piece of critically important equipment is the Buddy First Aid Kit (BFAK).

Every piece of equipment chosen for the BFAK is evidence-based (lessons learned from the recent overseas contingency operations in Afghanistan and Iraq) and serves a distinct purpose for the individual UN member; knowing how to properly use what is in the BFAK can save a life. Remember, when treating a casualty, use the items that are in the casualty's BFAK first. The UN member's BFAK should be reserved for self-aid whenever possible.

Every item in your BFAK supports provision of UN TCCC per the current guidelines. This lesson provides an opportunity to get a hands-on introduction to the kit and its contents. The equipment discussed supports the provision of UN TCCC per the current guidelines and enables the first responder/FMA to address issues identified in CUF, TFC, and TEC (MARCH PAWS).

Trainer Note: While items are being explained, students should be given the opportunity to open wrappers and prepare their equipment for upcoming lessons.



SLIDE 5 – CONTENT LIST

Medic Pack: UN Trauma Pack (UNTP) - See Handbook

Individual: Buddy First Aid Kit (BFAK) - See Handbook



SLIDE 6 – CONTENT OVERVIEW (M-MASSIVE HEMORRHAGE AND C-CIRCULATION)

Tourniquet – The UN-recommended tourniquet is used to control massive or severe hemorrhage (bleeding) of an extremity (arms and legs). This is the most important lifesaving item in the BFAK and should be kept easily accessible and ready for use.

Hemostatic Dressing – The UN-recommended type of dressing, called a hemostatic (helps with blood-clotting) dressing, contains a chemical that bonds to another chemical in blood and causes clots to form at the source of bleeding. Use of a hemostatic dressing is called for when severe bleeding is observed from a wound that is in a junctional or other area where a tourniquet cannot be used (groin, neck, underarm wounds) or when a wound is not severe enough to warrant a tourniquet.

Remember, hemostatic dressings cannot be used inside the abdomen or chest (use an emergency bandage or other trauma dressing for these areas).

Emergency Bandage/Trauma Dressing – This elastic bandage can be used as a standard dressing for most wounds and can be used for wounds not bleeding enough for a tourniquet. This dressing can also be used alone or along with other forms of hemorrhage control (hemostatic dressing, etc.) to enhance effectiveness in controlling bleeding by providing pressure to the wound.



SLIDE 7 – CONTENT OVERVIEW (A-AIRWAY AND R-RESPIRATION)

Nasopharyngeal Airway (NPA) with Lubricant – This is a nonsterile, rubber tube-shaped device that is inserted into the casualty's nostril. It acts as a wedge to keep the airway open by keeping the tongue from falling back into the space behind the mouth leading to the windpipe. Only a 32 French NPA is found within standard-issue



BFAKs, sizing the NPA before insertion is not necessary. The lubricant is a water-based substance that assists in device insertion into the nose.

Chest Seal – This vented (preferred) self-adhering chest seal is used for treating sucking chest wound/open pneumothorax.

Catheter-over-needle Device – This 10- to 14-gauge 3.0” catheter-over-needle device is used to treat tension pneumothorax.

SLIDE 8 – CONTENT OVERVIEW – (P-PAIN AND A-ANTIBIOTICS)

Wound Medication Pack (WMP) – The WMP is an example of a pre-packaged medication packet with drugs and dosages specifically chosen for use in combat casualty care. The WMP contains drugs for mild to moderate pain (meloxicam and acetaminophen) and an antibiotic specific for penetrating wounds (moxifloxacin).

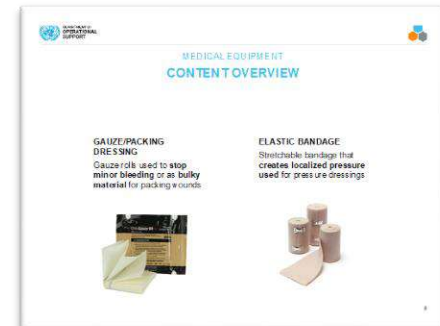
The WMP should be used only for traumatic injuries and is not for routine use. **Drugs should only be administered by trained medical personnel.**



SLIDE 9 – CONTENT OVERVIEW (W-WOUNDS)

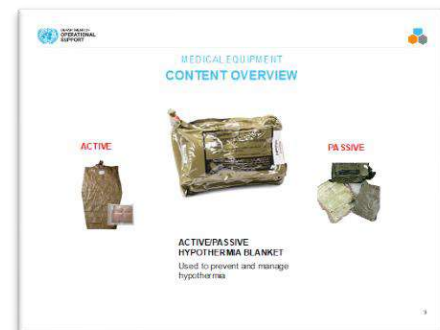
Compressed Gauze/Gauze Rolls – Gauze rolls are used to stop minor bleeding, cover wounds/burns, pack wounds, act as bulky material for pressure dressings, or pad pressure points in splinting.

Elastic Bandage – Elastic bandages are used to hold dressings or splints in place or can be applied more tightly to apply localized pressure on a wound.



SLIDE 10 – CONTENT OVERVIEW (H-HYPOTHERMIA)

Hypothermia Prevention Kits/Blankets – Hypothermia prevention kits (active) and blankets (passive) used for preventing/treating hypothermia.



SLIDE 11 – CONTENT OVERVIEW (H-HEAD INJURY/DOCUMENTATION)

MACE Card (MACE2)

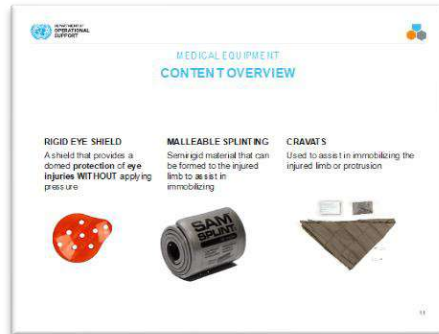


SLIDE 12 – CONTENT OVERVIEW (W-WOUNDS)

Rigid Eye Shield – This plastic or metallic eye shield provides a domed protection of eye injuries without applying pressure. It may be self-adhering or require tape.

Malleable Splint – Read slide.

Cravat – The cravat can be used to secure a splint or to create a sling/swath.



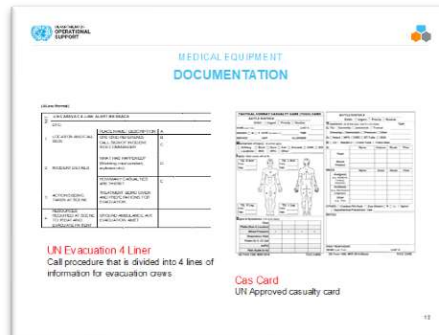
SLIDE 13 – DOCUMENTATION

Casualty Card – This is the UN-approved for official casualty care documentation (of all assessment and treatment outlined by the UN TCCC guidelines) to be completed on every casualty before handoff to another provider and/or evacuation to a medical treatment facility.

NOTE: *This documentation should remain with the casualty throughout the prehospital evacuation system and become part of the casualty's medical record upon reaching a medical treatment facility. The data from the Casualty Card will also be noted on the casualty's medical record.*

NOTE: Many commercially available casualty cards **do not replicate all information** requirements of the Casualty Card. While the Casualty Card may be reproduced locally, it should be on waterproof paper or laminated with a means of attaching it to the casualty. It is best to have an indelible/permanent marker available for writing on the Casualty Card.

CASEVAC Request Form/Template – This form is used in many units as a template to assist in preparing and sending a 4-line CASEVAC request.



SLIDE 14 – MAINTENANCE AND RESUPPLY

Pre-Deployment readiness checks are critical for every piece of equipment a UN member carries and/or uses.

For the BFAK, UNTP, or service-specific first aid kit, your life or your buddy's life may depend on the readiness and serviceability of the contents. It is critical that you frequently inspect equipment before, during, and after all training events and combat missions. Resupply when needed!



SLIDE 15 – MAINTENANCE AND RESUPPLY (CONT.)

Inventory – Make sure all required/applicable equipment is in the kit.

Seals and wrappers – Items with broken or unsealed wrappers should be replaced. If an item was vacuum sealed tightly when issued and is no longer sealed upon inspection, it should be replaced.

Check expiration dates – Medications and many medical-grade materials such as hemostatic dressings have an expiration date and lot number. Check all medications and medical-grade items for expiration date and replace if expired or the expiration date does not exceed your expected deployment timeframe.

Generally, items such as tourniquets do not have an expiration date, but check to ensure the devices are approved by the UN, are serviceable, and reflect the current generation (have not been replaced with a newer model, etc.).

BEWARE OF UNAPPROVED EQUIPMENT! Only a few items within the BFAK require specific recommendation from the UN. UN recommendations are based on scientific studies, evidence-based medicine, field-use testing, and lessons learned from the battlefield. Always check to ensure your kits are stocked only with UN-recommended/approved items and beware of unapproved equipment.

BEWARE OF FAKES! There are *fraudulent manufacturers* around the world that produce fake, misleading, or substandard pieces of medical equipment, especially those used in the BFAK (tourniquets and hemostatic dressings).

Check unit-specific evacuation equipment. Litters should be inspected for proper functioning and serviceability; litter straps should be checked for locking functions and placement; special evacuation equipment should be checked in accordance with manufacturers' or unit guidelines/standards.



SLIDE 16 – UN TRAUMA PACK

Available medical equipment includes the UNTP and the BFAK. **Always access the BFAK from the casualty first.**

When supplies are exhausted from the casualty's BFAK, resort to using supplies from the UNTP.



SLIDE 17 – SKILL STATION

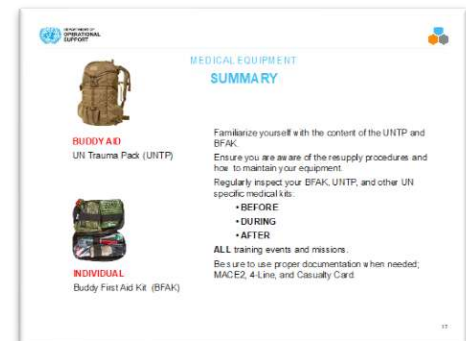
At this time, we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- Familiarization with BFAK & UNTP



SLIDE 18 – SUMMARY

In this module, we discussed medical equipment that Field Medical Assistants use to provide aid and save lives on the battlefield. We described the use of the first aid kit in accordance with UN policy, identified the contents of the Buddy First Aid Kit and other unit specific first aid kits, described general maintenance and resupply procedures for trauma materials in the first aid kits, identified the contents of a UN Trauma Pack, and described how to use the components of a UN Trauma Pack in accordance with UN policy.

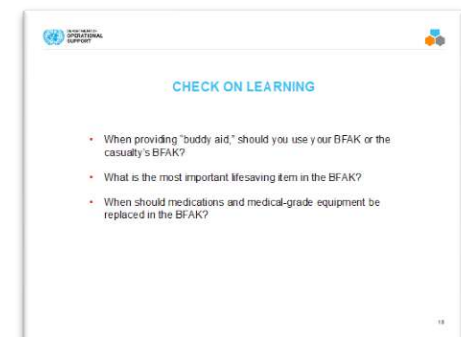


SLIDE 19 – CHECK ON LEARNING

Trainer. Ask questions of the learners, referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

1. When providing “Buddy Aid,” should you use your BFAK or the casualty’s BFAK?
 - The casualty’s BFAK
2. What is the most important life-saving item in the BFAK?
 - Tourniquet
3. When should medications and medical-grade equipment be replaced in the BFAK?



- All medications and medical-grade items should be replaced if expired or the expiration date is before your expected deployment timeframe.
- Items such as tourniquets do not have an expiration date, but the device may have been replaced by a new generation of the device with improvements. You should seek to replace with newer-generation items, if possible.

SLIDE 20 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 03

CARE UNDER FIRE

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

UN Tactical Combat Casualty Care is broken up into **two** roles of care. The most basic taught is the UN Buddy First Aid Course (BFAC), which is designed to instruct in the absolute basics of hemorrhage control and to recognize more serious injuries.

You are in the Field Medical Assistant (FMA) role. This teaches you more advanced care to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, and to recognize, prevent, and communicate with medical personnel the life-threatening complications of these injuries.

The Combat Medic role includes much more advanced and invasive care requiring significantly more medical knowledge and skills.

Finally, the last role, is Medical Professionals such as Paramedics, Nurses and Doctors, to provide the most sophisticated care to keep our wounded warriors alive and get them to definitive care.

Your role as a FMA is to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, which are massive hemorrhage and airway/respiratory problems. Also, you are given the skills to prevent complications and treat other associated but not immediately life-threatening injuries.



SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

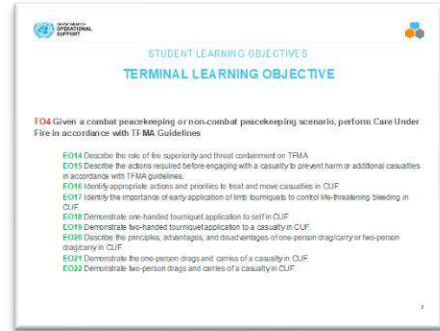
The Care Under Fire (CUF) module has five cognitive learning objectives and four performance learning objectives. The cognitive learning objectives are to:

1. Describe the role of fire superiority and threat containment and the impact of the tactical environment on United Nations Tactical Combat Casualty Care (UN TCCC)
2. Describe the actions required before engaging with a casualty to prevent harm or additional casualties in accordance with UN TCCC guidelines
3. Identify appropriate actions and priorities to treat and move casualties in CUF
4. Identify the importance of early application of limb tourniquets to control life-threatening bleeding
5. Describe the principles, advantages, and disadvantages of one-person drag/carry or two-person drag/carry in CUF

The four performance learning objectives are to:

1. Demonstrate the one-handed tourniquet application to self in CUF
2. Demonstrate the two-handed tourniquet application to a casualty in CUF
3. Demonstrate the one-person drag/carry of a casualty in CUF
4. Demonstrate the two-person drag/carry of a casualty in CUF

The initial priority of CUF is to return fire, suppress the enemy, and gain fire superiority. Treatment priorities while still under effective enemy fire/threat are addressing massive hemorrhage with tourniquets and moving the casualty to cover.



SLIDE 4 – THREE PHASES OF UN TCCC

CUF is the first of three phases of UN TCCC. It is the lifesaving care provided while still under active enemy fire or threat. Actions are prioritized to suppress enemy fire, gain fire superiority to prevent further harm or additional casualties, identify and control life-threatening bleeding, and move the casualty to cover.



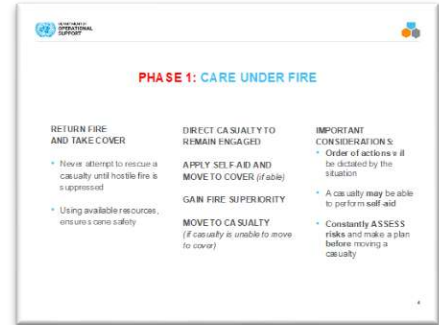
SLIDE 5 – PHASE 1: CARE UNDER FIRE

CUF is the care rendered by the first responder/FMA at the scene of the injury while still under effective hostile fire. Available medical equipment is limited to that carried by the individual responder or casualty (Buddy First Aid Kit (BFAK) or a UN Trauma Pack (UNTP). Remember: Always use the casualty's BFAK first.

The critical feature of CUF is that the casualty and responder/FMA are still under effective hostile fire.

The mission does not stop just because there is a casualty. Most battlefield casualty scenarios involve making medical and tactical decisions rapidly. In the combat environment there is no “time-out” when casualties occur. Good medicine can sometimes be bad tactics; doing the RIGHT thing at the WRONG time can get you and your teammates killed or cause the mission to fail.

Remember: Do not become a casualty! Assess the situation and the risk. Suppress enemy fire and gain fire superiority first. Communicate with and direct the casualty to return fire, move to cover, apply self-aid, and develop a plan before moving to care for a casualty under fire.



SLIDE 6 – ROLE OF FIRE SUPERIORITY

Remember to return fire and take cover. **The best medicine on the battlefield is fire superiority!**

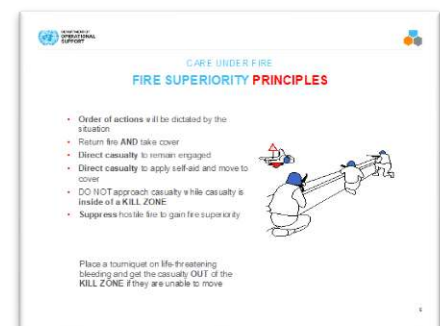


SLIDE 7 – FIRE SUPERIORITY PRINCIPLES

Order of initial actions will be dictated by the tactical situation.

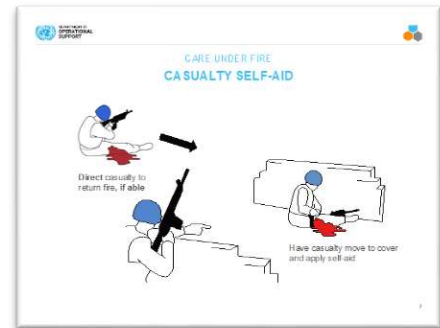
Little time is available to provide casualty care while under effective enemy fire. Suppressing hostile fire and gaining fire superiority should be the priorities to minimize the risk of injury to other personnel and minimize additional injury to the casualty while completing the mission. Personnel may need to assist in returning fire instead of stopping to care for casualties (this includes the casualty if they are still able to fight).

Wounded UN members who are exposed to enemy fire should be directed to continue to return fire, move as quickly as possible to any nearby cover, and perform self-aid if able.



SLIDE 8 – CASUALTY SELF-AID

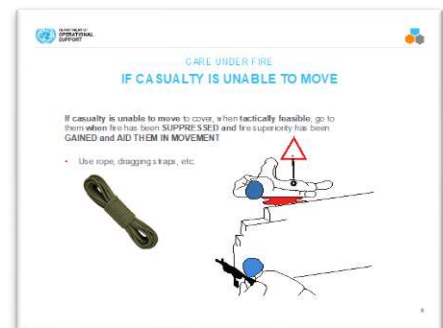
If the casualty is responsive and able, the first responder/FMA should direct the casualty to return fire, apply self-aid (tourniquet), re-engage, and move to cover (if possible).



SLIDE 9 – IF CASUALTY IS UNABLE TO MOVE

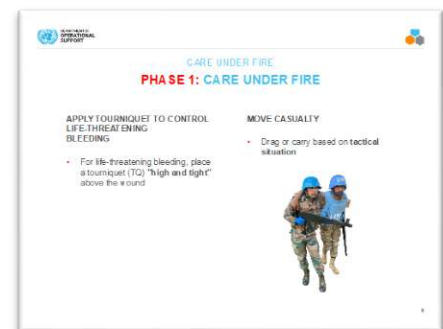
If a casualty is responsive but can't move, a rescue plan should be devised and executed if tactically feasible.

Do not put two people at risk if it can be avoided. If cover is not available or the wounded UN member cannot move to cover, they should lie flat and motionless.



SLIDE 10 – PHASE 1: CARE UNDER FIRE

If the casualty cannot apply self-aid or move to cover, devise and execute a rescue plan to reach the casualty. Apply a tourniquet "high and tight" as quickly as possible to stop bleeding (within 1 minute, ideally) and move the casualty to cover. A casualty can bleed to death in as little as 3 minutes. The faster you apply a tourniquet, the better the outcome and the less chance of shock and death.



SLIDE 11 – MASSIVE BLEEDING IN CARE UNDER FIRE

Remember: If you can do only ONE thing for the casualty, it should be to identify and stop life-threatening bleeding, and keep them from bleeding to death.



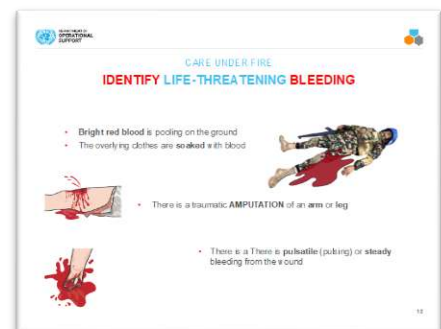
SLIDE 12 – CARE UNDER FIRE OVERVIEW – BLEEDING CONTROL (VIDEO)

Play the video.



SLIDE 13 – IDENTIFY LIFE-THREATENING BLEEDING

The following are examples of when bleeding is considered life-threatening: 1) there is a traumatic amputation of an arm or leg; 2) there is pulsing or steady bleeding from the wound; 3) blood is pooling on the ground; 4) the overlying clothes are soaked with blood; 5) bandages or makeshift bandages used to cover the wound are ineffective and are steadily becoming soaked with blood; 6) there was prior bleeding, and the patient is now in shock (unconscious, confused, pale). If you see any of these examples, it means that a tourniquet is needed to stop life-threatening bleeding.



You may not really know if hemorrhage is life-threatening until the Tactical Field Care phase when the wound can be exposed and evaluated. If a life-threatening hemorrhage is suspected, you should treat it immediately.

Remember during CUF the only medical intervention is applying a tourniquet to stop life-threatening bleeding from an extremity injury. Other wounds (neck, armpit, groin, or abdomen) are not treated during CUF. If the casualty is able, direct them to apply pressure to the wounds as self-aid. Airway and other issues are also not treated until the TFC phase.

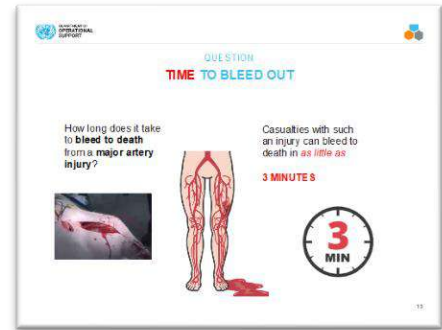
Notes about the tourniquet:

- Constricting band placed around an arm or leg to stop bleeding
- Typically, 2 inches wide
 - Width reduces tissue damage
- Quick to apply and can stop life-threatening extremity bleeding
- High and tight during CUF
- 2–3 inches above the wound during TFC
- Do not document the tourniquet time during CUF; document during TFC

SLIDE 14 – TIME TO BLEED OUT

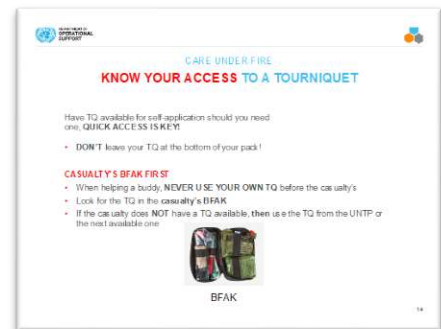
The number one medical priority in CUF is early control of severe bleeding. Extremity hemorrhage is the most frequent cause of preventable battlefield deaths. Over 2,500 deaths occurred in Vietnam secondary to hemorrhage from extremity wounds. A large number of deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan were also seen from hemorrhage. Injury to a major vessel can quickly lead to shock and death. Only life-threatening bleeding warrants intervention during Care Under Fire. Casualties with injuries to large central blood vessels (like the femoral artery in the groin, the axillary artery in the arm, or the carotid artery in the neck) can bleed to death in as little as 3 minutes.

Play video of Care Under Fire Bleeding Video.



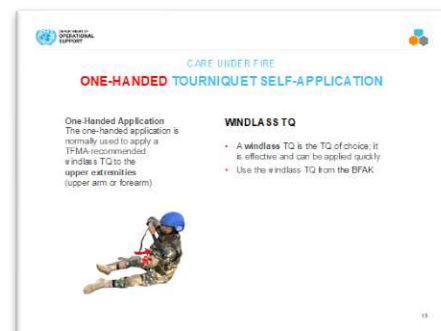
SLIDE 15 – KNOW YOUR ACCESS TO A TOURNIQUET

All personnel on peacekeeping missions should have a UN TCCC-recommended tourniquet readily available (standard location on their battle gear) and be trained in its use. Casualties should be able to easily and quickly reach and apply their own tourniquet. Tourniquets should **NEVER** be at the bottom of the pack. Always use the casualty's tourniquet (BFAK) first.



SLIDE 16 – ONE-HANDED TOURNIQUET SELF-APPLICATION

Casualty may need to apply one-handed tourniquet to an upper extremity when applying self-aid. One-handed tourniquets are used to apply self-aid for bleeding from an injury to the upper arm or forearm.



SLIDE 17 – ONE-HANDED WINDLASS TOURNIQUET APPLICATION (VIDEO)

Play the video.



SLIDE 18 – ONE-HANDED TOURNIQUET APPLICATION CRITICAL POINTS

All personnel on combat missions should have a UN TCCC-recommended tourniquet readily available (standard location on their battle gear) and be trained in its use. Casualties should be able to easily and quickly reach and apply their own tourniquet.



SLIDE 19 – BUDDY AID IF CASUALTY IS UNRESPONSIVE OR UNABLE TO MOVE

If a casualty is unresponsive and/or unable move, a rescue plan should be devised and executed if tactically feasible. Do not put two people at risk if it can be avoided. If cover is not available or the wounded UN member cannot move to cover, they should lie flat and motionless. Quickly perform a blood sweep (looking for major bleeding). Apply a hasty tourniquet high and tight on the injured extremity and get to cover as quickly as possible. Be sure to use equipment (tourniquet) in the casualty's BFAK and not your own. Do not put a tourniquet directly over the knee or elbow or over a holster or cargo pocket that contains bulky items.



SLIDE 20 – TWO-HANDED (WINDLASS) TOURNIQUET APPLICATION (VIDEO)

Play the video.



SLIDE 21 – SKILL STATION

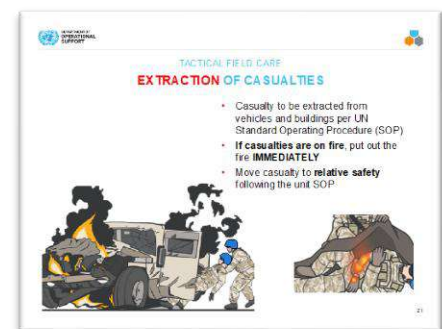
At this time we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- One-Handed (Windlass) TQ Application in CUF
- Two-Handed (Windlass) TQ Application in CUF



SLIDE 22 – EXTRACTION OF CASUALTIES

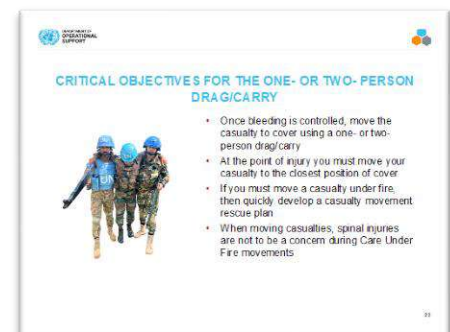
Follow UN standard operating procedures for removing/extracting casualties from vehicles. If the casualty is on fire, put out the fire, address life-threatening bleeding with a tourniquet if indicated, and move to cover as quickly as possible.



SLIDE 23 – CRITICAL OBJECTIVES FOR THE ONE- OR TWO-PERSON DRAG/CARRY

Remember: Once a tourniquet has been applied, the priority is to get the casualty to the nearest cover and out of effective enemy fire/threat.

Carries and drags will enable the first responder/FMA to do this as quickly as possible without causing further harm to the casualty.



SLIDE 24 – ONE-PERSON DRAG/CARRY

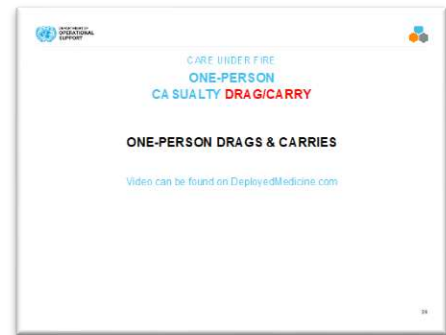
A variety of effective carries can be used depending on the casualty's level of consciousness, enemy threat level, terrain, etc.

Here are some examples of the one-person drag/carry: support carry (for a conscious casualty), neck drag (helps limit exposure from enemy fire based on low crawl of rescuer), kit/arm drag (rescuer pulls casualty backwards to safety), and cradle-drop, which allows rescuer to move the casualty short distances.



SLIDE 25 – ONE-PERSON CASUALTY DRAG/CARRY (VIDEO)

Play the video.



SLIDE 26 – TWO-PERSON DRAG/CARRY

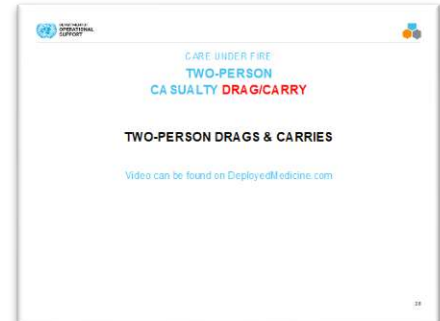
A variety of effective carries can be used, depending on the casualty's level of consciousness, enemy threat level, terrain, etc.

Some examples of the two-person drag/carry include: two-man supporting carry (casualty is carried between two rescuers), kit/arm (two rescuers drag the casualty by their drag handle), and fore/aft (casualty is carried between two rescuers moving forward in unison).



SLIDE 27 – TWO-PERSON DRAG/CARRY (VIDEO)

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SLIDE 28 – SKILL STATION

At this time, we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- One-Person Drag/Carry
- Two-Person Drag/Carry



SLIDE 29 – SUMMARY

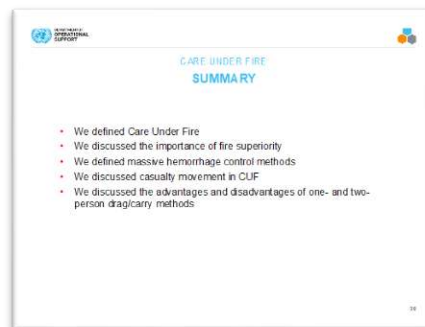
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SLIDE 30 – CHECK ON LEARNING

Ask questions of the learners, referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

1) What is Care Under Fire?

- Care Under Fire is the care given by the first responder at the scene of the injury while they and the casualty are still under effective hostile fire or near the threat. Available medical equipment is limited to that carried in the individual UN member's BFAK.

2) What are the signs of life-threatening bleeding?

- Bright red blood is pooling on the ground
- The overlying clothes are soaked with blood
- There is a traumatic AMPUTATION of an arm or leg
- There is pulsatile (pulsing) or steady bleeding from the wound

3) How long does it take to bleed to death from a complete femoral artery and vein disruption?

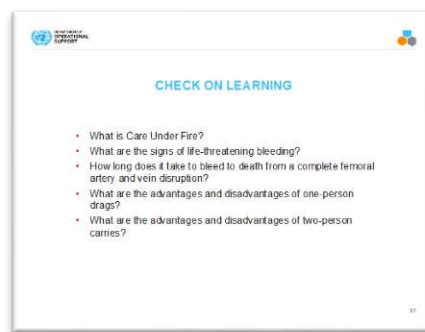
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4) What are the advantages and disadvantages of a one-person drag?

- Advantages: No equipment required and only one rescuer is exposed to enemy fire.
- Disadvantages: Relatively slow to move the casualty; does not allow optimal body position for dragging the casualty; can be tiring for the first responder if the patient is heavy or wearing a lot of gear.

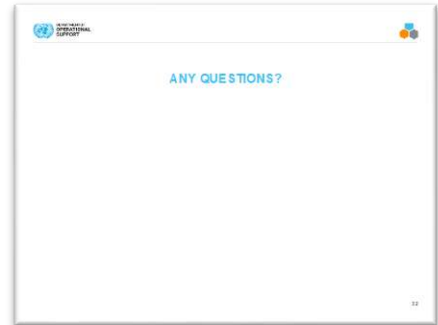
5) What are the advantages and disadvantages of a two-person carry?

- Advantages: May be useful in situations where drags do not work well; less painful for the casualty than dragging; quicker than most one-person carries.



- Disadvantages: Causes the rescuers to have a higher silhouette than most drags, exposing them to possible hostile fire; hard to accomplish with the rescuer's and/or the casualty's equipment being worn.

SLIDE 31 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 04

PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATION OF TFC

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

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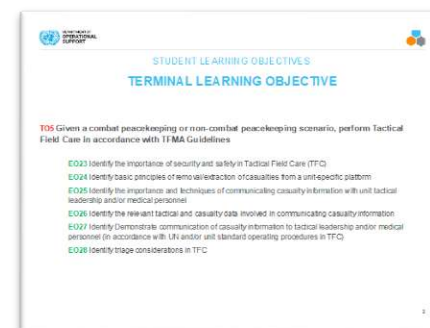
Your role as a FMA is to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, which are massive hemorrhage and airway/respiratory problems. Also, you are given the skills to prevent complications and treat other associated but not immediately life-threatening injuries.



SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

Principles and Applications of Tactical Field Care module has five cognitive learning objectives and one performance learning objective. The cognitive learning objectives are to identify:

1. The importance of security and safety in Tactical Field Care
2. Basic principles of removal/extraction of casualties from a unit-specific platform



3. The importance and techniques of communicating casualty information with unit tactical leadership and/or medical personnel
4. The relevant tactical and casualty data involved in communicating casualty information, and identify triage considerations in Tactical Field Care

The performance learning objective is to demonstrate communication of casualty information to tactical leadership and/or medical personnel (in accordance with UN and/or unit standard operating procedures in TFC).

It is critical to identify the importance of maintaining situational awareness during TFC, as the tactical situation is fluid and may revert to CUF at any time.

SLIDE 4 – THREE PHASES OF UN TCCC

TFC is the second of three phases of UN TCCC.

It is the care provided once the responder and casualty are no longer under direct threat from effective enemy fire.



SLIDE 5 – CASUALTY AND RESPONDER NO LONGER UNDER EFFECTIVE ENEMY FIRE OR THREAT

TFC is the care rendered by a first responder/FMA once the responder and casualty are no longer under direct threat from effective enemy fire.

This allows for the time and the relative safety for a more deliberate approach to casualty assessment and treatment.

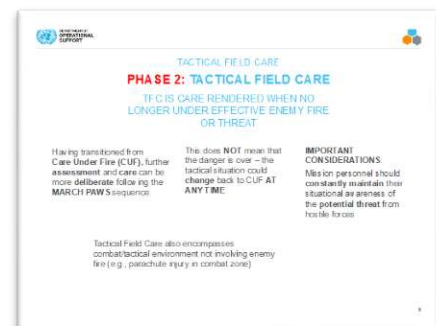


SLIDE 6 – PHASE 2: TACTICAL FIELD CARE

Casualty assessment and management in TFC follows a more deliberate approach known as MARCH PAWS:

- Massive bleeding
- Airway
- Respiration/breathing
- Circulation
- Hypothermia/Head Injuries

- Pain
- Antibiotics
- Wounds
- Splinting



This is a helpful mnemonic for remembering how to systematically approach casualty assessment and management, ensuring that life-threatening injuries are identified and treated promptly to save lives on the battlefield and reduce preventable combat deaths.

Keep in mind, even when you are in the TFC phase, it does not mean that the danger is over. The tactical situation could change back to CUF again at any time. FMAs must maintain security and situational awareness while continuing the assessment, treatment, and preparation of casualties for handoff to medical personnel/evacuation while remaining prepared to engage the enemy and continue the unit mission at any time.

SLIDE 7 – SECURITY AND SAFETY IN TACTICAL FIELD CARE

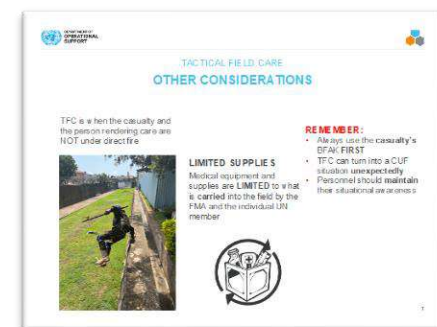
Establish a security perimeter in accordance with unit tactical standard operating procedures and/or battle drills.

Maintain tactical situational awareness. Casualties with altered mental status should be disarmed, have communications secured, and have sensitive items redistributed.



SLIDE 8 – OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF TACTICAL FIELD CARE

In TFC, medical equipment that is available will be limited to that carried into the field by the casualty (their BFAK), the first responder/FMA (BFAK or UN Trauma Pack UNTP), or a responding medic (aid bag, etc.). Remember, whenever possible, use the casualty's BFAK supplies first.



SLIDE 9 – CASUALTY REMOVAL/EXTRACTION PRINCIPLES

Although the types of extractions you may encounter will vary based on your unit mission and the vehicles you use or locations you encounter, a couple of principles have universal application and can apply to most extraction situations.

The first principle is safety. The worst outcome would be to have additional casualties during an extraction attempt, and almost all extraction scenarios have some compromised safety; whether that is from fires at the removal site, vehicle rollovers that are unstable, condemned buildings that are structurally compromised, or some other scene issues.



The second principle is that the concept of MARCH still applies, and the treatment priorities do not change because the casualty is in a position that is difficult to access. If lifesaving treatments like limb tourniquet application can be done before extraction, they should be completed and monitored throughout the extraction process. If the casualty is in a position where access to provide those treatments can't be accomplished, then they need to be moved as quickly as is safely possible. To that end, if a cervical spine injury might be suspected, the delay to immobilize the spine may lead to a bad outcome and shouldn't be prioritized over accessing the casualty to perform other lifesaving interventions.

The third principle is that it is important to spend time training, before deployments and during deployments, on how to extract and remove casualties from the unit assets and tactical environments that you are most likely to encounter while performing your unit mission. The unit medical team may organize these, but as a combat lifesaver it is also your responsibility to ensure the unit is properly trained to help support you if an extraction is needed.

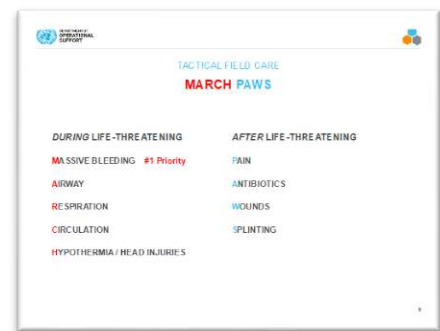
SLIDE 10 – MARCH PAWS

When you are in Tactical Field Care, follow the MARCH PAWS sequence in assessing the casualty.

A full tactical trauma assessment should follow the MARCH PAWS sequence.

Massive bleeding
Airway
Respiration/breathing
Circulation
Hypothermia/Head Injuries

Pain
Antibiotics
Wounds
Splinting



SLIDE 11 – COMMUNICATION

FMA's will continue treatment until handoff with medical personnel and should communicate with:

1. The casualty throughout assessment and treatment
2. Tactical leadership about casualty status and evacuation requirements
3. The evacuation system (CASEVAC), including 4-line CASEVAC request/MIST
4. Medical providers about casualty assessment and treatment (Casualty Card)

Communicate with the casualty throughout care. Being physically wounded may generate significant anxiety and fear above and beyond the psychological trauma of combat. Talking frankly with the casualty about their injuries and offering reassurance by describing the



treatments being rendered and emphasizing that everything possible is being done on their behalf and that they will be well taken care of will help to counter their anxiety. **Be honest about the injuries sustained** but maintain a positive talking through procedures helps maintain your own confidence and the casualty's confidence in you.

Communicate with tactical leadership ASAP and throughout casualty treatment. Tactical leadership needs to understand the impact on the mission. For example, tactical leadership may need to know:

- How many casualties were inflicted?
- Who is down as a casualty?
- Can the casualty still fight?
- Has the enemy threat been eliminated?
- Are weapons systems down or fields of fire not covered because the unit has taken casualties?
- Is it necessary to have others fill in the casualties fighting positions? Or do the casualties need to be moved?

Communicate with the evacuation coordination cell to arrange for CASEVAC.

Communicate with medical providers about details of the casualty injuries. This includes 4-line communication and ongoing MIST reports.

Medical leadership may need to know:

- What injuries were sustained?
- What is the mental and physical status of each casualty?
- What treatments were needed and rendered?
- Does the medic need to triage multiple casualties?
- Should the medic move to a casualty, or should the casualty be moved to the medic?
- Does the unit need to break out litters or extraction equipment?

SLIDE 12 – COMMUNICATE RELEVANT CASUALTY DATA

Document all assessment and care provided (including medications and interventions) on the Casualty Card. Communicate with CASEVAC using a **4-line CASEVAC request** and **MIST Report**.



SLIDE 13 – TRIAGE – PRIORITIZING MULTIPLE CASUALTIES

FMA should consider these priorities (following MARCH) to decide how to prioritize treatment of multiple casualties in the TFC phase of care:

- #1 Massive bleeding
- #2 Penetrating trauma
- #3 Airway
- #4 Respiratory distress
- #5 Altered mental status



SLIDE 14 – TRIAGE CONSIDERATIONS

“Triage Considerations” means casualties may need to be sorted into prioritized treatment groups.

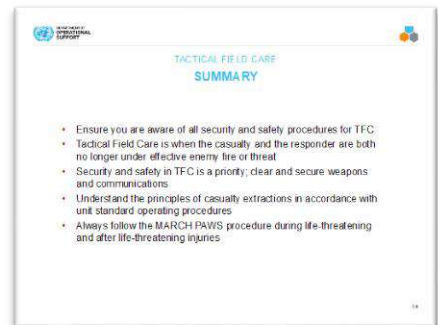
The FMA may be required to assist medical personnel with urgent casualties.

The FMA may be assigned to monitor casualties after emergency interventions; the FMA may be tasked with preparing casualties for evacuation.



SLIDE 15 – SUMMARY

In this module, we discussed the principles and applications of TFC, emphasizing the need to maintain situation awareness. We identified the importance of security and safety in TFC, the basic principles of casualty removal and extraction from a unit-specific platform, techniques for communicating casualty information with unit tactical leadership and medical personnel, relevant tactical and casualty data involved in communicating casualty information, and triage considerations.



SLIDE 16 – CHECK ON LEARNING

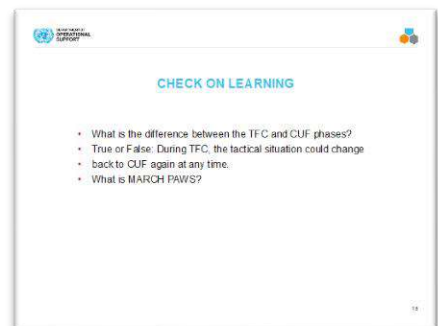
Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning:

1) What is the difference between the TFC and CUF phases?

- TFC is distinguished from CUF by a reduced level of threat from hostile fire (the shooting has stopped – or enemy fire is ineffective), and relatively more time available to provide care, depending on the tactical situation and available medical equipment (still limited but often includes additional equipment carried in the UNTP, medic bags, or in medical kits in tactical vehicles).

2) True or False: During TFC, the tactical situation could change back to CUF, again at any time.



- True

3) What is MARCH PAWS?

- The MARCH PAWS sequence is the mnemonic for UN TCCC assessment and treatment of casualties, which enables systematic identification and intervention of life-threatening injuries that could result in preventable combat deaths.

SLIDE 17 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 05

TACTICAL TRAUMA ASSESSMENT

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE

This module is an overview of tactical trauma assessment (TTA). The skills practice will take place near the end of the course after you have learned ALL of the skills.



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

UN Tactical Combat Casualty Care is broken up into **two** roles of care. The most basic taught is the UN Buddy First Aid Course (BFAC), which is designed to instruct in the absolute basics of hemorrhage control and to recognize more serious injuries.

You are in the Field Medical Assistant (FMA) role. This teaches you more advanced care to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, and to recognize, prevent, and communicate with medical personnel the life-threatening complications of these injuries.

The Combat Medic role includes much more advanced and invasive care requiring significantly more medical knowledge and skills.

Finally, the last role, is Medical Professionals such as Paramedics, Nurses and Doctors, to provide the most sophisticated care to keep our wounded warriors alive and get them to definitive care.

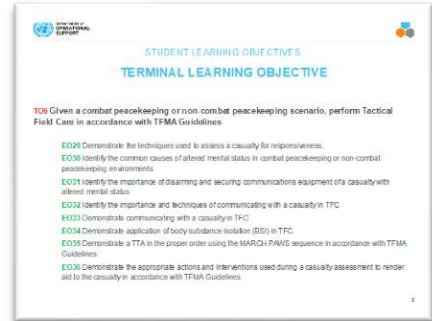
Your role as a FMA is to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, which are massive hemorrhage and airway/respiratory problems. Also, you are given the skills to prevent complications and treat other associated but not immediately life-threatening injuries.



SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

The Tactical Trauma Assessment (TTA) module has three cognitive learning objectives and five performance learning objectives. The cognitive learning objectives are to identify the:

1. Common causes of altered mental status in combat or noncombat environments
2. Importance of disarming and securing communications equipment of a casualty with altered mental status
3. Importance and techniques of communicating with a casualty in TFC



The performance learning objectives are to demonstrate:

1. Techniques used to assess a casualty for responsiveness
2. Communication with a casualty in Tactical Field Care
3. Application of body substance isolation (BSI) in TFC
4. TTA in the proper order using the MARCH PAWS sequence in accordance with UN TCCC guidelines
5. Appropriate actions and interventions used during a casualty assessment to render aid to the casualty in accordance with UN TCCC Guidelines.

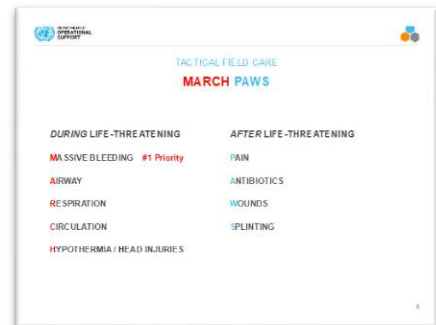
The critical aspects are to identify the importance of and demonstrate the systematic approach for assessment and interventions in providing lifesaving care to a casualty following the MARCH PAWS sequence in accordance with the UN TCCC guidelines.

SLIDE 4 – MARCH PAWS

A full tactical trauma assessment should follow the MARCH PAWS sequence.

Massive bleeding
Airway
Respiration/breathing
Circulation
Hypothermia/Head Injuries

Pain
Antibiotics
Wounds
Splinting



We will cover the interventions and procedures of MARCH PAWS in more detail in later modules.

SLIDE 5 – TACTICAL TRAUMA ASSESSMENT HOW-TO (VIDEO)

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Pay attention to this video. You will be expected to perform a full TTA upon completion of this training.



SLIDE 6 – COMBAT SPEED TTA "FIRE FIGHT CONSCIOUS CASUALTY" (VIDEO)

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SLIDE 7 – COMBAT SPEED TTA "EXPLOSION" UNCONSCIOUS CASUALTY (VIDEO)

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SLIDE 8 – BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION (BSI)

Whenever possible, the responder/TFA should don latex-free gloves as a BSI precaution.

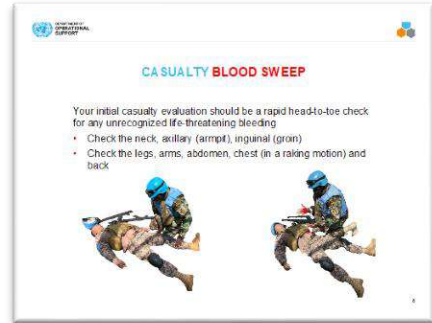
Gloves are provided in the BFAK and UNTP bags.



SLIDE 9 – CASUALTY BLOOD SWEEP

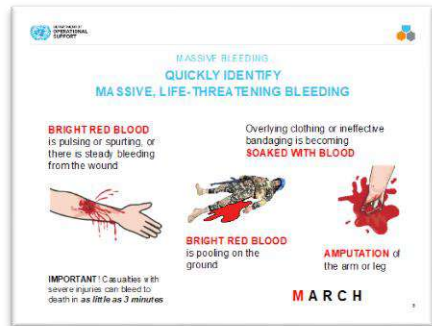
Your initial casualty evaluation should be a rapid head-to-toe check for any unrecognized life-threatening bleeding (a blood sweep).

This blood sweep should include a visual and hands-on (palpation) inspection of the front and back of the casualty from head to toe, including neck, armpits, groin, etc.



SLIDE 10 – QUICKLY IDENTIFY MASSIVE, LIFE-THREATENING BLEEDING

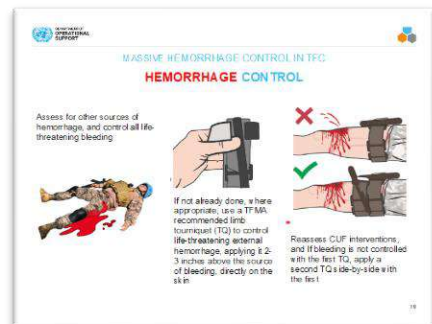
This blood sweep is a systematic way to ensure rapid identification of any unrecognized life-threatening bleeding.



SLIDE 11 – HEMORRHAGE CONTROL

If you identify life-threatening bleeding that was missed in the Care Under Fire phase, immediately apply a tourniquet or hemostatic dressing, and/or pressure dressing.

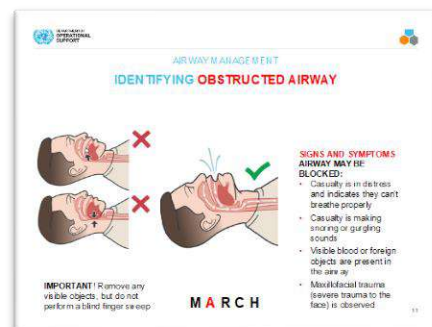
If a tourniquet was previously applied but bleeding is not controlled, apply a second tourniquet side-by-side with the original tourniquet, preferably higher on the injured limb, if possible, to control the bleeding. This is the “M” of MARCH PAWS.



SLIDE 12 – IDENTIFYING OBSTRUCTED AIRWAY

Evaluate the casualty’s airway and ensure the airway is open. **LOOK** (for rise and fall of the chest), **LISTEN** (for sounds of breathing), and **FEEL** (breath on your cheek) for indications of trouble breathing, snoring or gurgling sounds, visible objects obstructing the airway, and any severe trauma to the face.

Do not do a blind finger sweep.



SLIDE 13 – IN A CASUALTY WITHOUT AN AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION, YOU CAN PERFORM THE FOLLOWING MANEUVERS TO OPEN THE AIRWAY

If a casualty is unconscious, the tongue may have relaxed, causing an airway blockage. Use the head-tilt chin-lift or jaw-thrust method to open the airway. **Important note:** If a neck or spinal injury is suspected, use the jaw-thrust method to open the airway.

This is the first “A” of MARCH PAWS.

NOTE: Once the airway has been opened using one of these maneuvers, the casualty may require repeated/continued maneuvers to maintain an open airway.

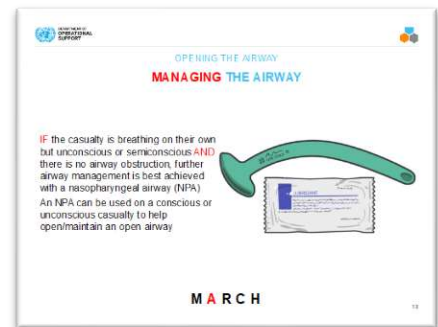


SLIDE 14 – MANAGING THE AIRWAY

If the casualty is unconscious or semiconscious but breathing on their own AND you do not identify an airway obstruction, you may be able to better support airway management through the use of a nasopharyngeal airway (NPA). This can help open/maintain a conscious or unconscious casualty's airway.

Note any clear fluid coming from the nose or ears. This may be cerebrospinal fluid, which indicates a possible skull fracture. Do not attempt to place an NPA if clear fluid is coming from the nose or ears.

If airway maneuvers and nasopharyngeal airway are ineffective at opening or maintaining an open airway, notify medical personnel.



SLIDE 15 – MANAGEMENT/RECOVERY POSITION

If the casualty is **conscious**, allow them to assume any position that best protects the airway and allows them to breathe easily, including sitting up.

Place an **unconscious casualty** in the recovery position. If an NPA was inserted into the right nostril, place the casualty on their right side, if possible.



SLIDE 16 – RESPIRATIONS

LOOK (for rise and fall of the chest), **LISTEN** (for sounds of breathing), and **FEEL** (breath on your cheek) for indications of trouble breathing (as noted for airway previously).

Respiration rate (breaths per minute) and quality (shallow, labored, etc.) should be noted.

Indications of respiratory distress include:

- Breathing that is progressively difficult
- Decreased breathing sounds
- Distended neck veins
- Opposed to “progressive” respiratory distress
- Hunched over; they need to be in the “position of comfort”
- Agitation due to a lack of oxygen
- High pulse

This is the “R” of MARCH PAWS.



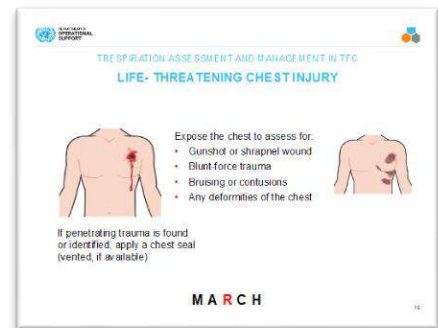
SLIDE 17 – LIFE-THREATENING CHEST INJURY

Common causes of chest injuries include gunshot, stab, or shrapnel wounds to chest and blunt-force trauma.

Note obvious signs of penetrating trauma, bruising, swelling, crackling/popping (on palpation), or other deformities of the chest. **Check** the casualty’s respiration and ability to breathe. All open and/or sucking chest wounds should be treated by immediately applying a vented chest seal to cover the defect.

For respiratory distress not resolved by a chest seal or in a casualty with known or suspected chest or back trauma without an open and/or sucking chest wound, consider a tension pneumothorax, and perform a needle decompression of the chest.

Injuries to the chest are very serious and can be life-threatening. The casualty’s condition can change quickly with a chest injury.

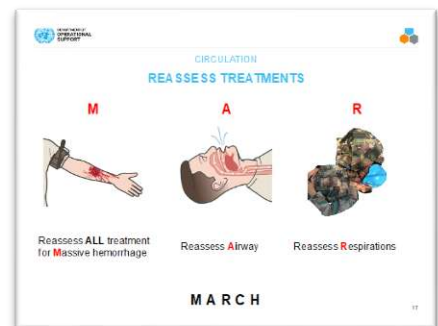


SLIDE 18 – REASSESS TREATMENTS

This is the “C” in MARCH PAWS. The casualty should be reassessed for life-threatening hemorrhage (including effectiveness of prior interventions-TQs, pressure bandages, etc.).

Is there an obvious pelvic or femur fracture? If so, a medic should be informed immediately. Assess the radial pulse.

If the pulse is absent or weak, shock should be suspected and a medic should be informed immediately.



SLIDE 19 – GENERAL INDICATOR OF SHOCK

The TFA should be familiar with the signs/symptoms of shock. In the combat environment, shock is assumed to be due to blood loss.

If untreated, shock could lead to death. If shock is suspected, a medic should be informed immediately.

CIRCULATION
GENERAL INDICATOR OF SHOCK
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF SHOCK INCLUDE:

- Mental confusion
- Rapid breathing
- Sweaty, cool, clammy skin
- Pale/grey skin
- Weak or absent radial pulse
- Nausea
- Excessive thirst
- Previous severe bleeding

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SLIDE 20 – HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION

Prevent hypothermia by minimizing the casualty's exposure to the elements and applying active hypothermia prevention measures, when possible.

If no rewarming equipment is available, then use dry blankets, poncho liners, sleeping bags, or anything that will retain heat and keep the casualty dry. Make sure you assess for hemorrhagic shock and ensure bleeding is controlled.

HYPOTHERMIA
HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION

Place the casualty on an insulated surface as soon as possible

- Hypothermia is much easier to prevent than to treat! Begin hypothermia prevention as soon as possible.
- Decreased body temperature interferes with blood clotting and increases the risk of bleeding.
- Blood loss can cause a significant drop in body temperature, even in hot weather.

REMEMBER:
Hypothermia is an issue even in hot environments and must be prevented.

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SLIDE 21 – IF A PENETRATING EYE INJURY IS NOTED OR SUSPECTED

Perform rapid field test of visual acuity (e.g., read Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) label, or name tag).

If the casualty has any penetrating injuries, they should take the antibiotic in the Wound Medication Pack (WMP). Cover eye with rigid shield, not pressure patch. **Do not** cover both eyes unless both are injured and you are sure the casualty will not return to the fight.

EYE INJURIES
IF A PENETRATING EYE INJURY IS NOTED OR SUSPECTED

Do not cover both eyes unless both eyes are injured

- In the absence of an eye shield, consider using tactical eyewear.

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SLIDE 22 – WOUND MEDICATION PACK

The WMP contains drugs for mild to moderate pain (meloxicam and acetaminophen) and an antibiotic specific for penetrating wounds (moxifloxacin).

A WMP can give significant pain relief for mild to moderate pain and will not alter the casualty's mental status. It also includes antibiotics for preventing/treating infections after traumatic injuries, such as penetrating wounds, eye injuries, and burns.

This is the “**P**” and “**A**” of MARCH PAWS.

PENETRATING INJURIES
WOUND MEDICATION PACK (WMP)

Acetaminophen is used for pain management

Meloxicam can give significant pain relief and will not alter the casualty's mental status

Moxifloxacin contains oral antibiotic medication

Remember:

- Medics carry medications
- Document all medications administered on the I/II Casualty Card

MARCH PAWS MARCH PAWS

SLIDE 23 – INSPECT AND ADDRESS ALL KNOWN WOUNDS

This is the “**W**” in MARCH PAWS.

All other wounds (burns, fractures, other soft tissue wounds, etc.) should be addressed with splinting, dressings, etc. as appropriate. This will be covered in more detail in a later module.

Note: Reassess pulses after all dressings are placed to ensure that they are not too tight. Do not ever apply one and forget it!



SLIDE 24 – BURN CARE

Stop the burning process by extracting the casualty from the source, and cover the burned areas with dry, sterile dressings.

If the burn is caused by **white phosphorus**, submerge the affected area in water, if possible; otherwise, the dressing must be wet. Advise medical personnel immediately.

Remember to prioritize assessing MARCH before addressing burns. This is part of the “**W**” of MARCH PAWS.



SLIDE 25 – ASSESS FOR A FRACTURE

Assess for **any fractures**, and if present, splint the fracture using whatever materials are available, making sure to immobilize the joint above and the joint below the fracture.

Check pulse(s) before and after applying splints. Treat open fractures with meds (for pain and to prevent infection) with meds from the CWMP.

This is the “**S**” of MARCH PAWS.



SLIDE 26 – COMMUNICATION AND DOCUMENTATION

Communicate with the casualty by reassuring them and telling them about procedures being performed.

Communicate with medical personnel and your **tactical leadership**, and relay casualty status and evacuation needs.

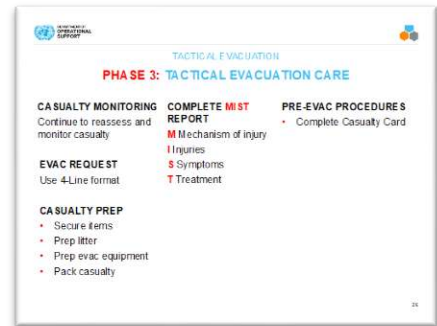


SLIDE 27 – PHASE 3: TACTICAL EVACUATION CARE

Document all assessment and care on a Casualty Card. Every UN member will carry their own Casualty Card in their BFAK. If possible, use a permanent marker (such as a Sharpie) to make entries on the card. When rendering care or assisting medical personnel, include as much information as you can on the card.

This is the official record of the care provided and should go with the casualty when care is handed off to a medic or at the time of evacuation.

Communication includes the **MIST report** and **4-line CASEVAC request**.



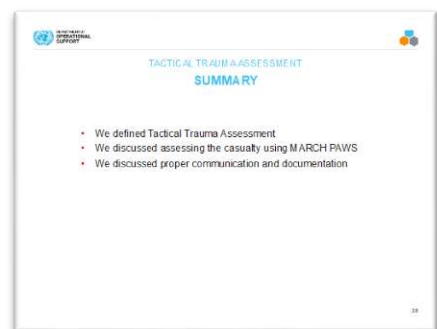
SLIDE 28 – SKILL STATION

At this time we will break for a trainer-led demonstration on TTA.



SLIDE 29 – SUMMARY

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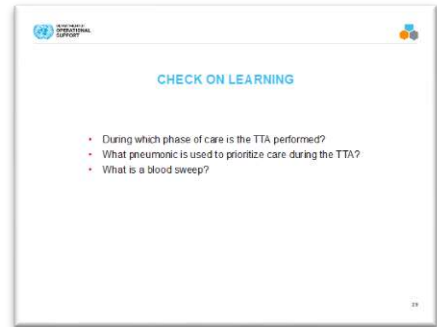


SLIDE 30 – CHECK ON LEARNING

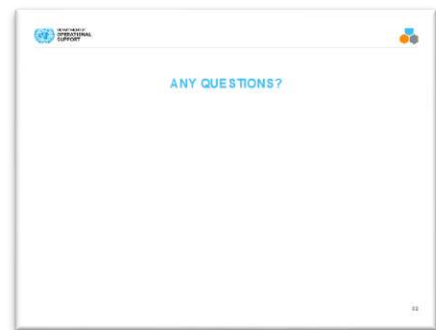
Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning:

1. In which phase of care is the TTA performed?
 - TFC
2. What mnemonic is used to prioritize care in the TTA?
 - MARCH PAWS
3. What is a blood sweep?
 - A blood sweep is your initial casualty evaluation. It should be a rapid head-to-toe check for any unrecognized life-threatening bleeding.



SLIDE 31 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 06

MASSIVE HEMORRHAGE CONTROL IN TFC

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE

Good morning/afternoon, my name is (insert here) and I will be your lead trainer for Module 6: Massive Hemorrhage control in the Tactical Field Care (TFC) environment.

Before we get started are there any questions?



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

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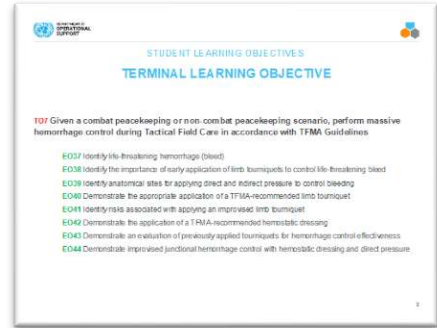
SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

The UN TCCC-FMA course is built on a foundation of learning objectives. These objectives lay out the basic structure of the course and describe the knowledge and skills you are expected to acquire by the end of the course.

The module has one Terminal Learning Objective, or TLO. The TLO is supported by a series of Enabling Learning Objectives, or ELOs which include identifying:

- Life-threatening hemorrhage (bleeding)
- Importance of early application of limb tourniquets to control life-threatening bleeding
- Anatomical sites for applying direct and indirect pressure to control bleeding
- Appropriate application of a UN TCCC-recommended limb tourniquet
- Risks associated with applying an improvised limb tourniquet.
- 2. Application of a UN TCCC-recommended hemostatic dressing
- Evaluation of previously applied tourniquet(s) for hemorrhage control effectiveness
- Improvised junctional hemorrhage control with hemostatic dressing and direct pressure

The critical aspects are to identify life-threatening hemorrhage and the importance of prompt intervention and to demonstrate the appropriate interventions for life-threatening hemorrhage in accordance with the UN TCCC guidelines.



SLIDE 4 – THREE PHASES OF UN TCCC

UN TCCC is organized into Phases of Care that start at the point of injury. These phases are relevant to combat and noncombat trauma scenarios:

1. **Care Under Fire or Care Under Threat** is the aid rendered at the trauma scene while there is still an active threat.

Available medical equipment is limited to that carried by an individual or found in a nearby first aid kit. Massive bleeding is the only medical priority that requires your attention during this phase, as you are actively dealing with an ongoing threat in a potentially chaotic and dangerous situation.

2. **Tactical Field Care** is the care provided once the threat has been neutralized and/or the scene is safe or the casualty has moved/been moved out of the immediate threat situation. During this phase a rapid casualty assessment should be performed. Bleeding control should be assessed/reassessed, and airway/breathing issues addressed. Other injuries such as burns, fractures, eye trauma, and head injuries should now be identified and treated. Medical equipment is still limited. Time to arrival of medical personnel or evacuation may vary considerably, depending on the tactical situation, etc.

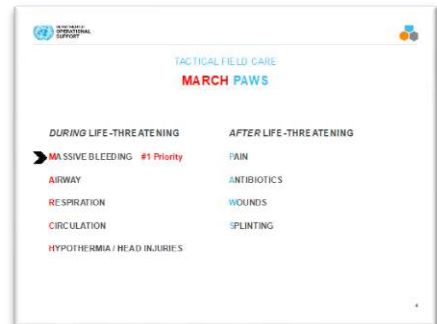
3. **Tactical Evacuation Care** is the care rendered during and once the casualty has been moved by an aircraft, vehicle, or other mode of transportation for evacuation to a higher level of care. Additional medical personnel and equipment are typically available in this phase of casualty care



Remember: The goal of UN TCCC and the role of the FMA is to rapidly assess casualties to identify and treat potentially life-threatening injuries to keep them alive long enough to reach a higher level of medical care.

SLIDE 5 – MARCH PAWS

Massive bleeding assessment and management is the “M” in the MARCH PAWS sequence and the **#1 priority**.



SLIDE 6 – HEMORRHAGE OVERVIEW IN TFC (VIDEO)

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Summary:

1. Use UN TCCC-approved limb TQ
2. Use hemostatic dressings
3. Use junctional TQs
4. Use pelvic compression device
5. REASSESS all interventions
6. DO NOT apply a TQ and forget it



SLIDE 7 – SECURITY AND SAFETY IN TACTICAL FIELD CARE

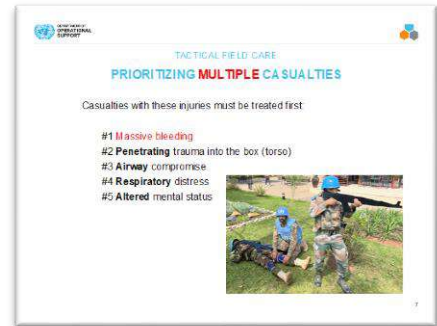
Remember to maintain **security** and tactical situational **awareness** during TFC.

Casualties with altered mental status (due to shock, head injury, or medications) who can no longer fight effectively should have weapons and sensitive items secured so they do not cause harm to themselves, their teammates, or the mission.



SLIDE 8 – PRIORITIZING MULTIPLE CASUALTIES

When you come upon a casualty, multiple injuries may need interventions. However, remember **Massive bleeding** is the **#1 priority!**



SLIDE 9 – WHEN IS BLEEDING LIFE-THREATENING? EARLY CONTROL OF SEVERE HEMORRHAGE IS CRITICAL

This slide show signs of ongoing life-threatening bleeding that *may not have been noted or appropriately* addressed in CUF.



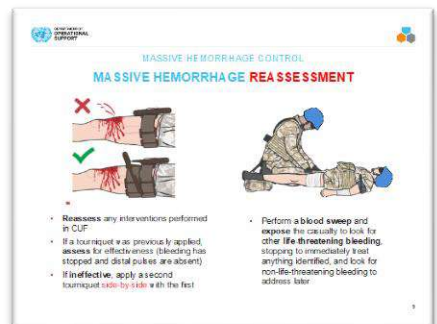
SLIDE 10 – MASSIVE HEMORRHAGE REASSESSMENT

The TFC phase allows the time and relative safety for a more deliberate assessment and treatment (MARCH PAWS). All casualties should be reassessed with a full tactical trauma assessment.

Assessment for massive hemorrhage includes a visual and manual blood sweep of the front and back of the casualty from head to toe (including neck, armpits, and groin).

Any massive hemorrhage identified (newly identified or ineffectively treated during CUF) should be addressed **immediately**.

All tourniquets placed during CUF should be reassessed for effectiveness, tightened if needed, and/or a second tourniquet placed adjacent (side-by-side) to the first to ensure bleeding is effectively stopped.



SLIDE 11 – TOOLS TO CONTROL LIFE-THREATENING HEMORRHAGE

Describe items on the slide and their use.

Direct Pressure: After packing the wound with hemostatic dressing or gauze, hold pressure for 3 minutes.

Gauze/Other Dressings & Pressure Bandages: These items are all UN TCCC-approved hemostatic dressing, etc.

UN TCCC Recommended TQ: They are either windlass or ratchet but have been proven effective in use.

Pressure Delivery Device: A PDD is made using improvised materials, such as a shoe/boot, full water bottle, or canteen, and applies additional pressure to the wound after it has been packed.

Hemostatic Dressing: UN TCCC-recommended hemostatic dressings are safe and contain active ingredients that assist with blood clotting at the bleeding site. Non-UN TCCC-recommended supplies may be available; however, they have not been shown to be effective in controlling massive hemorrhage.



SLIDE 12 – INITIAL DIRECT PRESSURE BEFORE INTERVENTION

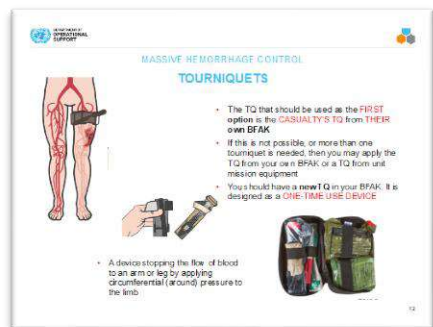
Direct pressure can and should be used as a temporary measure until a tourniquet or dressing is in place. It is difficult to use direct pressure alone to control significant bleeding or while moving the casualty. While packing a wound, maintain constant, direct pressure at the source of bleeding to be effective.



SLIDE 13 – TOURNIQUETS

Remember: A tourniquet is a *one-time* use device.

Never deploy with or use a tourniquet that has been used previously in training, as there is an increased risk of device failure.



SLIDE 14 – DELIBERATE TOURNIQUETS

In TFC, there is more time to expose the wound and determine the actual site of bleeding.

All tourniquets applied during TFC should be deliberate tourniquets, **applied 2 to 3 inches above the wound** and directly on the skin. This maximizes the effectiveness of the TQ in stopping bleeding and minimizes the amount of healthy tissue that might be impacted by a TQ unnecessarily placed too high on the limb.

Reassess any tourniquets that were applied in CUF for effectiveness. These tourniquets are rapidly applied and may have been placed “high and tight” (for example, high on the leg when the actual site of bleeding is near the ankle), and this will need to be addressed by medical personnel as they respond.

Remember: DO NOT put tourniquets over the knee, elbow, holster, or cargo pocket containing bulky items, as the tourniquet will be inadequate.



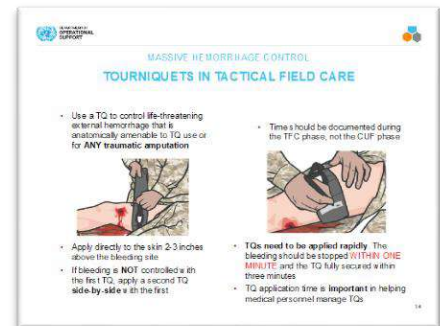
SLIDE 15 – TOURNIQUETS IN TACTICAL FIELD CARE

Tourniquets applied during TFC should be **deliberate tourniquets**. They are anatomically amenable to a UN TCCC approved tourniquet.

If bleeding is **not controlled** with the first tourniquet, apply a second tourniquet side-by-side with the first, which is further away from the wound.

Remember: Bleeding should be **stopped** within **1 minute** and the tourniquet was fully **secured** within **3 minutes**.

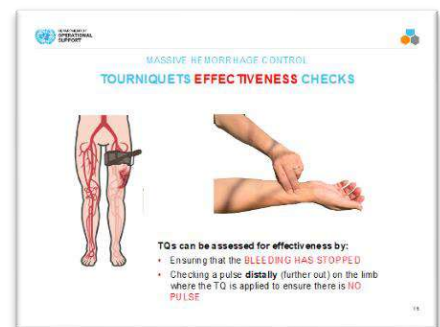
The time the tourniquet was placed should be documented on the tourniquet itself and on the **Casualty Card** in TFC (not during CUF). This is important for medical personnel as the casualty is moved to higher echelons of care.



SLIDE 16 – TOURNIQUET EFFECTIVENESS CHECKS

Check for circulation below the tourniquet by feeling for **distal pulse** (a pulse below the tourniquet).

If bleeding continues or you detect a distal pulse, **tighten the existing tourniquet** further or apply a second tourniquet next to the first.



SLIDE 17 – TWO-HANDED WINDLASS TOURNIQUET APPLICATION IN TFC (VIDEO)

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1. C-A-T buddy looped
2. C-A-T buddy routed



SLIDE 18 – TOURNIQUET PITFALLS/MISTAKES

1. The longer you wait to apply a tourniquet the more blood the casualty loses.
2. If you do not pull all the slack out, you will not be able to tighten the tourniquet effectively.
3. Tourniquets should be tight and **will hurt a lot** when applied properly.
4. If one tourniquet is not effective, apply a second. This may be necessary in casualties with large extremities.
5. When in doubt, apply a tourniquet. However, the need for a tourniquet should be reassessed as soon as possible.
6. In CUF, a tourniquet is placed 'high & tight' but in TFC the tourniquet should be placed 2-3 inches above the wound.
7. **DO NOT loosen!**
8. Leave the tourniquet in place even if loosened by medical personnel. You **DO NOT** want to have rebleeding occur and not have a tourniquet available.
9. **DO NOT** put tourniquets over joints...they **DO NOT** work over joints. If the wound is directly below a joint, place the tourniquet 2-3 inches above the joint.



SLIDE 19 – IMPROVISED TOURNIQUETS

Remember: DO NOT use an improvised tourniquet except as an **absolute last resort** when there is no **other option** to control life-threatening bleeding. If no tourniquet is available, pack the wound and use direct pressure. Improvised tourniquets can cause damage to skin if they are too narrow (less than 2 inches), they may loosen, and may not completely control bleeding. Improvised tourniquets that are 2 inches wide may be more successful in controlling bleeding.



Continue to check the tourniquet, as improvised tourniquets are prone to loosening due to (but not limited to) casualty movement, shift fluid, and quality of improvised material.

SLIDE 20 – SKILL STATION

At this time, we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- Two-Handed Windlass Tourniquet Application in TFC



SLIDE 21 – HEMOSTATIC DRESSING

Familiarize yourself with the items in your BFAK.

A BFAK contains one hemostatic dressing and one dry sterile gauze.

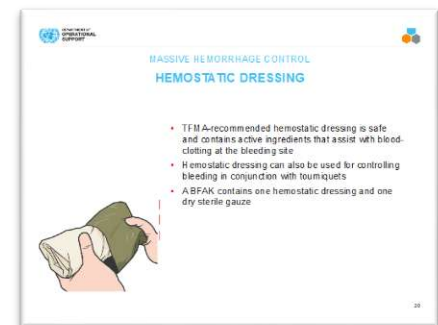
UN TCCC-recommended hemostatic dressings are safe and contain active ingredients that assist with blood clotting at the bleeding site.

Dressings include:

- **Combat Gauze®**, a 4-yard-long roll of gauze about 3 inches wide, used to control hemorrhage. The material has a chemical in it that causes a clot to form when it comes into contact with blood. This action, along with packing it into a bleeding wound and applying manual pressure, forms a clot and stops the bleeding.
- **Celox gauze**, with Celox granules bonded to its surface. Celox granules are Chitosan-based products that absorb fluid from blood, swell, and form a binding gel. The adherent gel plug seals the wound.
- **ChitoGauze**, a Chitosin-based hemostatic dressing that binds red and platelets on the dressing's surface, which provides clotting at the point of bleeding.

Note: Although Chitosin is a shellfish derivative, it will **NOT** cause an allergic reaction in casualties with a shellfish allergy.

Note: When packing larger wounds, more than one hemostatic dressing and/or gauze may be needed to control bleeding. If bleeding has not stopped, remove prior hemostatic packing material and repack with a new hemostatic dressing, if available. Apply additional gauze and pressure (for at least 3 minutes) until bleeding has stopped. Watch for rebleeding.

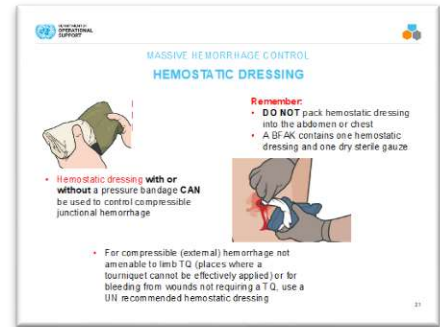


SLIDE 22 – HEMOSTATIC DRESSING (CONT.)

While hemostatic dressings should be packed into wounds of the limbs, when the source of bleeding is too high on limb for tourniquet application such as **neck**, **armpit**, and **groin**, they should **NOT** be packed into the **abdomen** or **chest**.

For compressible (external) hemorrhage **not amenable to limb tourniquet**, places where a tourniquet cannot be effectively applied like **neck**, **armpit**, and **groin** areas, use a UN TCCC-recommended hemostatic dressing.

Even with the active hemostatic agents in hemostatic dressings, direct pressure **must be applied** for at least 3 minutes.



SLIDE 23 – WOUND PACKING

DO NOT blindly pack a wound.

Make an effort to locate the source of bleeding and immediately apply direct pressure while retrieving gauze.

While packing a wound with gauze, maintain **constant**, direct pressure at the source of bleeding within 90 seconds. Once the dressing is applied, hold direct pressure on the gauze over the wound for **at least 3 minutes**. Then, carefully observe for blood continuing to flow from under the gauze to determine if bleeding has been controlled. Once you are sure the bleeding has stopped, apply a pressure bandage over the hemostatic dressing.

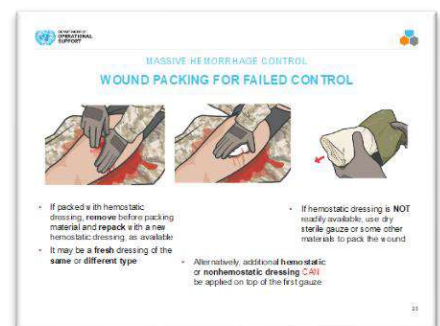


SLIDE 24 – WOUND REPACKING FOR FAILED CONTROL

If bleeding has not been stopped, **remove the hemostatic dressing/packing material**. Immediately, repack with a new hemostatic dressing, if available. Each dressing works differently, so if one fails to control bleeding, it may be removed and a fresh dressing of the same type or a different type applied.

Alternatively, additional hemostatic or non-hemostatic dressings can be applied on top of the first dressing. Apply additional gauze and pressure **for at least 3 minutes**, until bleeding has stopped. Watch for rebleeding.

NOTE: When packing larger wounds, more than one hemostatic dressing and/or gauze may be needed to control bleeding.

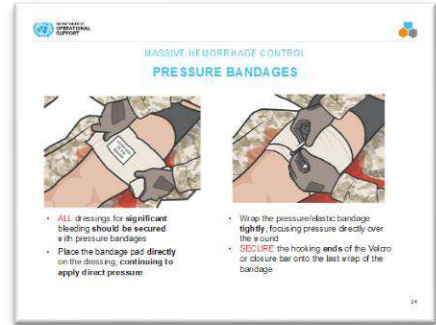


SLIDE 25 – PRESSURE BANDAGES

Once bleeding has been controlled with a hemostatic dressing/packing material you must maintain pressure on the wound.

Place the pressure dressing directly on top of the hemostatic dressing/packing material and wrap around the limb, ensuring you cover all the wound and gauze previously applied.

Be sure to secure the pressure dressing tail either by hooks or with a knot. Tape both to ensure they do not come loose.



SLIDE 26 – PRESSURE BANDAGE ASSESSMENT

1. Pressure bandages should not have a tourniquet effect.
2. If there is no pulse below the pressure bandage, it has been applied too tightly and will need to be loosened and retied.
3. Another sign the pressure bandage has been applied too tightly is the color of the skin will have a bluish tint, the skin may be **cool to touch** or the casualty will complain of **numbness** in the extremity below the bandage.

Remember: REASSESS any and all bandages after the casualty has been moved.



SLIDE 27 – MASSIVE HEMORRHAGE CONTROL PRESSURE BANDAGE (VIDEO)

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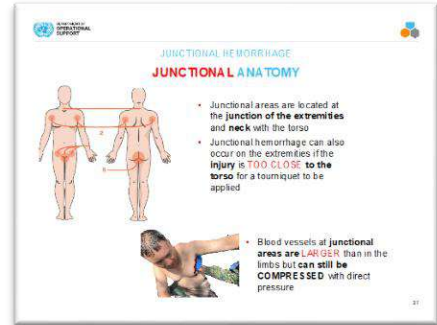


SLIDE 28 – JUNCTIONAL ANATOMY

This is a key concept for the FMA learner to understand.

Areas **NOT** amenable to extremity tourniquets are neck, axilla (arm pit), groin, and perineal. These areas are known as ‘**JUNCTIONAL**’ areas and are difficult to stop bleeding even though the vessels are larger than in the extremities.

**Have the students locate the junctional areas on each other.



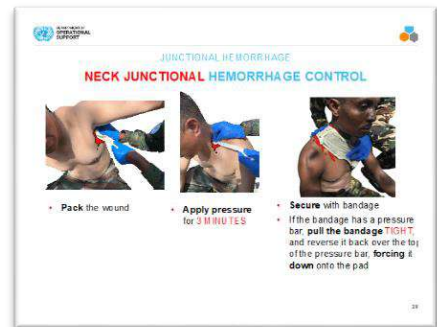
SLIDE 29 – NECK JUNCTIONAL HEMORRHAGE CONTROL

Carefully pack the wound with hemostatic dressing using your fingers to ensure that the gauze is packed in all parts of the wound.

The wound should be packed sufficiently to ensure that the **gauze extends 2-3 inches above skin surface**. Maintain direct pressure continuously **for 3 minutes**, and maintain pressure throughout the application of the dressing. Apply a pressure dressing on top of the gauze.

Wrap the tail under the armpit of the non-injured side, continue to wrap around the arm on the injured side. Finally, the last wrap should be tied to the tails of the bandage on the neck for pressure.

NOTE: If the bandage has a pressure bar, pull the bandage tight, and reverse it back over the top of the pressure bar forcing it down onto the pad.



SLIDE 30 – NECK JUNCTIONAL HEMORRHAGE CONTROL (VIDEO)

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SLIDE 31 – AXILLARY JUNCTIONAL HEMORRHAGE CONTROL

If there is a suspected ‘axillary’ wound, compressible (external) hemorrhage **not amenable to limb tourniquet**:

1. Expose the wound to assess it (Remove only the gear you need to).
2. Make an effort to locate the source of bleeding and immediately apply direct pressure while retrieving gauze.
3. Carefully pack the wound with hemostatic dressing using your fingers to ensure that the gauze is packed in all parts of the wound. **DO NOT blindly pack a wound.**
4. While packing a wound with gauze, maintain **constant**, direct pressure at the source of bleeding within 90 seconds. The wound should be packed sufficiently to ensure that the **gauze extends 2-3 inches above skin surface.**
5. Once the dressing is applied, hold direct pressure on the gauze over the wound for **at least 3 minutes.**
6. Then, carefully observe for blood continuing to flow from under the gauze to determine if bleeding has been controlled.
7. Once you are sure the bleeding has stopped, apply a pressure bandage over the hemostatic dressing and wrap the long end around the injured shoulder twice ensuring the gauze underneath is completely covered, next wrap the elastic bandage across, back and under the opposite armpit, anchoring around the opposite shoulder in a “figure 8” pattern.
8. Finally, secure the bandage. This will depend on the type of bandage used (either a closure bar or tie tails) and wrap tape a minimum of 16 times.
9. Swath the upper arm on the injured side to the side of the chest to add pressure to the dressing.



SLIDE 32 – AXILLARY JUNCTIONAL HEMORRHAGE CONTROL (VIDEO)

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1. SAM Junctional Tourniquet



SLIDE 33 – JUNCTIONAL HEMORRHAGE CONTROL WITH A PRESSURE DELIVERY DEVICE (PDD)

A **Pressure Delivery Device** may be needed to apply additional and targeted pressure to control inguinal/groin hemorrhage.

For groin injuries packed with hemostatic dressings, use an improvised junctional PDD to secure the dressing.

A PDD is made using improvised materials, such as a shoe/boot, full water bottle, or canteen, and applies additional pressure to the wound after it has been packed.

The PDD is placed in the inguinal gutter while continuously maintaining pressure to the dressing.

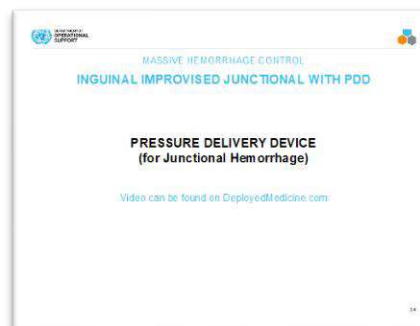
The PDD is then secured with a tourniquet, which is wrapped over the hips with the windlass or ratchet placed directly over the improvised device and tightened to add additional pressure. You may need to put two tourniquets together when improvising a PDD.

Remember: These are larger blood vessels requiring more pressure (and targeted pressure) than can be applied with a pressure dressing alone.



SLIDE 34 – INGUINAL JUNCTIONAL HEMORRHAGE CONTROL WITH IMPROVISED PRESSURE DELIVERY DEVICE (VIDEO)

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SLIDE 35 – SKILL STATION

At this time, we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

1. Wound Packing with Hemostatic dressing and Pressure Bandage
2. Neck Junctional Hemorrhage Control
3. Axillary (Armpit) Junctional Hemorrhage Control
4. Inguinal (Groin) Hemorrhage Control with Improved Junctional Pressure Delivery Device (PDD)



SLIDE 36 – SUMMARY

UN TCCC is broken up into four roles of care.

We covered four Cognitive ELOs, and four Performance ELOs that taught you how to control massive hemorrhage control in TFC.

REMEMBER, Massive bleeding is your #1 priority in treating casualties.

Some of the tools you have available to you are

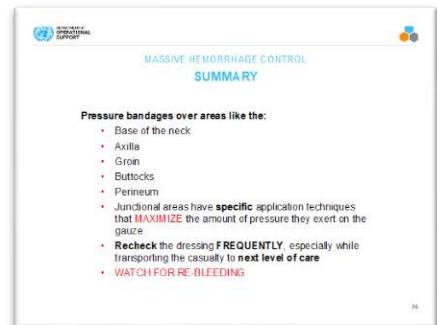
1) direct pressure, 2) gauze/other dressings, 3) UN TCCC-recommended tourniquets, 4) Pressure Delivery Devices, and 5) hemostatic dressing, and pressure bandages.

You now know the difference between a deliberate and hasty tourniquet and where to apply them and avoid the common pitfalls/mistakes. You have learned that an ‘improvised tourniquet’ should **ONLY** be used as a **LAST** resort...they **DO NOT** work.

Everyone should have had the chance to apply both a ‘windlass’ tourniquet. What did you learn while applying these tourniquets? We covered the proper technique in packing ‘hemostatic dressing’, applying direct pressure, and proper application of a pressure bandage in all anatomic locations.

What do you do if the hemostatic dressing you applied has rebleeding? We learned there are certain areas that are **NOT** amendable to limb tourniquets. Where are these areas located?

Everyone should have had a chance to practice 1) wound packing with hemostatic dressing and pressure bandage, 2) Neck junctional hemorrhage control, 3) axillary (armpit) junctional hemorrhage control, and 4) inguinal (groin) hemorrhage control with improvised junctional pressure delivery device (PDD).

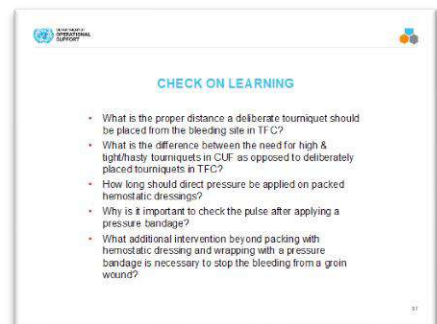


SLIDE 37 – CHECK ON LEARNING

Ask questions of the learners, referring to key concepts from the module.

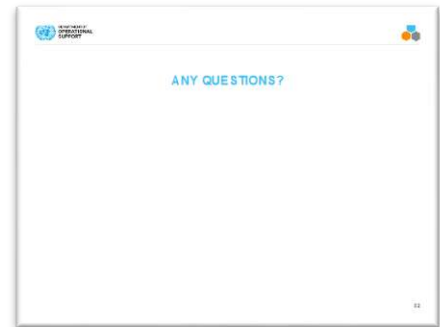
Now for a check on learning.

1. What is the proper distance a deliberate tourniquet should be placed from the bleeding Site in TFC?
 - 2 to 3 inches above the bleeding site
2. Highlight the difference between the need for high & tight (hasty) tourniquets needed in CUF as opposed to deliberately placed tourniquets in Tactical Field Care.



- A high & tight (hasty) tourniquet is placed above the clothing as high as possible on the extremity. A deliberate TQ is applied after the wound has been exposed, 2–3 inches above the bleeding site.
 - High & tight (hasty) TQs are applied during CUF, and deliberate TQs are applied during TFC.
3. How long should direct pressure be applied onto packed hemostatic dressings?
 - 2 minutes
 4. Why is it important to check the pulse after applying a pressure bandage?
 - If the bandage is too tight, it could block circulation and the bandage should be loosened.
 5. What additional intervention beyond packing with hemostatic dressing and wrapping with a pressure bandage is needed to stop the bleeding from a groin wound?
 - PDD is needed to secure the dressing.

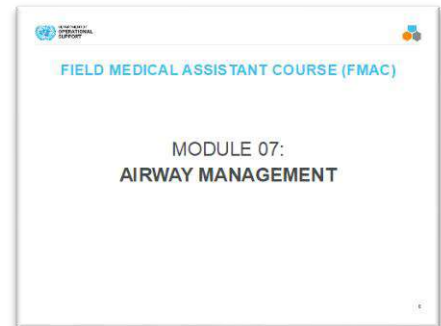
SLIDE 38 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 07

AIRWAY MANAGEMENT IN TFC

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

UN Tactical Combat Casualty Care is broken up into two roles of care. The most basic taught is the UN Buddy First Aid Course (BFAC), which is designed to instruct in the absolute basics of hemorrhage control and to recognize more serious injuries.

You are in the Field Medical Assistant (FMA) role. This teaches you more advanced care to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, and to recognize, prevent, and communicate with medical personnel the life-threatening complications of these injuries.

The Combat Medic role includes much more advanced and invasive care requiring significantly more medical knowledge and skills.

Finally, the last role, is Medical Professionals such as Paramedics, Nurses and Doctors, to provide the most sophisticated care to keep our wounded warriors alive and get them to definitive care.

Your role as a FMA is to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, which are massive hemorrhage and airway/respiratory problems. Also, you are given the skills to prevent complications and treat other associated but not immediately life-threatening injuries.



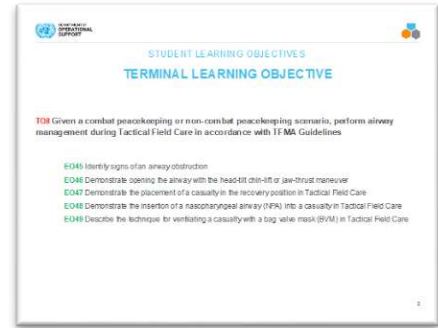
SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

The UN TCCC-FMA course is built on a foundation of learning objectives. These objectives layout the basic structure of the course and describe the knowledge and skills you are expected to acquire by the end of the course.

The module has one Terminal Learning Objective, or TLO. The TLO is supported by a series of Enabling Learning Objectives, or ELOs.

1. Demonstrating opening the airway with the head-tilt chin-lift or jaw-thrust maneuver
2. Demonstrating placing a casualty in the recovery position in Tactical Field Care
3. Demonstrating inserting a nasopharyngeal airway (NPA) into a casualty in Tactical Field Care
4. Describing the technique for ventilating a casualty with a bag valve mask (BVM) in Tactical Field Care

The critical aspects are to identify signs of life-threatening airway obstruction and the importance of prompt intervention and to demonstrate the appropriate interventions to address airway obstruction in accordance with the UN TCCC guidelines.



SLIDE 4 – MARCH PAWS

Airway management is the “A” in the MARCH PAWS sequence.



SLIDE 5 – AIRWAY MANAGEMENT IN TFC

Remember: If a casualty is conscious and can speak normally, there is no airway obstruction.

Airway obstruction on the battlefield is often due to maxillofacial trauma (trauma to the face and jaw).

Unconscious casualties can also lose their airway when the muscles of their tongue relax, causing the tongue to block the airway by sliding to the back of the mouth and covering the opening to the windpipe.

Airway obstruction on the battlefield is often easily corrected with simple maneuvers.



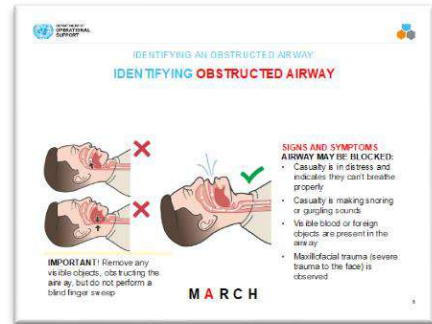
SLIDE 6 – IDENTIFYING OBSTRUCTED AIRWAY

Airway obstruction on the battlefield is often due to maxillofacial trauma, which may include disrupted airway anatomy and/or bleeding into the airway.

Casualty may indicate that they are in distress and/or make snoring or gurgling sounds.

If you see something in the casualty's mouth (such as foreign material, loose teeth, dentures, facial bone, or vomitus) that could block their airway, use your fingers to perform a sweep to remove the material as quickly as possible.

Do not perform a blind finger sweep if no foreign body is seen in the casualty's mouth.



SLIDE 7 – IN A CASUALTY WITHOUT A FOREIGN BODY AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION, YOU CAN PERFORM THE FOLLOWING MANEUVERS

Unconscious casualties can also lose their airway, as the muscles of their tongue may have relaxed, causing the tongue to block the airway by sliding to the back of the mouth and covering the opening to the windpipe.

Using the head tilt/chin-lift or jaw-thrust maneuver to move the tongue away from the windpipe and open the airway may allow the casualty to resume breathing on their own.

If you suspect that the casualty has suffered a neck or spinal injury, use the jaw-thrust method. If a casualty cannot maintain an open airway once opened, a second responder may be needed to assist in maintaining an open airway.



SLIDE 8 – HEAD-TILT / CHIN-LIFT AND JAW-THRUST MANEUVER (VIDEO)

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Inspect mouth for injuries, burns, or foreign items.

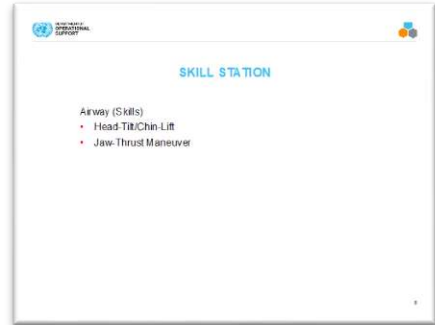
Do not perform a blind sweep if a foreign body is not visualized.



SLIDE 9 – SKILL STATION

At this time we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- Head-tilt/chin-lift and jaw-thrust maneuver



SLIDE 10 – MANAGING THE AIRWAY

If the casualty is breathing on their own but unconscious or semiconscious, and there is no airway obstruction, further airway management is best achieved with a nasopharyngeal airway (NPA).

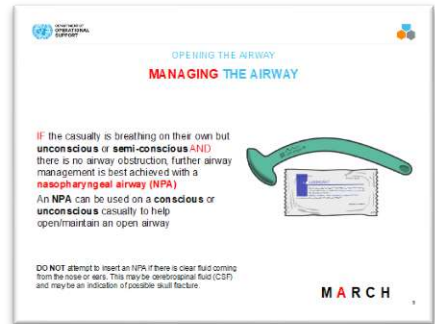
An NPA can help an unconscious or conscious casualty maintain an airway if they are breathing on their own.

Also known as a “Nose Hose” or “Nasal Trumpet,” an NPA is well tolerated by conscious and unconscious casualties and is unlikely to stimulate their gag reflex.

An NPA provides an open (patent) airway and helps to keep the tongue from falling to the back of the mouth and blocking the airway, even if an unconscious casualty’s tongue relaxes and partially covers their normal airway.

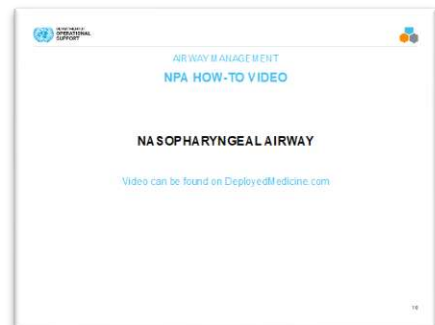
Do not use an NPA if there is clear fluid coming from the ears or nose. This may be cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), an indication of a possible skull fracture.

The NPA should be inserted into the nostril. If unable to insert into one nostril, insert into the other nostril. Ensure lubrication is used.



SLIDE 11 – NPA INSERTION (VIDEO)

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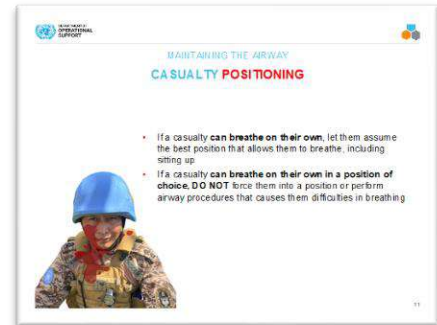


SLIDE 12 – CASUALTY POSITIONING

Place unconscious casualties in the recovery position after ensuring their airway is open and completing any necessary treatments.

The recovery position allows blood and mucus to drain out of the casualty's nose and mouth and not to drain back into the airway.

The recovery position also helps to protect against inhaling vomit if the casualty throws up.



SLIDE 13 – MAINTAINING THE AIRWAY/RECOVERY POSITION

If a casualty can breathe on their own, let them assume the best position (position of comfort) that allows them to breath, including sitting up.



SLIDE 14 – CASUALTY UNABLE TO BREATHE ON THEIR OWN

If a casualty is **not breathing on their own**, notify a combat medic as soon as possible.

The medic will need to assist the casualty in breathing with a bag valve mask device.

Medical personnel may ask the FMA to assist in using the BVM.



SLIDE 15 – BAG VALVE MASK (BVM) (VIDEO)

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If respirations are noted to be reduced, provide ventilator support with BVM.

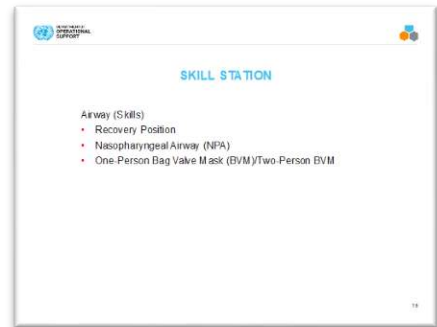
Medical personnel may ask you to assist when using a BVM.



SLIDE 16 – AIRWAY SKILLS STATION

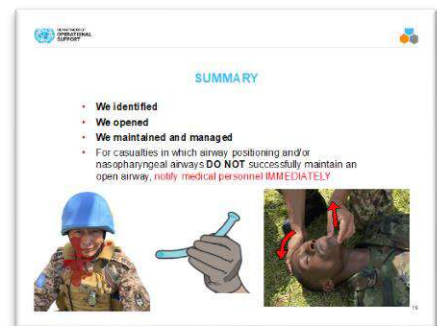
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- Recovery Position
- Nasopharyngeal Airway (NPA)
- One-Person Bag Valve Mask (BVM)/Two-Person BVM



SLIDE 17 – SUMMARY

Prompt identification of airway obstruction and treatment are critical and can be accomplished, in most cases, with simple maneuvers/interventions by a FMA in the TFC phase of care.

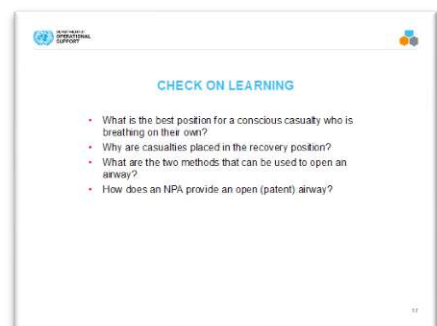


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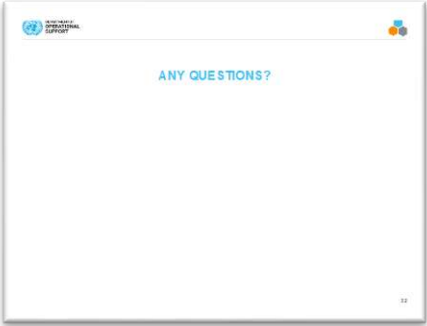
Ask questions of the learners, referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

1. What is the best position for a conscious casualty who is breathing on their own?
 - A comfortable position of choice that allows them to breathe, including sitting up.
2. Why are casualties placed in the recovery position?
 - The recovery position allows blood and mucus to drain out of the casualty's nose and mouth and not to drain back into the airway. This position also helps to protect against inhaling vomit if the casualty throws up.
3. What are the two methods that can be used to open an airway?
 - Head-tilt/chin-lift method
 - Jaw-thrust method
4. How does an NPA provide an open (patent) airway?
 - A nasopharyngeal airway provides an open (patent) airway, helping to keep the tongue from falling to the back of the mouth and blocking the airway even if an unconscious casualty's tongue relaxes and partially covers their normal airway.



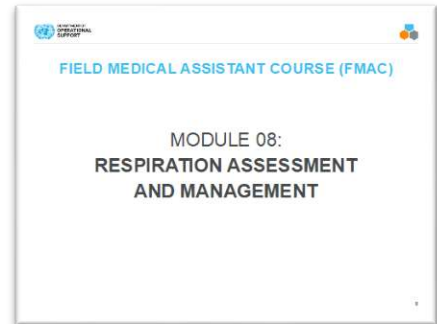
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MODULE 08

RESPIRATION ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT IN TFC

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

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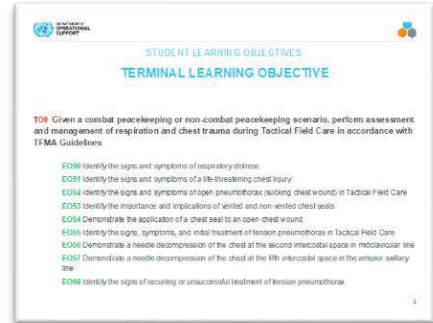
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SLIDE 4 – MARCH PAWS

Respiration assessment is the “**R**” in the MARCH PAWS sequence.



SLIDE 5 – RESPIRATION OVERVIEW (VIDEO)

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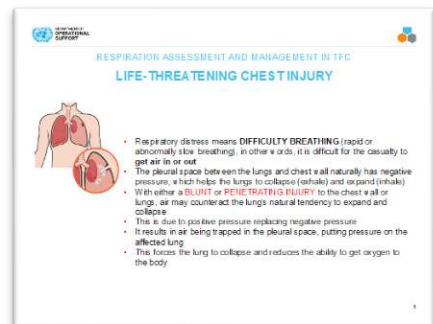


SLIDE 6 – LIFE-THREATENING CHEST INJURY

Respiratory distress means difficulty breathing.

The casualty is struggling to get air in or out or their breathing is ineffective.

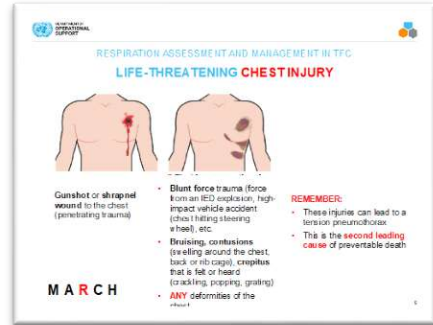
This can result from blunt or penetrating injury.



SLIDE 7 – LIFE-THREATENING CHEST INJURY

While it may be easy to see a gunshot wound or shrapnel wound to the chest, it is important to evaluate casualties for additional injuries, such as bruising, swelling, or other deformities of the chest not normally seen without removing the clothing.

These injuries may be signs of future life-threatening respiration issues.



SLIDE 8 – IDENTIFYING TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX

Tension pneumothorax is caused by significant torso (chest) trauma or a blast injury resulting in severe and progressive respiratory distress.



SLIDE 9 – IDENTIFYING SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF OPEN PNEUMOTHORAX IN TFC

With an open pneumothorax, also called a sucking chest wound, air enters the pleural space around the lung through a wound in the chest wall.

The elastic lung deflates and pulls away from the chest wall. On inspiration, the air now enters the chest THROUGH THE HOLE instead of INTO THE LUNGS through the normal airways of the mouth and nose. As a result, the affected lung cannot be fully re-inflated by inhalation.

It usually takes a hole in the chest the **size of a nickel or bigger** for a sucking chest wound to occur.

Not all chest wounds are sucking chest wounds; some do not penetrate as deeply as the lung cavity.



SLIDE 10 and SLIDE 11 – VENTED AND NONVENTED CHEST SEALS

Get to know the supplies within your BFAK and UNTP. Vented chest seals are preferred.

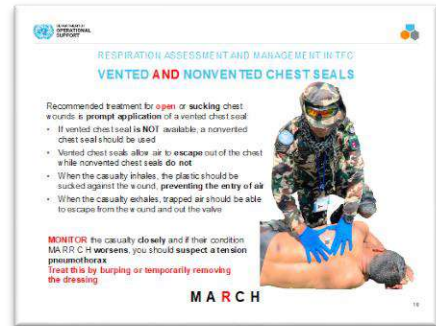
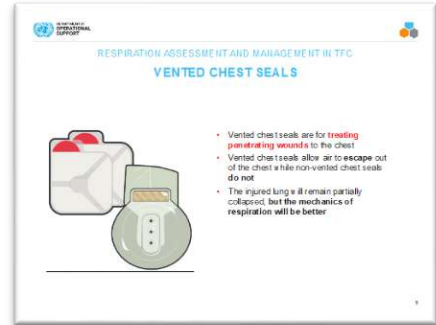
Penetrating chest wounds (open or sucking chest wounds) are treated by applying a chest seal.

Once a wound has been occluded with a chest seal, air can no longer enter (or exit) the pleural space through the wound in the chest wall.

The injured lung will remain partially collapsed, but the mechanics of respiration will be better.

Continue to monitor the casualty after treatment with a chest seal. If the casualty condition worsens, a tension pneumothorax should be suspected.

Burping or removing the dressing may help; otherwise, a needle decompression of the chest may be needed.



SLIDE 12 – POSITIONING AFTER TREATMENT

If the casualty is unconscious, place the casualty in the recovery position. If conscious, allow the casualty to adopt the sitting position if that makes breathing more comfortable.



SLIDE 13 – TREATMENT OF OPEN PNEUMOTHORAX WITH CHEST SEAL (VIDEO)

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SLIDE 14 – SKILL STATION

At this time we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- Chest seal



SLIDE 15 – TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX IN TACTICAL FIELD CARE

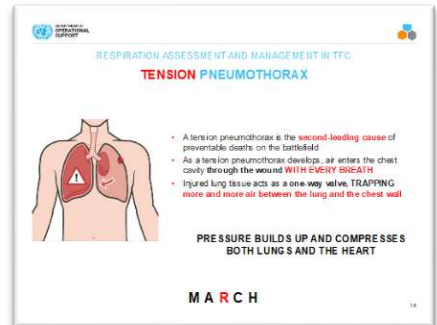
As a **tension pneumothorax** develops, air enters the chest cavity through the wound with every inspiration, but doesn't leave with expiration and is trapped.

Every breath adds more air to the air space inside the rib cage and outside the lung, and the pressure inside the chest builds up.

Injured lung tissue acts as a one-way valve, trapping more and more air between the lung and the chest wall.

Pressure builds up and can potentially compress both lungs and the heart.

Both lung function and heart function are impaired with a tension pneumothorax, causing respiratory distress and shock. The elevated air pressure **OUTSIDE** the collapsed lung in a tension pneumothorax can impair the function of both lungs and the heart by preventing them from expanding normally. This CAN kill the casualty.



SLIDE 16 – CONSIDER TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX IN TACTICAL FIELD CARE

Signs of tension pneumothorax include early and late signs.

The early signs to look for are:

1. Increased difficulty breathing
2. Rapid or shallow breathing (like being out of breath and not able to take a full breath)
1. Anxiety
2. Agitation
4. Apprehension
5. Decreased level of consciousness or unconsciousness



The late signs may not be displayed or may be displayed only when the casualty's condition has worsened. **Late signs** that indicate progression of tension pneumothorax include neck veins protruding (distended); tracheal deviation (a shift of the windpipe to the right or left).

These signs may be difficult to assess in a combat situation. You must **be alert** to the possibility of tension pneumothorax whenever a casualty has a penetrating or other chest wound. Therefore, the sole criterion for suspecting a tension pneumothorax is a chest wound with increasing respiratory difficulty.

It is important to evaluate casualties during TFC for early and late signs of tension pneumothorax. Like bleeding control, tension pneumothorax is treatable. Left untreated, a tension pneumothorax can cause severe respiratory distress, shock, and death.

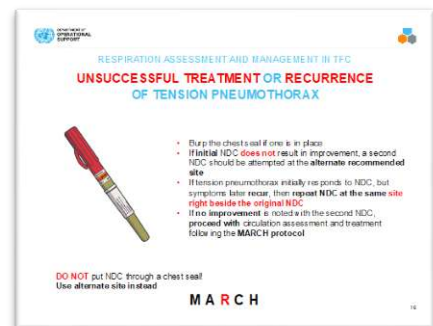
The **treatment** is to let the air trapped under pressure escape by inserting a needle into the chest.

After initial treatment by FMA, both types of chest injuries (sucking chest wounds and tension pneumothorax) will require advanced evaluation by medical personnel and evacuation.

SLIDE 17 – UNSUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OR RECURRENCE OF TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX

If initial treatment of tension pneumothorax with NDC is unsuccessful or if symptoms recur after successful treatment, a second NDC should be attempted.

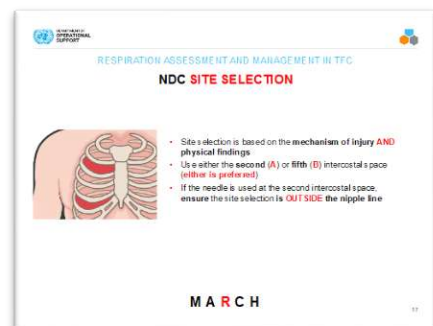
If no improvement is noted after the second NDC, proceed with circulation assessment and treatment following the MARCH protocol.



SLIDE 18 – TREATMENT OF TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX

The treatment is to let the air trapped under pressure escape by inserting a needle into the chest. This is called Needle Decompression of the Chest (NDC).

The device used for NDC is a catheter-over-needle device that is found in the BFAK.

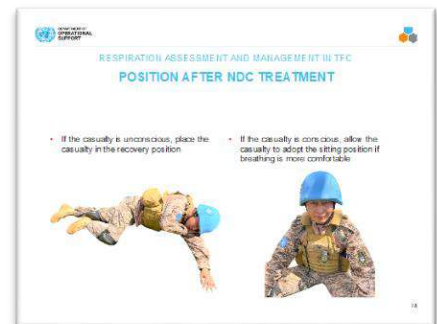


NDC can be performed at either the space between the second and third ribs on the front of the chest (away from the middle of the chest outside the nipple line to avoid the heart) or on the side of the chest between the fifth and sixth ribs.

- Use a 14-gauge or 10-gauge 3.5” needle catheter
- Two options for NDC sites
 - 2nd intercostal space on mid-clavicular line
 - 5th intercostal space on the anterior axillary line
- Watch needle placement to avoid the heart and arteries
- Clean the area
- Place the needle perpendicular to body
- Hold in place for 5–10 seconds before removing needle and leaving catheter
- Document all interventions on the Casualty Card

SLIDE 19 – POSITIONING AFTER TREATMENT

If the casualty is unconscious, place in the recovery position. If conscious, allow the casualty to adopt the sitting position if that makes breathing more comfortable.



SLIDE 20 – NEEDLE DECOMPRESSION OF THE CHEST (NDC) (VIDEO)

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SLIDE 21 – SKILL STATION

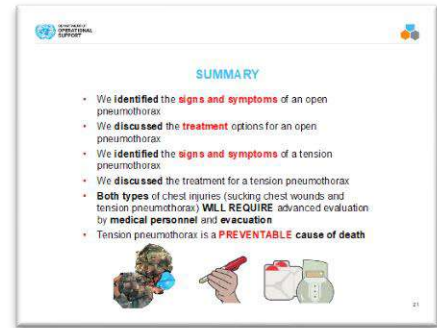
At this time, we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- Needle Decompression of Chest



SLIDE 22 – SUMMARY

In this module, we discussed respiration assessment and management in TFC. We identified the signs and symptoms of an open pneumothorax and of a tension pneumothorax, as well as how to treat both. We emphasized that tension pneumothorax is a preventable cause of death. We also reinforced the need for medical personnel to provide advanced evaluation of these types of chest injuries, along with the need for evacuation.

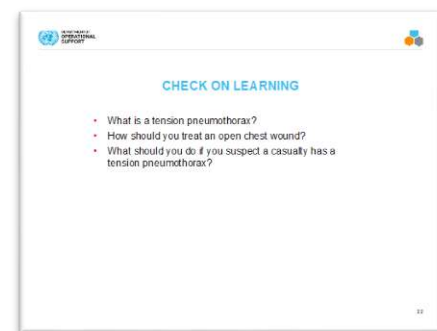


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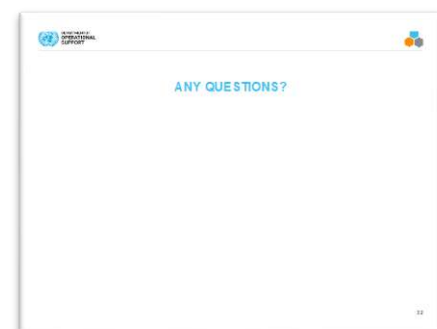
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2. How should you treat an open chest wound?
 - Treat open chest wounds by applying a vented chest seal completely over the wound during expiration.
3. What should you do if you suspect a casualty has a tension pneumothorax?
 - If a chest seal is in place, burp the seal. If there is no improvement after burping the seal perform a needle decompression of the chest.



SLIDE 24 – QUESTIONS



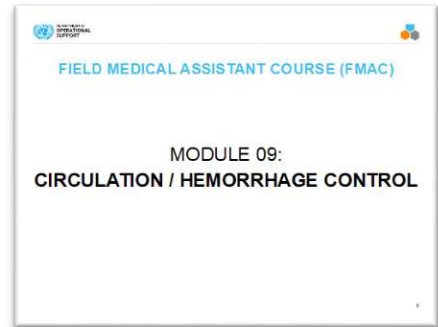
MODULE 09

HEMORRHAGE CONTROL IN TFC

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE

Good morning/afternoon, my name is (insert here) and I will be your lead trainer for Module 9: Circulation/Hemorrhage control in the Tactical Field Care (TFC) environment.

Before we get started are there any questions?



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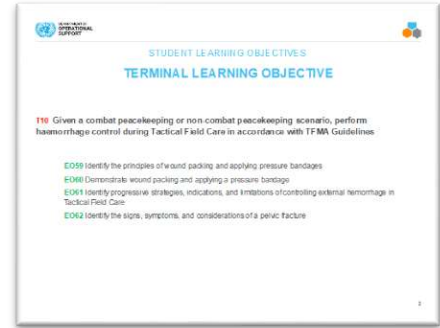
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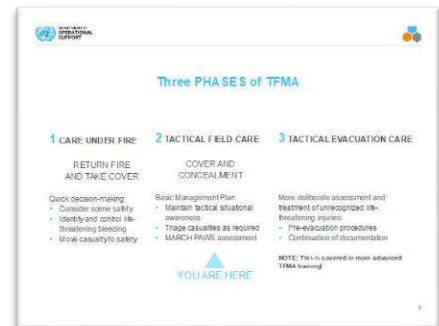
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SLIDE 4 – THREE PHASES OF UN TCCC

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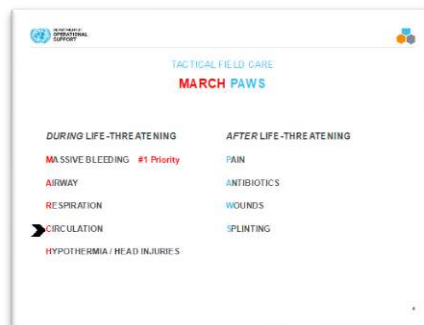
1. **Care Under Fire or Care Under Threat** is the aid rendered at the trauma scene while there is still an active threat. Available medical equipment is limited to that carried by an individual or found in a nearby first aid kit. Massive bleeding is the only medical priority that requires your attention during this phase, as you are actively dealing with an ongoing threat in a potentially chaotic and dangerous situation.
2. **Tactical Field Care** is the care provided once the threat has been neutralized and/or the scene is safe or the casualty has moved/been moved out of the immediate threat situation. During this phase a rapid casualty assessment should be performed. Bleeding control should be assessed/reassessed, and airway/breathing issues addressed. Other injuries such as burns, fractures, eye trauma, and head injuries should now be identified and treated. Medical equipment is still limited. Time to arrival of medical personnel or evacuation may vary considerably, depending on the tactical situation, etc.
3. **Tactical Evacuation Care** is the care rendered during and once the casualty has been moved by an aircraft, vehicle, or other mode of transportation for evacuation to a higher level of care. Additional medical personnel and equipment are typically available in this phase of casualty care.



Remember: The goal of UN TCCC and the role of the FMA are to rapidly assess casualties to identify and treat potentially life-threatening injuries and keep the casualty alive long enough to reach a higher level of medical care.

SLIDE 5 – MARCH PAWS

Hemorrhage control assessment and management in the Tactical Field Care phase falls under the “C,” for Circulation, in the MARCH PAWS sequence.



SLIDE 6 – HEMORRHAGE CONTROL IN TFC (VIDEO)

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1. Unrecognized hemorrhage
2. Junctional areas
3. UN TCCC-recommended tourniquets
4. UN TCCC-recommended hemostatic dressings
5. Improvised junctional tourniquet
6. Pulse(s) checked
7. Reassessment
8. Pelvic fracture(s)
9. Findings reported



SLIDE 7 – PELVIC FRACTURES

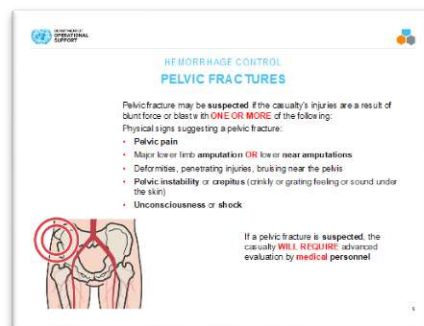
In TFC, another key injury for which the casualty should be assessed is a *pelvic fracture*.

Pelvic fractures can be a cause of massive internal bleeding and impact circulation, which is the “C” in the MARCH PAWS sequence.

A pelvic fracture may be suspected if the casualty's injuries are a result of blunt force or blast with **ONE OR MORE** of the following physical signs suggesting a pelvic fracture:

- Pelvic pain
- Major lower-limb amputation OR lower-limb near amputations
- Pelvic deformities, penetrating injuries, or bruising near the pelvis
- Pelvic instability or crepitus, which is a crinkly or grating feeling or sound under the skin
- Unconsciousness or shock

If a pelvic fracture is suspected, the casualty **WILL REQUIRE** advanced evaluation by medical personnel, and you should notify medical personnel of the potential for a pelvic fracture as soon as possible.

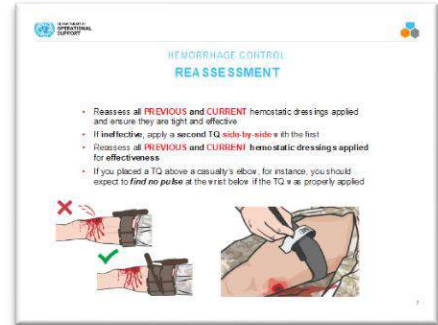


SLIDE 8 – REASSESSMENT

Hemorrhage control in the TFC phase takes place after massive bleeding control that occurs in the Care Under Fire phase.

It is possible that it **did not occur**, and this may be the first opportunity to address massive bleeding as well, so there is significant urgency.

The first step is to reassess ALL PRIOR hemorrhage control interventions for effectiveness. Check all TQs and hemostatic dressings that were applied and ensure they are tight and effective.



SLIDE 9 – STRATEGIES AND LIMITATIONS

Early control of severe hemorrhage is critical. In the TFC phase, UN TCCC-recommended TQs should be applied directly to the skin **2–3 inches above the bleeding site**. This is different from the high & tight placement over clothing that may have occurred in the CUF phase.

Always remember that the casualty's hemorrhage control interventions must be **FREQUENTLY REASSESSED** to ensure continued hemorrhage control.

This includes reassessments at frequent time intervals and any time the casualty is moved or the casualty's status changes. Watch the casualty for signs of shock.

Your actions will help ensure bleeding control.

DO NOT EVER APPLY IT AND FORGET IT!



SLIDE 10 – WOUND PACKING and PRESSURE DRESSING

The proper technique for applying a hemostatic dressing with a pressure bandage is to first **identify the exact source of bleeding** and pack the wound.

You should pack the wound with the hemostatic dressing while maintaining **CONSTANT** direct pressure at the source of bleeding.

After the wound is packed, you must hold direct pressure to the packing over the wound for **3 minutes**. **Do not** check for bleeding control during these 3 minutes.

After 3 minutes, if bleeding is controlled, you should secure the wound packing with a pressure bandage. If the bandage has a pressure bar, pull the bandage **TIGHT**, and reverse it back over the top of the pressure bar, forcing it down onto the pad. If there is no pressure bar, make



sure to keep tension while wrapping the elastic bandage, which is best done with short pulls and tugs of the bandage as you wrap it around the wound.

SLIDE 11 – WOUND PACKING

While packing a wound, maintain constant, direct pressure at the source of bleeding.

Once the dressing is applied, hold direct pressure on the gauze over the wound for at least 3 minutes. Then, carefully observe for blood continuing to flow from under the gauze to determine if bleeding has been controlled.

Once you are sure the bleeding has stopped, apply a pressure bandage over the hemostatic dressing.

If you placed a tourniquet above a casualty's elbow, for instance, you should expect to find no pulse at the wrist below that elbow if the tourniquet was properly applied, and there should be no continued bleeding from the wound.

Make sure there is no continued bleeding from any prior hemostatic dressings that were placed.



SLIDE 12 – PRESSURE BANDAGE REASSESSMENT

It is also necessary to reassess any previously applied pressure bandages.

First, make sure there is no continued bleeding from the wound.

Then, check for circulation **BELOW** the pressure bandage by feeling for the distal pulse (a pulse below the bandage).

If the skin **BELOW** the pressure bandage becomes cool to the touch, bluish, or numb, or if the pulse below the pressure dressing is no longer present, the pressure bandage may be too tight.

If circulation is **BLOCKED** or **STOPPED**, loosen and retie the bandage. Dressings and bandages should be reassessed and checked routinely and **EVERY TIME** a casualty is moved.



SLIDE 13 – IF PRESSURE BANDAGE IS INEFFECTIVE

You must make sure the pressure bandage is still effective and bleeding is still controlled.

If the pressure bandage or hemostatic dressing is ineffective, **APPLY A TOURNIQUET 2–3 inches above the bleeding site**, if possible.

If unable to place a tourniquet and the pressure bandage is ineffective AND/OR blood soaked, **REPLACE** the pressure dressing with a new hemostatic dressing.

Pack the wound with the hemostatic dressing, maintaining **CONSTANT** direct pressure at the source of bleeding within **90 SECONDS**, to be effective.



SLIDE 14 – PRESSURE BANDAGE (VIDEO)

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1. Properly apply pressure dressing
2. Use the sterile side on top of hemostatic dressing
3. Wrap properly and secure
4. Assess circulation
5. Document treatment



SLIDE 15 – SKILL STATION

At this time, we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- Wound Packing with Hemostatic Dressing and Pressure Bandage

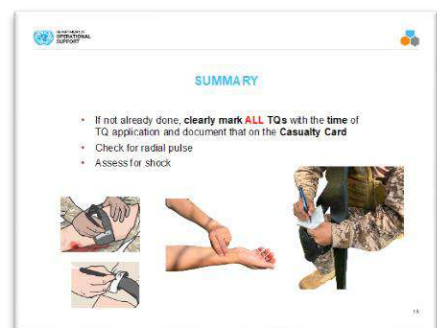


SLIDE 16 – SUMMARY

You should now understand the need to reassess all hemorrhage control interventions that may have been applied previously.

You should also understand the need to replace or reapply any ineffective hemorrhage control intervention.

All of these interventions are designed to eliminate further bleeding and prevent the casualty from going into shock or worsening shock.



You should frequently reassess for shock by checking for a radial pulse and other signs of inadequate hemorrhage control.

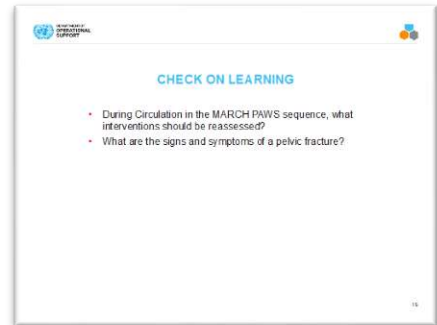
Of course, if not already done, clearly mark ALL tourniquets with the time of tourniquet application and document all findings and treatment on the Casualty Card.

SLIDE 17 – CHECK ON LEARNING

Ask questions of the learners, referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

1. During Circulation in the MARCH PAWS sequence, what interventions should be reassessed?
 - Previously applied tourniquets and hemostatic dressings
2. What are the signs and symptoms of a pelvic fracture?
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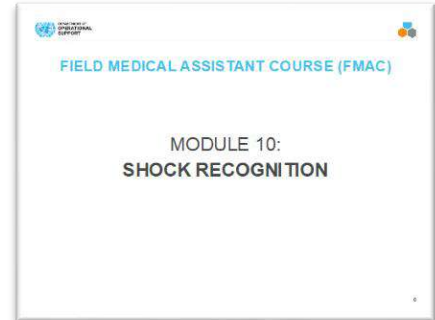
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MODULE 10

SHOCK RECOGNITION

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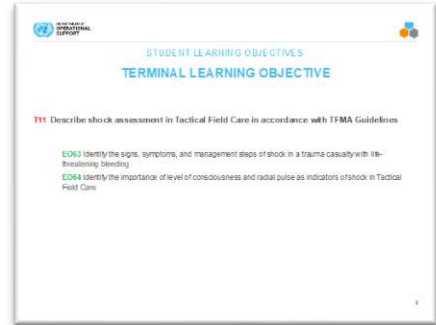
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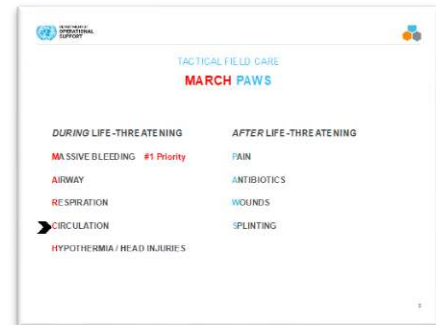
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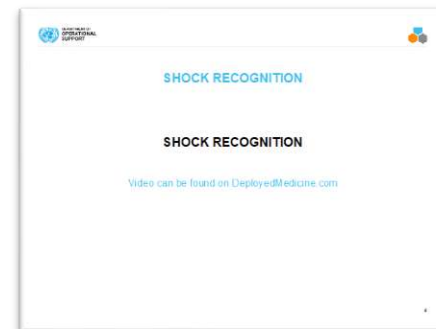
SLIDE 4 – MARCH PAWS

Shock recognition is related to circulation, which is the “C,” for Circulation, in the MARCH PAWS sequence.



SLIDE 5 – SHOCK RECOGNITION VIDEO

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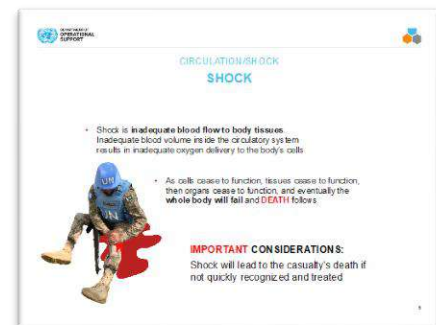


SLIDE 6 – SHOCK

Shock is inadequate blood flow to body tissues. Inadequate blood volume inside the circulatory system results in inadequate oxygen delivery to the body’s cells.

As cells cease to function, tissues cease to function, then organs cease to function, and eventually, the whole body will fail and **DEATH** follows.

REMEMBER: Shock will lead to the casualty's death if not quickly recognized and treated.



SLIDE 7 – SHOCK (CONT.)

Shock is caused by a decrease in the amount of blood volume circulating in the casualty's blood circulatory system.

Shock can have many causes:

- Low blood volume or hypovolemia, such as dehydration or blood loss
- Low blood pressure from massive infection
- Heart failure
- Neurologic damage

Shock is usually caused by severe bleeding, but it can also be caused by severe burns, such as second- and third-degree burns on 20 percent or more of the body surface.

On the battlefield, assume shock is from severe blood loss. This is also called hemorrhagic shock.

Remember: If uncontrolled, hemorrhagic shock can result in the casualty's **death**.



SLIDE 8 – GENERAL INDICATORS OF SHOCK

You need to know the signs of hemorrhagic shock on the battlefield:

- Mental confusion or altered mental status in the absence of a head injury
- Rapid or shallow breathing
- Sweaty, cool, clammy skin
- Pale/grey or blotchy blue skin as shock progresses
- Weak or absent radial pulse
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Excessive thirst
- Previous severe bleeding



Make sure you frequently assess casualties during TFC for signs of shock. These symptoms can change and progress over time.

SLIDE 9 – GENERAL INDICATORS OF SHOCK (CONT.)

Shock has two important indicators. These are mental confusion and a weak or absent radial pulse.

If **BOTH** indicators exist, the casualty has lost a **SIGNIFICANT** amount of blood and is at risk of death.

As previously stated, shock will lead to the casualty's death if not quickly recognized and treated.



SLIDE 10 – GENERAL INDICATORS OF SHOCK (CONT.)

This table provides an overview of the effects of blood loss.

Up to 500cc of blood loss is well tolerated with often no effects except a possible increase in heart rate.

1,000cc of blood loss will usually produce an elevated heart rate greater than 100, but otherwise the casualty may appear normal. This amount of blood loss is not usually fatal.

1,500cc of blood loss may be associated with a change in mental status, a weak radial pulse greater than 10, and increased respirations. If there is no further blood loss, the casualty is still unlikely to die. 2,000cc of blood loss is accompanied by confusion and lethargy, a weak radial pulse often greater than 120, and a high respiratory rate greater than 35. This amount of blood loss is possibly fatal if not managed quickly.

2,500cc of blood loss will usually present with the casualty unconscious, with no radial pulse, a carotid pulse greater than 140, and respirations greater than 35. This amount of blood loss will be fatal without immediate and rapid intervention.

This table highlights why it is so important to quickly apply a tourniquet, once safe, during CUF and reassess and evaluate for additional bleeding sources during TFC.

Blood Volume	Blood Loss	Signs/Symptoms	Effect/Outcome
4 full bottles full 1 bottle 1/2 empty	500cc	Minimal respiratory rate	Usually no effects
4 full bottles full 1 empty	1000cc	Radial pulse >100 Breathing possibly normal	Unlikely to die from this amount of loss
3 1/2 bottles full 1 1/2 empty	1500cc	Change in mental status Increased respirations	Still unlikely to die
3 bottles full, 2 empty	2000cc	Confusion and lethargy Weak radial pulse >120 High respiratory rate >35	Very possibly fatal if not managed
2 1/2 bottles full and 2 1/2 bottles empty	2500cc	Unconscious No radial pulse, weak carotid pulse RR >40 Respirations > 35	Fatal without immediate and rapid interventions

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SLIDE 11 – PREVENT SHOCK BY CONTROLLING BLEEDING

It is better to prevent shock with hemorrhage control than to treat it. Even if shock is already present, the most critical first step in treating it is to control the bleeding.

Reassess all bleeding control measures to ensure they are still effective. Ensure tourniquets and pressure dressings remain tight, as soon as possible. This is the most critical thing to accomplish in treating shock.

Internal bleeding from blunt trauma or penetrating trauma to the chest or abdomen may not be controllable, and continued bleeding from an internal source may cause shock to develop later, so continually reassess the casualty. If a casualty is not in shock, then they don't need treatment for shock, but should be watched carefully for the development of shock if they have been seriously injured.

DO NOT WAIT for signs and symptoms of shock to occur. Medical personnel will provide other treatments, but you can save them time if extremal bleeding is controlled.

PREVENT SHOCK BY CONTROLLING BLEEDING

- #1- Reassess to confirm all bleeding control measures are still effective
- Ensure TQs and pressure dressings remain tight
 - Check radial pulse
- It is better to prevent shock with hemorrhage control than to treat it
- If shock is present, though, the most critical first step is to control the bleeding
- Internal bleeding from chest or abdominal trauma may not be controllable, and shock may develop later, so continuously assess the casualty
- Medical personnel will provide other treatments, but you can save them time if extremal bleeding is controlled

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SLIDE 12 – ASSESS/MONITOR FOR HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK

Assess for signs and symptoms of shock as soon as hemorrhage is controlled, the airway is open, and respirations have been managed.

The best indicators of shock are a decreased state of consciousness, if the casualty has not suffered a head injury, and/or an abnormal, weak, absent radial pulse.

Assess for hemorrhagic shock, as noted by altered mental status in the absence of brain injury and/or weak or absent radial pulse.

Reassess/monitor for changes in the level of consciousness by checking for alertness or responsiveness to verbal or physical stimulation.



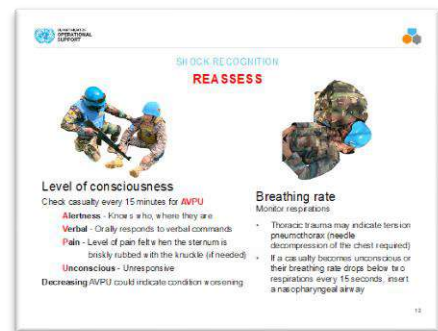
SLIDE 13 – REASSESS

Reassess the level of consciousness every 15 minutes using the AVPU scale.

Check whether they are Alert, have Verbal responses, respond only to Pain, or are Unconscious. A decreasing AVPU could indicate the casualty's condition is worsening.

Also, continue to reassess the breathing rate and monitor the casualty's respirations.

- Thoracic trauma may indicate a tension pneumothorax, which will require a needle
- decompression of the chest.
- If a casualty becomes unconscious or their breathing rate drops below two respirations every 15 seconds, insert a nasopharyngeal airway.



SLIDE 14 – SHOCK MANAGEMENT

It is a good idea to let those casualties who are not in shock, and who can swallow, to drink water or other fluids. Dehydration is common on the battlefield and is not good for casualties. Any casualty not in shock, but who has lost some blood, will benefit from oral rehydration.

Position the casualty in the recovery position with their head turned so fluids can drain from their mouth or in a position that allows them to breathe.

Evacuate the casualty if medical help is present or available. Reassess the casualty frequently for the onset of shock. Continually reassess and monitor!



SLIDE 15 – HYPOTHERMIA MANAGEMENT

Keep the casualty warm and prevent hypothermia. Even in very hot environments, a casualty suffering hemorrhagic shock from blood loss is at extreme risk for hypothermia.

Remember the active and passive means to warm and prevent hypothermia. Place a poncho or blanket under the casualty to protect them from the cold temperature or dampness of the ground. Cover the casualty with a survival blanket or other available materials to keep them warm and dry.



SLIDE 16 – SUMMARY

In summary, you should now be able to define shock, identify the indicators of shock, discuss prevention measures for shock, and discuss the management of shock. You should also understand that hypothermia can be caused by shock and can make it worse.

Remember, the two most important indicators of shock are mental confusion in the absence of a head injury and a weak or absent radial pulse. If the casualty is in shock or develops shock, refer them to medical personnel and evacuate as soon as possible.

Always continue to reassess and communicate with your casualty.

Document all findings and treatments on the Casualty Card.



SLIDE 17 – CHECK ON LEARNING

Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

What is shock?

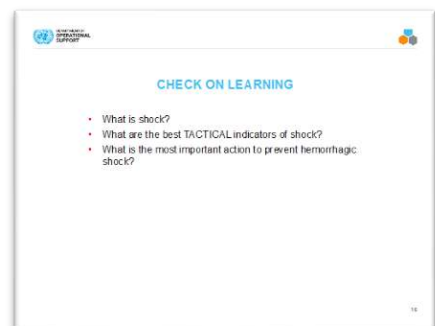
- Shock is inadequate blood flow and oxygen delivery to the body's cells, which leads to organ failure and death.

What are the best indicators of shock?

- Decreased state of consciousness (if casualty has not suffered a head injury) and/or an abnormal, weak, absent radial pulse.

What is the most important action to prevent hemorrhagic shock?

- Stop the bleeding



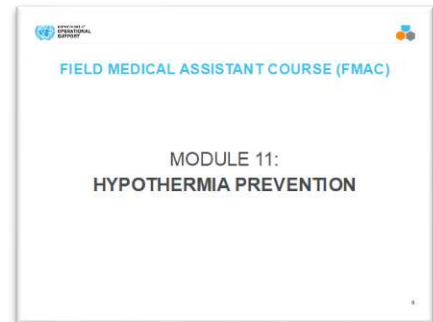
SLIDE 18 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 11

HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

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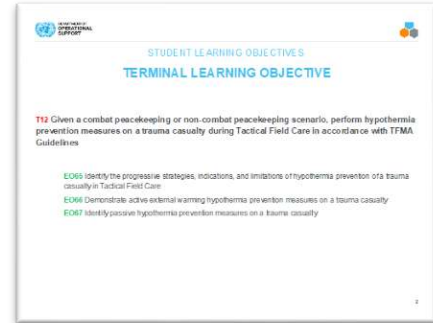


SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

The hypothermia module has two cognitive learning objectives and one performance learning objective. The cognitive learning objectives are to identify the progressive strategies, indications, and limitations of hypothermia prevention of a trauma casualty in Tactical Field Care, and to identify passive hypothermia prevention measures on a trauma casualty.

The performance learning objective is to demonstrate active external warming hypothermia prevention measures on a trauma casualty.

The critical aspects are to recognize that hypothermia will be a problem, know the possible steps to prevent and treat it, and then be able to perform the necessary skills to successfully prevent and/or treat a casualty who is hypothermic or who is at risk of hypothermia.



SLIDE 4 – MARCH PAWS

Hypothermia prevention and management is the “H” in the MARCH PAWS sequence, as are head injuries.

Remember, you are now in the Tactical Field Care phase of care, and so the focus has shifted from immediate life-threatening hemorrhage control while still under enemy fire in the Care Under Fire phase, to the reassessment of all previous interventions, followed by the prevention and treatment of other injuries and complications such as hypothermia.

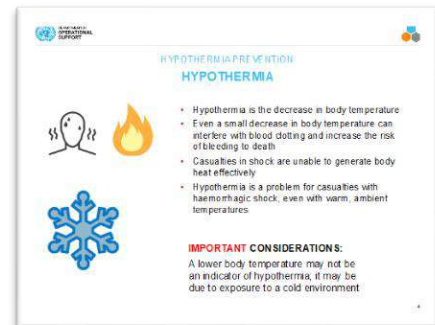


SLIDE 5 – HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia is the decrease in body temperature. Even a small decrease can interfere with blood clotting and increase the risk of bleeding to death.

Casualties in shock are unable to generate body heat effectively.

Hypothermia is a problem for casualties with hemorrhagic shock even with warm ambient temperatures, as hypothermia is not always a body temperature lower than normal due to exposure to a cold environment.



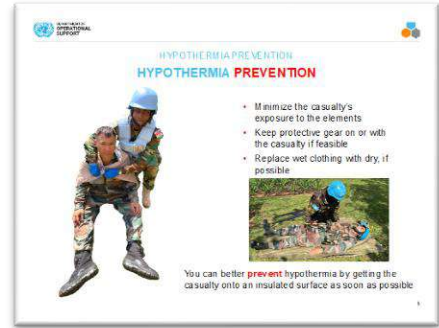
SLIDE 6 – HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION

Hypothermia prevention will decrease the effects of heat loss and decrease deaths from uncontrolled hemorrhage. Prevention of hypothermia should start as soon as possible after wounding.

If hypothermia **is not prevented**, the potential exists that the casualty may bleed to death from an otherwise survivable wounding. Blood loss can lead to hypothermia, so you must control bleeding and prevent hypothermia through passive or active measures.

The sooner hypothermia is prevented, **the less impact** it will have on bleeding and shock.

Casualties in shock are unable to generate body heat effectively. It is important to minimize the casualty's exposure to the elements. Wet clothes and helicopter evacuations increase body heat loss, so replace wet clothing with dry if possible. Get the casualty onto an insulated surface as soon as possible. Keep in mind temperature changes throughout the day into the night, altitude, wind, etc.

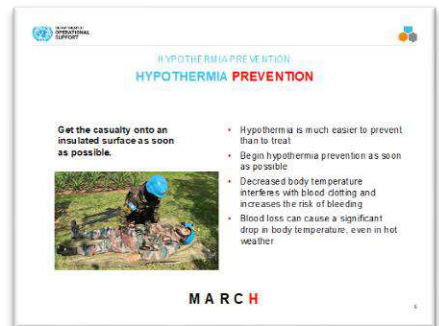


SLIDE 7 – HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION (CONT.)

Hypothermia is much easier to prevent than to treat! Begin hypothermia prevention as soon as possible. Decreased body temperature interferes with blood clotting and increases the risk of bleeding.

Blood loss can cause a significant drop in body temperature, even in hot weather.

You must be proactive, assume that every casualty will become hypothermic, and use all the techniques you will learn in this module to prevent it. If they are already hypothermic, then be even more aggressive and treat it as if the casualty's life depends on it.



SLIDE 8 – ACTIVE HYPOTHERMIA BLANKETS

Your medical personnel will distribute the active hypothermia blankets based on unit mission and load.

Active hypothermia blankets are activated when their heating elements are exposed to air, and can produce temperatures reaching **40°C for up to 8 hours**.

Active hypothermia blankets are applied to a casualty who cannot generate their own heat, but not directly on their skin, because the activated blankets can cause burns.

Continue to reassess to determine if additional methods are needed to prevent or treat hypothermia.



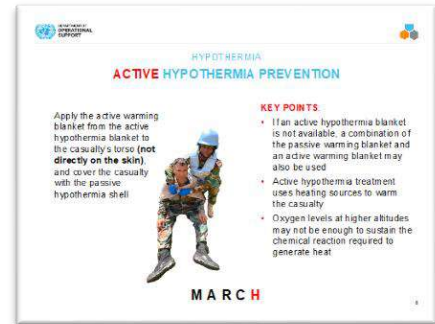
SLIDE 9 – ACTIVE HYPOTHERMIA MANAGEMENT

REMEMBER: Apply the active warming blanket from the active hypothermia materials to the casualty's torso, **not directly on the skin**, and cover the casualty with the passive hypothermia shell.

THE KEY POINTS ARE: 1) If an active hypothermia device is not available, a combination of the passive warming blanket and an active warming blanket may also be used. 2)

Active hypothermia treatment uses heating sources such as the ready-heat blanket to warm the casualty. This requires a chemical reaction with oxygen, so at higher altitudes there may not be enough oxygen to sustain the chemical reaction required to generate heat.

You must determine based on the environmental conditions whether your casualty needs both the outer shell and the heating blanket or whether it is sufficient to just keep them covered with the shell, because it is already hot outside.



SLIDE 10 – PASSIVE HYPOTHERMIA MATERIAL

Passive hypothermia blankets provide heating passively by keeping the casualty's body heat contained in the passive blanket, and keeping the casualty off the ground.

The heat reflective shell will help to retain the heat produced by the ready-heat blanket. It has an incorporated hood and Velcro closures down each side to allow exposure of an arm or a leg. Such exposure allows the medic to attend to IVs and TQs.

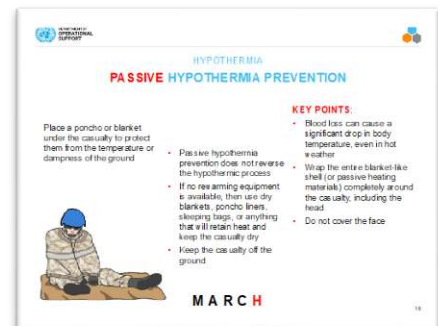


SLIDE 11 – PASSIVE HYPOTHERMIA MANAGEMENT

Passive hypothermia strategies will keep the casualty from getting colder, but essentially will not warm the casualty. Do not place the casualty on the cold/wet/damp ground; place a blanket or poncho underneath. **Passive hypothermia prevention WILL NOT reverse the hypothermic process.**

If no rewarming equipment is available, then use dry blankets, poncho liners, sleeping bags, or anything that will retain heat and keep the casualty dry, and keep the casualty off the ground.

Key points to remember are that blood loss can cause a significant drop in body temperature, even in hot weather. It is also important to wrap the entire blanket-like shell (or passive heating materials) completely around the casualty, including the head, but do not cover the face. Any exposed areas can lead to heat loss and worsening hypothermia.



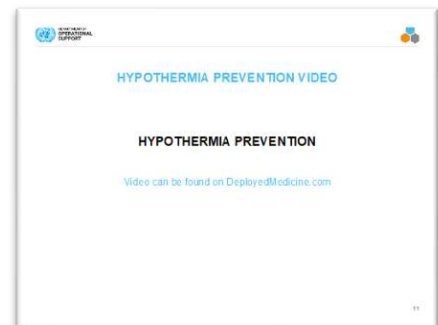
SLIDE 12 – HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION (VIDEO)

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Remember, hypothermia is not just about keeping the casualty warm; it may also save their life.

You must minimize exposure to the elements by keeping their protective gear on and keep them dry and on an insulated surface.

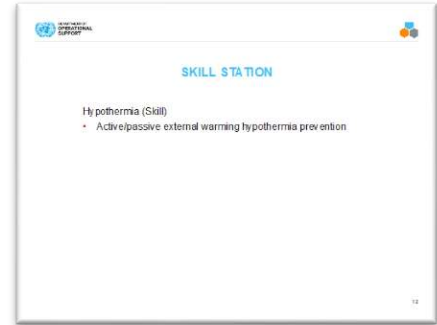
Use the ready-heat blanket and cover them with a heat-reflective shell if you have it. If you have nothing else, use anything that will retain heat and keep them dry.



SLIDE 13 – SKILL STATION

In the skills station we will practice the active and passive hypothermia prevention skills.

This will include the use of the passive hypothermia prevention with the blanket-like shell and the use of an active warming blanket. Alternatives will also be discussed and demonstrated in case active heating blankets are not available.



SLIDE 14 – SUMMARY

In summary, you should now be able to define hypothermia and discuss active and passive hypothermia prevention and management.

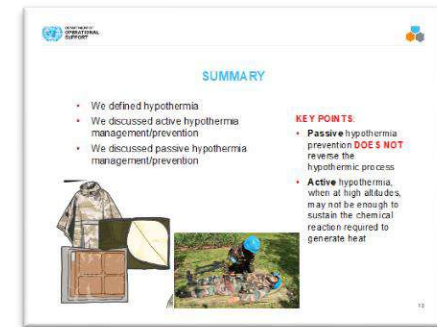
Passive hypothermia prevention includes using ponchos and keeping them off the ground, but it **DOES NOT** reverse the hypothermic process.

Active hypothermia, such as warming blankets, may still not be enough to sustain the chemical reaction required to generate heat when at high altitudes.

Hypothermia is not about it being cold outside, but about not letting the casualty get cold, as even a small decrease in body temperature can worsen bleeding and lead to death.

You will have to decide which active and passive warming measures to use depending on the situation. Warm environments might not require as much active warming as colder environments. The active blankets should not be placed directly on the skin as they can cause burns. Don't forget that transport, particularly in aircraft, can lessen the effectiveness of all the hypothermia measures.

Above all else, remember that hypothermia is easier to prevent than treat, so don't let your casualty get cold!

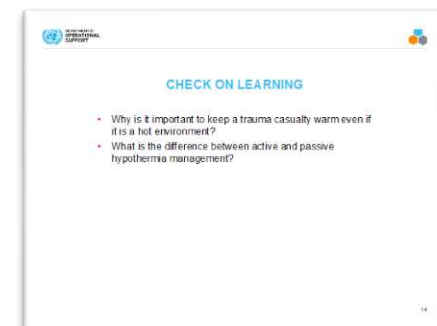


SLIDE 15 – CHECK ON LEARNING

Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

1. Why is it important to keep a trauma casualty warm even in a hot environment?
 - Even a small decrease in body temperature can interfere with blood clotting and increase the risk of bleeding to death.
 - Casualties in shock are unable to generate body heat effectively.
2. What is the difference between active and passive hypothermia management?
 - Active hypothermia treatment uses heating sources to warm the casualty.



SLIDE 16 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 12

HEAD INJURIES

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

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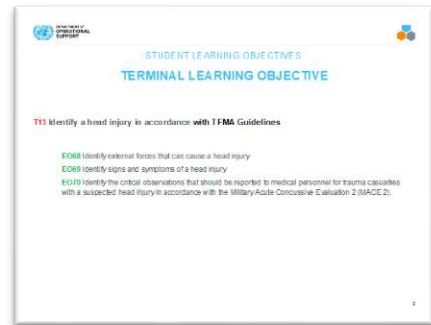
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SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

The head injuries model has **three cognitive learning objectives**. These learning objectives are to identify the external forces that can cause a head injury, identify the signs and symptoms of a head injury, and identify the critical observations that should be reported to medical personnel for trauma casualties with a suspected head injury, in accordance with the Military Acute Concussive Evaluation 2.

The critical aspects are to be able to recognize whether a head injury has possibly occurred, know what signs or symptoms to look for, and then collect key information that will help medical personnel evaluate and treat a casualty with a head injury.



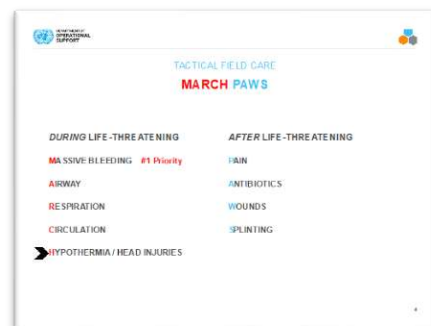
SLIDE 4 – THREE PHASES OF UN TCCC

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SLIDE 5 – MARCH PAWS

Head injuries are the “H” in the MARCH PAWS sequence as head Injuries.

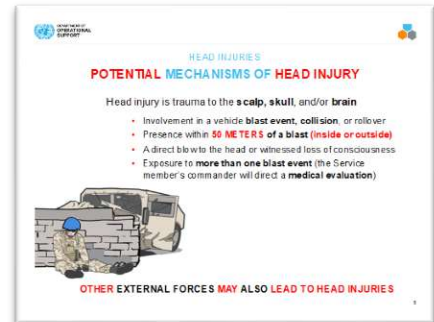


SLIDE 6 – POTENTIAL MECHANISMS OF HEAD INJURY

Head injury is trauma to the **SCALP, SKULL, and/or BRAIN**.

- Head injury can be caused by:
- Involvement in a vehicle blast event, collision, or rollover
- Presence within 50 METERS of a blast (inside or outside)
- A direct blow to the head or a witnessed loss of consciousness
- Exposure to more than one blast event. In these cases, the UN member's commander will direct a medical evaluation if deemed necessary.

Other external forces may also lead to head injuries.



SLIDE 7 – SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF HEAD INJURY

The IED checklist is an important tool for gathering information and identifying signs and symptoms of a head injury.

I stands for **Injury**, and refers to physical damage to the body or body part of a UN member.

E stands for **Evaluation**, and includes the acronym HEADS, which asks if the casualty has any of the following:

H – Headaches and/or vomiting?

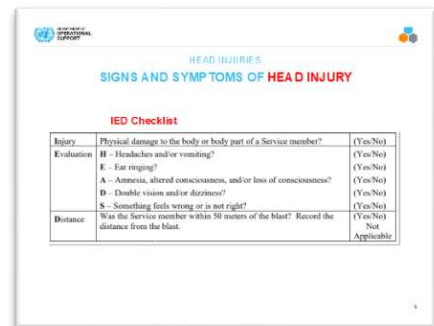
E – Ear ringing?

A – Amnesia, altered consciousness, and/or loss of consciousness?

D – Double vision and/or dizziness?

S – Something feels wrong or is not right?

D stands for **Distance**, and asks whether the UN member was within 50 meters of the blast. It is also important to record the approximate distance from the blast.



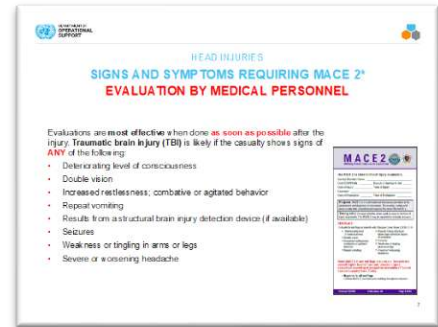
SLIDE 8 – SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS THAT REQUIRE MACE 2 EVALUATION BY MEDICAL PERSONNEL

It is important to identify the critical observations that should be reported to medical personnel for trauma casualties with a suspected head injury, in accordance with the Military Acute Concussive Evaluation 2 (MACE 2).

Evaluations are most effective when done as soon as possible after the injury. Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is likely if the casualty shows signs of **ANY** of the following:

- A deteriorating level of consciousness
- Double vision
- Increased restlessness; combative or agitated behavior
- Repeated vomiting
- Results from a structural brain injury detection device (if available)
- Seizures
- Weakness or tingling in the arms or legs
- Severe or worsening headache

If any of these signs or symptoms are present, report them immediately upon arrival of medical personnel.



SLIDE 9 – SUMMARY

In summary, you should now be able to define what constitutes a head injury, understand its mechanisms of injury, know how to use the IED checklist to identify the signs and symptoms of head injury, and be able to identify the critical observations that require immediate reporting to higher medical personnel.

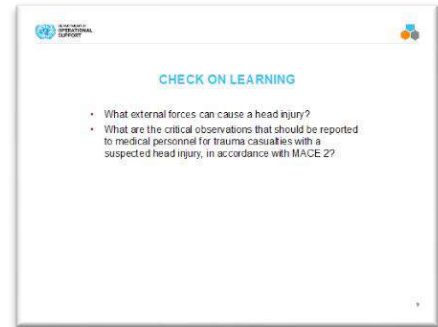


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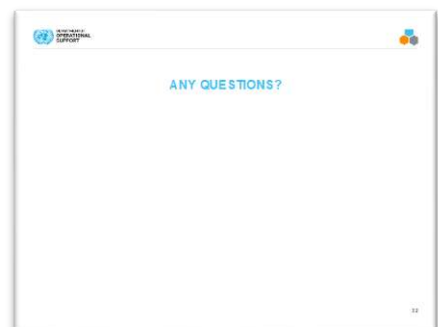
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SLIDE 11 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 13

EYE INJURIES

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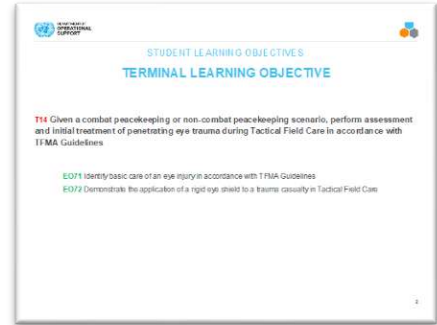


SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

The eye injury module has **one cognitive learning objective and one performance learning**.

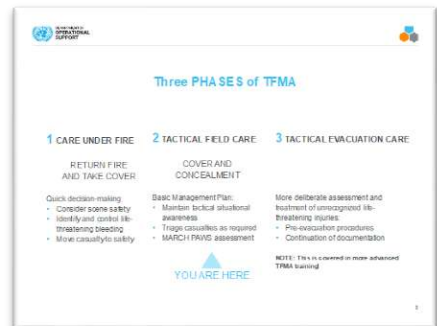
The cognitive learning objective is to identify the basic care of an eye injury, and the performance learning objective is to demonstrate the application of a rigid eye shield to a trauma casualty.

The critical aspects are to recognize eye injuries and the steps to treat them, and then to place a rigid eye shield on a trauma casualty.



SLIDE 4 – THREE PHASES OF UN TCCC

Remember, you are now in the Tactical Field Care phase of care, and so the focus has shifted from immediate life-threatening hemorrhage control while still under enemy fire in the Care Under Fire phase, to the reassessment of all previous interventions, followed by the prevention and treatment of other injuries and complications such as head and eye injuries.



SLIDE 5 – MARCH PAWS

Eye injuries are part of the “H” in the MARCH PAWS sequence, as they can be considered head injuries.

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SLIDE 6 – EYE INJURIES OVERVIEW (VIDEO)

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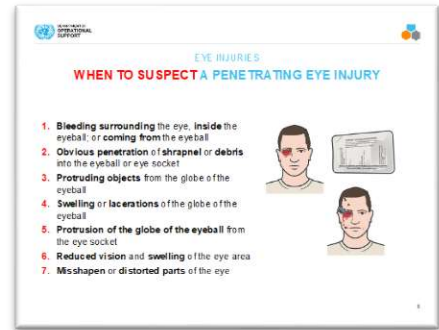


SLIDE 7 – WHEN TO SUSPECT A PENETRATING EYE INJURY

Eyesight is one of our most important senses. Damage to an eye can be irreversible if not treated correctly as early as possible.

The following signs should make you suspect a penetrating eye injury:

1. Bleeding surrounding the eye, inside the eyeball, or coming from the eyeball
2. Obvious penetration of shrapnel or debris into the eyeball or eye socket
3. Protruding objects from the globe of the eyeball
4. Swelling or lacerations of the globe of the eyeball
5. Protrusion of the globe of the eyeball from the eye socket
6. Reduced vision and swelling of the eye area
7. Misshapen or distorted parts of the eye from normal



SLIDE 8 – IF PENETRATING EYE INJURY IS NOTED OR SUSPECTED

If a penetrating eye injury is noted or suspected, three steps must be taken:

1. Perform a rapid field test of visual acuity and document findings

Rapid visual acuity testing includes the ability to read print, count fingers, identify hand motion, and sense light perception.

2. Cover the affected eye with a rigid eye shield, **NOT a pressure patch**

A pressure dressing could result in permanent loss of vision. Place a rigid eye shield on only one eye, unless both eyes are injured. Covering both eyes turns an otherwise ambulatory casualty into a litter casualty. Tactical eyewear is always a good way to prevent eye issues and can be used for protection if no eye shield is available.

Remember: Document all findings and treatments on the Casualty Card.



SLIDE 9 – PROTECTING THE EYE

Protect the eye with a SHIELD, not a patch.

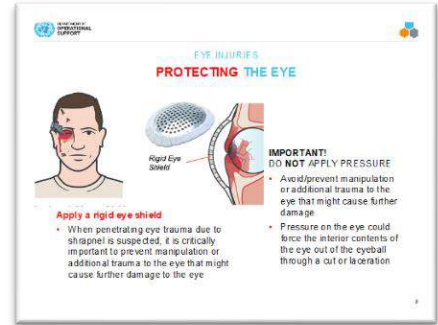
A rigid shield will protect the eye from pressure. Avoid/prevent manipulation or additional trauma to the eye that might cause further damage.

Pressure could force the interior contents of the eye to come out of the eyeball.

Pressure dressings are not part of the care of an eye injured in combat and may result in an avoidable permanent loss of vision.

For protruding or impaled objects extending past the eye shield, cut a hole in it to allow the object to fit through, and secure it in place.

If the eye shield cannot be applied around the impaled object, then use an improvised eye shield to avoid pressure on the eye.



SLIDE 10 – APPLYING THE RIGID EYE SHIELD

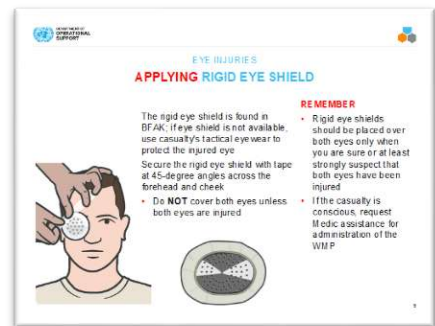
When penetrating eye trauma due to shrapnel is suspected, it is critically important to prevent manipulation or additional trauma to the eye that might cause further damage to the eye.

This is accomplished by taping a rigid shield over the eye. **DO NOT apply pressure to the eye.**

Secure the rigid eye shield with tape at **45-degree** angles across the forehead and cheek.

Rigid eye shields should be placed over both eyes only when you are sure or at least strongly suspect that both eyes have been injured. When only one eye has been injured, do not place a shield over the uninjured eye to prevent eye movement. Movement has not been shown to worsen the outcome for the injured eye. Blindness, resulting from placing eye shields over both eyes unnecessarily, makes an otherwise ambulatory casualty a litter casualty and is psychologically stressful.

If no rigid eye shield is available, **tactical eyewear** may be used to protect the eyes from further trauma.



SLIDE 11 – DOCUMENT TREATMENT

Document all assessments and treatment on the Casualty Card.
Be sure to include any medications administered and the time administered.



SLIDE 12 – APPLYING THE RIGID EYE SHIELD

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SLIDE 13 – SKILL STATION

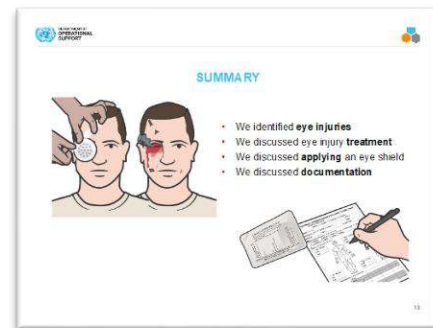
At this time we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- Rigid Eye Shield



SLIDE 14 – SUMMARY

In this module, we discussed basic care of an eye injury. We addressed how to recognize an eye injury, steps to treat it, application of a rigid eye shield to a trauma casualty, and proper documentation.

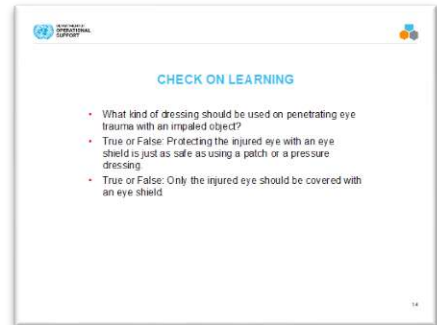


SLIDE 15 – CHECK ON LEARNING

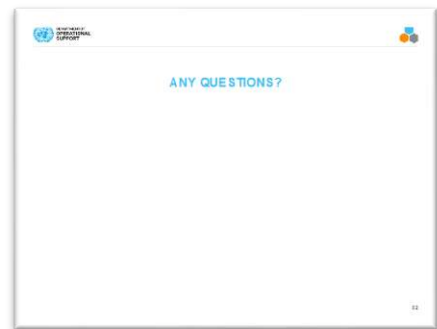
Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

1. What kind of dressing should be used on penetrating eye trauma with an impaled object?
 - For protruding/impaled objects extending past the eye shield, cut a hole in it to allow the object to fit through. If you cannot cut the eye shield, place a bulky dressing around the penetrating object.
2. True or False: Protecting the injured eye with an eye shield is just as safe as using a patch or a pressure dressing?
 - False
3. True or False: Only the injured eye should be covered with an eye shield?
 - True



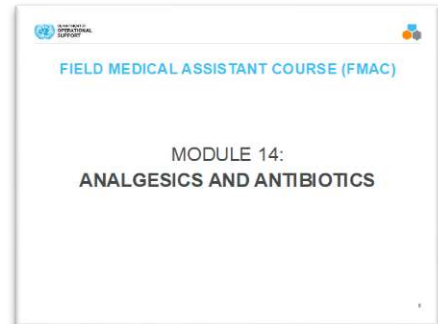
SLIDE 16 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 14

ANALGESIA AND ANTIBIOTIC ADMINISTRATION

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

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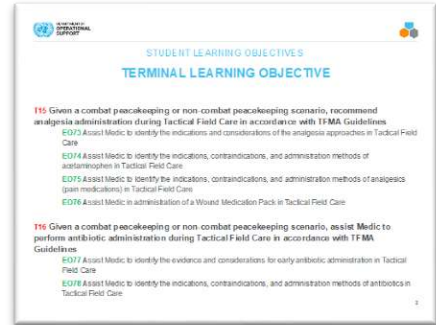
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SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

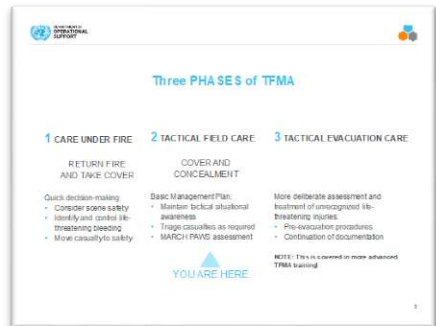
The Wound Medication Pack (WMP) module has four cognitive learning objectives and one performance learning objective. The cognitive learning objectives are to identify the indications, contraindications, and administration methods of acetaminophen, analgesics, and antibiotics in Tactical Field Care (TFC), the indications and considerations of the analgesia approaches, and the evidence and considerations for early antibiotic administration. The performance learning objective is to demonstrate the administration of a combat wound medication pack to a trauma casualty.

The critical aspects are to recognize when analgesia or antibiotic administration is indicated, whether the casualty can take the WMP, when to administer the WMP, and then to demonstrate how the WMP is administered to a trauma casualty.



SLIDE 4 – THREE PHASES OF UN TCCC

Remember, you are now in the TFC phase of care, so the focus has shifted from immediate life-threatening hemorrhage control while still under enemy fire in the Care Under Fire (CUF) phase, to the reassessment of all previous interventions, followed by the prevention and treatment of other injuries and complications, including the use of the combat wound medication pack, if indicated.



SLIDE 5 – MARCH PAWS

Wound Medication Pack is both the “P” (pain) and the “A” (antibiotics) in the MARCH PAWS sequence.

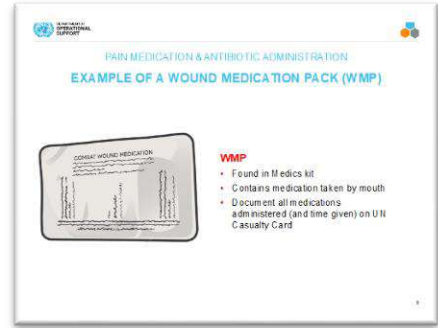


SLIDE 6 – EXAMPLE OF A WOUND MEDICATION PACK (WMP)

The WMP is a prepackaged pill pack containing UN TCCC recommend medications for use in casualty care. The WMP can be found in the Medic's Kit.

Contains medication taken by mouth

Document all medications administered (and time given) on UN Casualty Card



SLIDE 7 – WMP PAIN MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The WMP contains the following components:

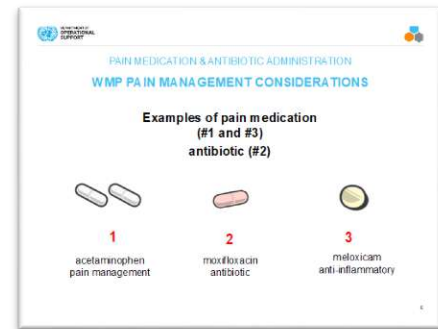
1. Two 650mg caplets of acetaminophen (total 1,300mg) in extended-release form
2. One 400mg tablet of moxifloxacin
3. One 15mg tablet of meloxicam

Each of the three medications in these dosages is contained in a blister pack.

Note: The popular nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen, naproxen, and aspirin interfere with platelet function and blood clotting and can significantly increase the risk of bleeding in combat casualties.

Tylenol and meloxicam do not alter platelet function and are safe and effective for use in combat casualties.

Meloxicam does not alter platelet function and is the preferred NSAID for personnel who may see combat in the next 7–10 days.



SLIDE 8 – ANALGESIA ADMINISTRATION VIDEO

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ANALGESIA ADMINISTRATION - FMA may ONLY assist a Medic

Remember other methods of pain control:

Splinting

Wound dressing

Burn covering

Distraction and reassurance



SLIDE 9 – ANTIBIOTICS OVERVIEW VIDEO

Play video

ANTIBIOTIC ADMINISTRATION - FMA may ONLY assist a Medic



SLIDE 10 – WOUND MEDICATION PACK

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The WMP is found in the Medic's Kit. It contains the medications for pain and antibiotics that can be taken by mouth.

Take the WMP as soon as possible after life-threatening conditions have been addressed.

Document all medications administered and time given on the Cas Card.

Pain is common with battlefield injuries. Some injuries and levels of pain can be treated safely by using pain medications (also known as analgesics) in the WMP. These include fractures, burns, and eye injuries.

For pain relief on the battlefield of **mild to moderate** pain that will not keep the casualty out of the fight, ensure they take their WMP. The casualty should take **all three medications** in the WMP. This can give significant pain relief and will not alter the casualty's mental status. This is a good option when the casualty's pain and wounds are not severe enough to keep them out of the fight.

NOTE: If the casualty has wounds or pain severe enough to render them unable to fight, then medical personnel have other options for more effective pain relief. Giving these meds will generally require that the casualty be disarmed because the meds can alter the casualty's mental status.



SLIDE 11 – WHEN TO ASSIST THE MEDIC TO GIVE WMP

GIVE the WMP when the casualty:

- Is **conscious** and able to swallow?
- Has **mild to moderate** pain?
- Is still **able to fight** if needed?
- Has any **penetrating wounds** or break of the skin?

DON'T GIVE if the casualty:

- Is **unable** to swallow or take oral meds, such as when the casualty is unconscious or has severe facial trauma or burns
- Has known **allergies** to the medications

If the casualty is **unconscious**, refer them to medical personnel as soon as possible.

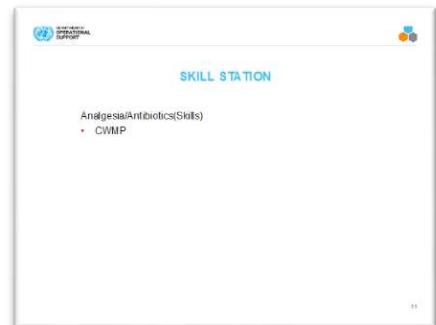
Note: If the casualty has a break in the skin in a traumatic injury, they should take the WMP. Otherwise, consult with medical personnel before giving it.



SLIDE 12 – SKILL STATION

At this time we will break into skill stations to practice the following skill:

- Wound Medication Pack



SLIDE 13 – SUMMARY

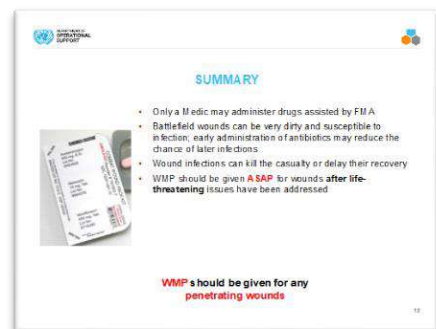
Only a Medic may administer drugs assisted by FMA

Battlefield wounds are often dirty and susceptible to infection. Early administration of antibiotics from the WMP may reduce the chance of later infections.

Wound infections can kill the casualty or delay their recovery.

The WMP should be given **ASAP** for wounds after **life-threatening** issues have been addressed.

Remember: The WMP should be given for any penetrating wounds.

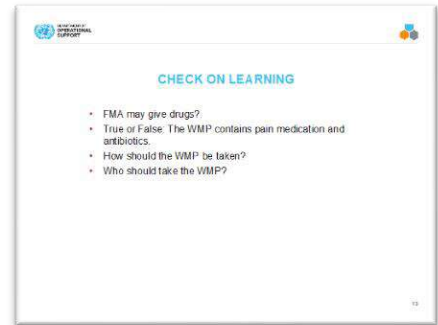


SLIDE 14 – CHECK ON LEARNING

Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

1. FMA may give drugs?
 - False
2. True or False – The WMP contains pain medication and antibiotics.
 - True
3. How should the WMP be taken?
 - The entire WMP should be taken orally.
4. Who should take the WMP?
 - Casualties who have a break in the skin and/or are in pain



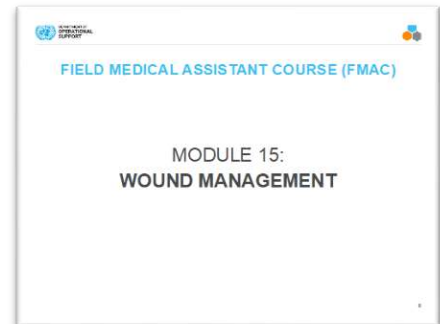
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MODULE 15

WOUND MANAGEMENT

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

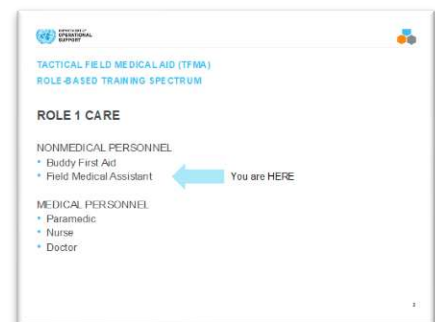
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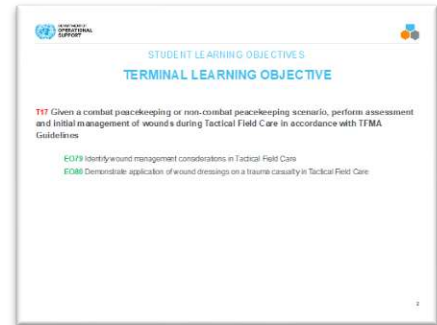
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SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

The wound management module has **one cognitive learning objective** and **one performance learning objective**. The cognitive learning objective is to identify wound management considerations, and the performance learning objective is to demonstrate application of wound dressings on a trauma casualty.

The critical aspects are to recognize non-life-threatening wounds, know the steps to treat them and when in the treatment sequence they should be addressed, and then to demonstrate how to apply wound dressings to those injuries.



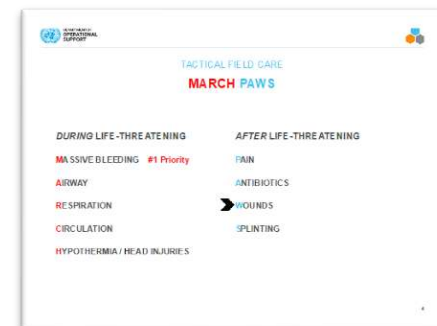
SLIDE 4 – THREE PHASES OF UN TCCC

Remember, you are now in the Tactical Field Care phase of care, so the focus has shifted from immediate life-threatening hemorrhage control while still under enemy fire in the Care Under Fire phase, to the reassessment of all previous interventions, followed by the prevention and treatment of other injuries and complications such as wound management.



SLIDE 5 – MARCH PAWS

Wound management is the “W” in the MARCH PAWS sequence.

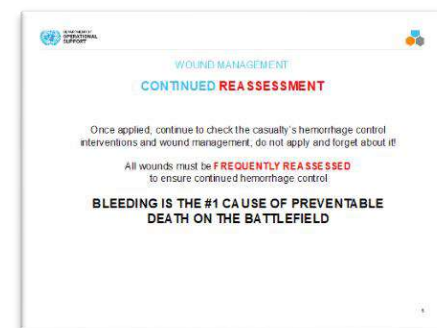


SLIDE 6 – CONTINUED REASSESSMENT

Once the casualty’s hemorrhage has been **controlled**, continue to check control interventions and wound management. All wounds must be **FREQUENTLY REASSESSED** to ensure continued hemorrhage control.

DO NOT EVER APPLY IT AND FORGET IT!

REMEMBER: BLEEDING IS THE #1 CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATHS ON THE BATTLEFIELD.



SLIDE 7 – CONFIRM ALL WOUNDS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR

Confirm **all wounds** have been addressed.

Reassess for re-bleeding under gauze or bandages to ensure bleeding is controlled.

Look for blood flowing around or under TQs, bandages, and dressings.

If the bleeding has not been controlled, tighten the tourniquet or pressure bandage for that wound if possible, and redress any wounds as necessary.

Also, check other wounds to make sure that:

- Fractures are splinted
- All wounds are wrapped
- Eye injuries are shielded
- Open chest wounds are accounted for



SLIDE 8 – TREAT FOR RE-BLEEDING

Always monitor wounds, and **FREQUENTLY REASSESS** to ensure hemorrhage has been controlled.

Pack any wounds that **continue to bleed** with new hemostatic dressing.

Once the dressing has been applied with pressure for **3 minutes**, carefully observe for blood continuing to flow from under the gauze to determine if bleeding has been controlled.

Once you are sure the bleeding has stopped, apply a new pressure bandage over the hemostatic dressing.

ALWAYS REASSESS TREATMENT to make sure bleeding remains controlled.



SLIDE 9 – DRESSINGS AND BANDAGES FOR MINOR WOUNDS

Dress any previously **untreated wounds** by applying (or packing) gauze with direct pressure.

Non-life-threatening bleeding usually does not need a hemostatic dressing.

If no dressings or gauze are available, use a clean, dry cloth, such as torn clothing or cravats.

Minor wounds include minor lacerations and abrasions, such as road rash.

Other wounds that may need to be dressed include major wounds that are no longer bleeding, such as:



- Amputation stumps
- Gunshot wounds that required a tourniquet
- Major lacerations
- Shrapnel wounds, possibly with shrapnel still in place
- Impaled objects

SLIDE 10 – REASSESS APPLIED BANDAGES

Continuously reassess all applied pressure bandages for:

- Increased pain
- Skin color
- Loss of the pulse

If any of these develop, it might indicate an emergency!

In this case, ensure the applied bandage isn't too tight, and loosen it as needed while keeping the bleeding controlled.

Most importantly, **DO NOT EVER APPLY IT AND FORGET IT!**



SLIDE 11 – SKILL STATION

At this time we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- Wound dressing



SLIDE 12 – SUMMARY

In this module, we addressed key considerations in wound management and the application of wound dressings on a trauma casualty. We discussed how to recognize non-life-threatening wounds, what steps to take to treat them, when in the treatment sequence they should be addressed, and how to apply wound dressings to those injuries.

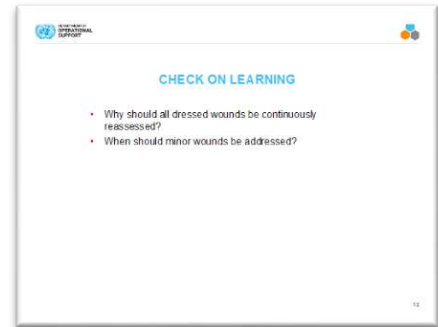


SLIDE 13 – CHECK ON LEARNING

Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

1. Why should all dressed wounds be continuously reassessed?
 - To ensure continued hemorrhage control
2. When should minor wounds be addressed?
 - During the “Wounds” portion of the MARCH PAWS sequence



SLIDE 14 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 16

BURN TREATMENT

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

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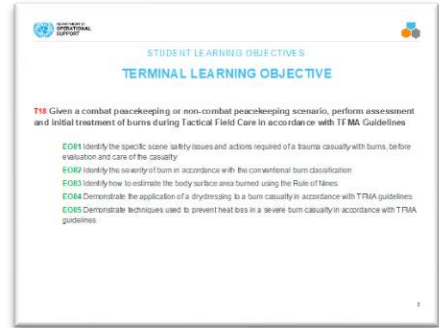
SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

The burn module has **three cognitive learning objectives** and two performance learning objectives.

The cognitive learning objectives are to identify the scene safety issues associated with burn scenarios and any actions required to secure the scene, identify the severity of the burns, and estimate the percentage of the body surface involved in the burn.

The performance learning objectives are to demonstrate how to apply a burn dressing and techniques to prevent heat loss (hypothermia) in a burn trauma casualty.

The critical aspects are to recognize safety concerns in burn scenarios, know the types of burns by severity and know how to estimate body surface area affected by a burn, and then to apply burn dressing(s) and perform the necessary skills to successfully prevent heat loss (hypothermia) in a burn trauma casualty.



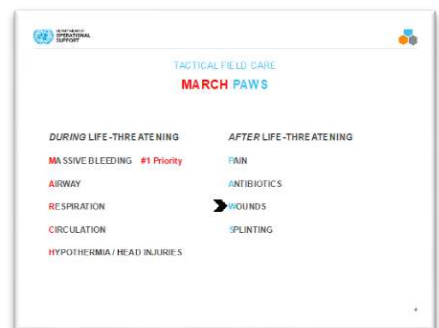
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SLIDE 5 – MARCH PAWS

Burns are part of the “**W**” in the MARCH PAWS sequence which stands for wounds.



SLIDE 6 – FOLLOW MARCH PAWS

A burned casualty is still a **trauma casualty**.

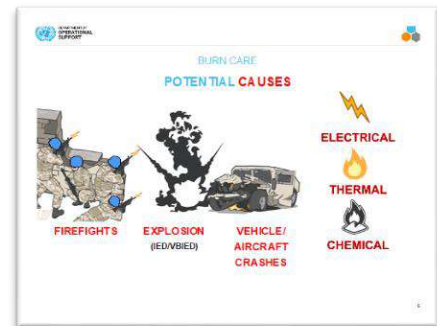
You **must** address all other **life-threatening injuries** using the MARCH PAWS sequence first.

Remember, all trauma treatments can be performed on or through burned skin.



SLIDE 7 – POTENTIAL CAUSES

Burns can happen during firefights, explosions, or vehicle or aircraft crashes, or from exposure to electrical, thermal, or chemical events.



SLIDE 8 – ELECTRICAL

In an electrical injury, the **first thing** to do is to secure the power, if possible.

Otherwise, remove the casualty from the electrical source using a **nonconductive object**, such as a wooden stick. Then, move the casualty to a safe place.



SLIDE 9 – THERMAL

In a thermal injury, such as flames and flashes, the first step is to **stop the source of the burning**.

This may entail smothering the flames or removing the casualty from the heat source, but always remember to protect yourself from getting burned while doing this.

Then, to assess and manage the burn, cut the clothing from around the burned area and gently lift it away. If the clothing is stuck to the burn, **cut around the edges** of the clothing that has adhered to the skin and leave it in place. **Do not pull it off** the burn. Let medical personnel address removal of any remaining/attached materials when they assume care of the casualty.



Be sure to avoid grabbing or further damaging burned areas by manipulating them during casualty movements.

SLIDE 10 – CHEMICAL

Chemical burns can be caused by many different types of chemicals present in vehicles, machinery, and even some weapons.

An example of a chemical weapon is **white phosphorus**. It is commonly found in tank, mortar, and artillery rounds.

To prevent continued burning from the chemical, **submerge the affected area in water**, if possible.

If submersion is not possible, the dressing must be wet, which can be done by applying a wet barrier, such as water-soaked gauze, clothing, or mud, and covering with an occlusive dressing. Submersing the affected area removes the oxygen supply that causes the burning. Advise medical personnel immediately in the case of a chemical burn.



SLIDE 11 – BURNS OVERVIEW (VIDEO)

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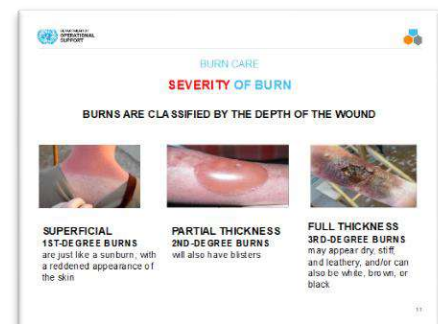
SLIDE 12 – SEVERITY OF BURN

Burns range in severity. Here are visuals to help identify the severity of the burn, based on its depth.

Superficial, or **first-degree burns**, will appear reddened like a sunburn.

Partial thickness, or **second-degree burns**, will also appear reddened but may also have blisters.

Full thickness, or **third-degree burns**, will be dry, stiff, leathery, and variable in color.



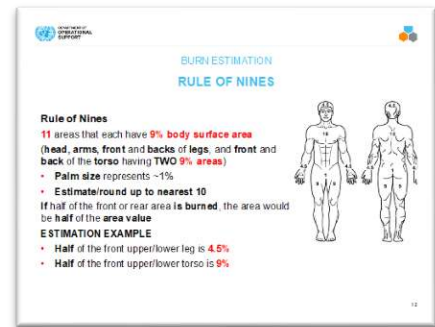
SLIDE 13 – RULE OF NINES

On the Casualty Card the percentage of coverage on the casualty's body will need to be documented. The Rule of Nines will help with the estimation. The graphic here shows the approximation for each area of the body:

Eleven areas each have 9% body surface area (head, arms, front and back of legs, and front and back of the torso having two 9% areas each).

General guidelines are that the size of the palm of the hand represents approximately 1% of the burned area. When estimating, it is easiest to round up to the nearest 10. If half of the front or rear area is burned, the area would be half of the area value.

For example, if half of the front upper leg or front lower leg is burned, it would be half of 9%, or 4.5%. If half of the front torso is burned, say either the upper or lower part of the front torso, then it would be half of 18%, or 9%. Remember, the higher the percentage burned, the higher the chance for hypothermia.



SLIDE 14 – BURN CARE

All UN TCCC procedures can be performed on or through burned skin in a burn casualty.

Remove all watches and jewelry from the burned area so they don't cause constriction when swelling occurs.

Cover the burned area with a dry, sterile dressing, if possible. For **white phosphorus** only, cover the area with a wet dressing.

REMEMBER: Treat the casualty first, not the burn.



SLIDE 15 – BURN CARE + HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION

Be mindful of burns along with massive bleeding.
Ensure bleeding is controlled.

Burn patients are particularly susceptible to hypothermia. Extra emphasis should be placed on barrier heat loss prevention methods. Keep casualties **off the ground** and onto an insulated surface as soon as possible.

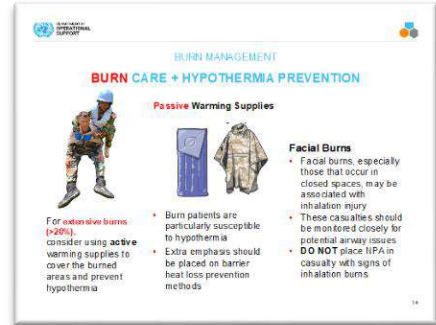
For **extensive burns**, those with **>20%** of the area burned, consider placing the casualty in the Heat Reflective Shield (HRS) to cover the burned areas and prevent hypothermia.

Regardless of ambient temperature in the environment, actively prevent/manage hypothermia for burn patients using these methods.

Facial burns, especially those that occur in closed spaces, may be associated with inhalation injury. These casualties should be monitored closely for potential airway issues. **DO NOT** place an NPA in a casualty with signs of inhalation burns. Notify medical personnel as soon as possible if an inhalation injury is suspected.

Analgesia may be administered to treat burn pain. Antibiotic therapy is not indicated solely for burns but should be given to prevent infection in penetrating wounds.

Be mindful of warm weather and cool weather interventions. The addition of blood loss can cause the body's temperature to drop even when it is hot outside. Never cover a tourniquet; keep it visible so medical personnel can easily see it.



SLIDE 16 – SKILL STATION

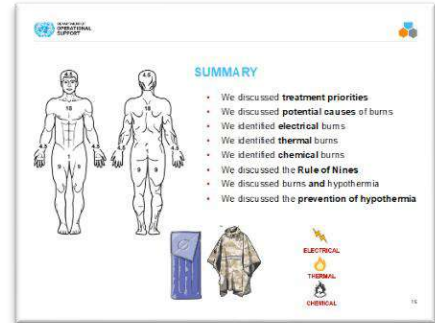
At this time, we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- Burn dressing



SLIDE 17 – SUMMARY

In this module, we discussed burn care. We identified the safety concerns in burn scenarios and actions required to secure the scene. We addressed how to know the types of burns by severity and how to estimate the body surface area affected by a burn. We also demonstrated application of a burn dressing and techniques to prevent heat loss in a burn trauma casualty.

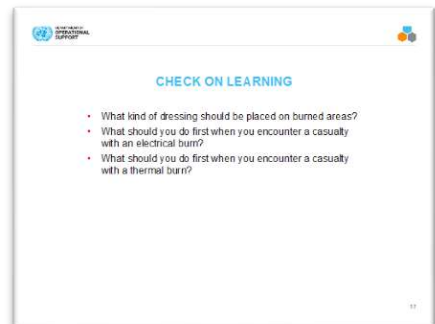


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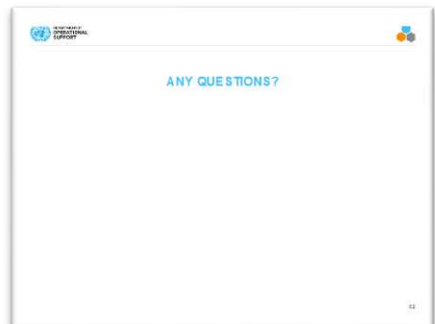
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Now for a check on learning.

1. What kind of dressing should be placed on burned areas?
 - A dry sterile dressing
2. What should you do first when you encounter a casualty with an electrical burn?
 - Secure the power, if possible; otherwise, remove the casualty from the electrical source using a nonconductive object, such as a wooden stick.
3. What should you do first when you encounter a casualty with a thermal burn?
 - Stop the source of the burn



SLIDE 19 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 17

FRACTURES

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

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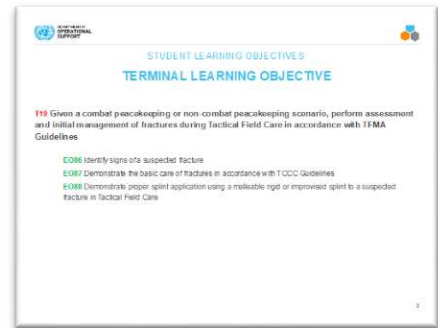


SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

The fractures model has one cognitive learning objective and two performance learning objectives.

The cognitive learning objective is to identify the signs of a suspected fracture, and the performance learning objectives are to demonstrate the basic care of fractures and proper splint application using a malleable rigid or improvised splint to a suspected fracture on a trauma casualty.

The critical aspects are to recognize fractures and how to treat them, and then to perform the necessary skills to successfully care for a fracture in a trauma casualty by applying an appropriate splint.



SLIDE 4 – THREE PHASES OF TCCC

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SLIDE 5 – MARCH PAWS

Fractures are the “S” in the MARCH PAWS sequence, which stands for splinting.



SLIDE 6 – ASSESS FOR A FRACTURE

Fractures can be **open** or **closed**.

Closed fractures have no open wound (break in skin).

Open fractures have an open wound of the skin, sometimes with protruding bone, and this type of fracture is a major threat for serious infection.

The warning signs of a fracture are:

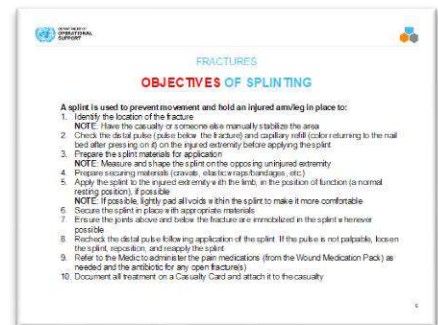
- Significant pain and swelling
- An audible or perceived “snap”
- Different length or shape of the casualty’s limb
- Loss of pulse or sensation in the injured arm or leg
- Crepitus, which is hearing a crackling or popping sound under the skin when the area is moved



SLIDE 7 – OBJECTIVES OF SPLINTING

Splints are used to prevent movement and hold an injured arm or leg in place:

1. Identify the location of the fracture.
NOTE: Have the casualty or someone else manually stabilize the area.
2. 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.
3. Prepare the splint materials for application.
NOTE: Measure and shape the splint on the opposing uninjured extremity.
4. Prepare securing materials (cravats, elastic wraps/bandages, etc.)
5. 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 voids within the splint to make it more comfortable.
6. Secure the splint in place with appropriate materials.
7. Ensure the joints above and below the fracture are immobilized in the splint whenever possible.
8. Recheck the distal pulse after applying the splint. If the pulse is not palpable, loosen the splint, reposition, and reapply the splint.
9. Document all treatment on a Casualty Card and attach it to the casualty.



Remember, if a wound is present near a fracture, it must be properly dressed before the splint is applied.

SLIDE 8 – PRINCIPLES OF SPLINTING

Splinting can be accomplished with rigid or malleable materials found in the BFAK/ UNTP or improvised.

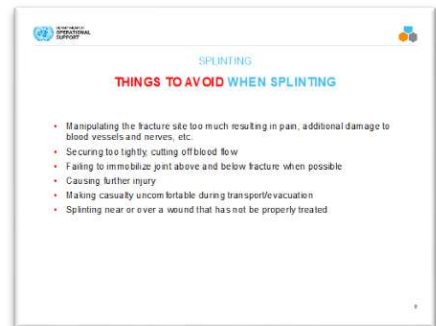
The joint above and below the fracture site should be immobilized with the splint.

It is critical to check pulses distal to the fracture before and after splinting.



SLIDE 9 – THINGS TO AVOID WHEN SPLINTING

- Manipulating the fracture site too much, resulting in pain, additional damage to blood vessels and nerves, etc.
- Securing too tightly and cutting off blood flow
- Failing to immobilize the joint above and below the fracture when possible
- Causing further injury
- Making the casualty uncomfortable during transport/evacuation
- Splinting near or over a wound that has not been properly treated



SLIDE 10 – GUIDELINES FOR LEG SPLINTS

Be mindful of cravat placement. Do not apply a cravat on the fracture site, as the pressure from the cravat could cause additional injury to the fracture site.

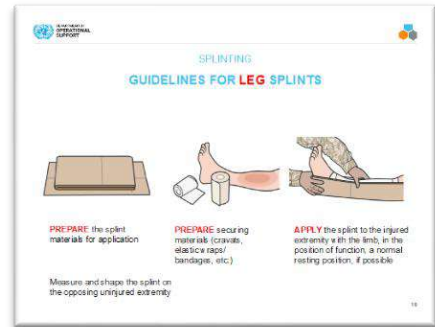
Do not place the ends of the splint against the groin, as this could interfere with blood circulation. Use extra padding for joints or sensitive areas, such as the groin.

First, Identify the location of the fracture. Then, before applying the splint, CHECK the distal pulse, which is the pulse below the fracture. Also, CHECK capillary refill on the injured extremity. This can be done by seeing the color returning to the nail bed after pressing on it.



SLIDE 11 – GUIDELINES FOR LEG SPLINTS (CONTINUED)

APPLY the splint to the injured extremity with the limb in the position of function or a normal resting position if possible.



SLIDE 12 – GUIDELINES FOR LEG SPLINTS (CONTINUED)

SECURE the splint in place with appropriate materials.

ENSURE the joints above and below the fracture are immobilized in the splint whenever possible.

RECHECK the distal pulse after applying the splint.

Watch for signs of poor circulation, including coolness, numbness, or lack of a pulse. Ensure the ends of the rigid objects are not interfering with blood circulation.

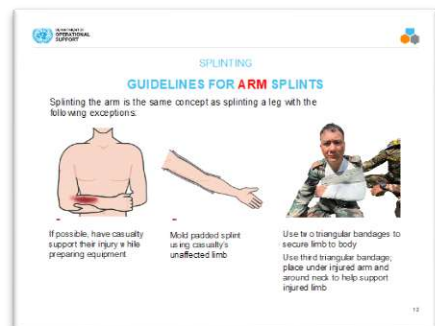
If there are any signs of poor circulation, loosen the splint, reposition, and reapply.



SLIDE 13 – GUIDELINES FOR ARM SPLINTS

Movement or manipulation of a fractured extremity results in increased pain:

- If possible, have the casualty support their injured arm while preparing the equipment
- Mold the padded splint using the casualty's unaffected limb to avoid unnecessary manipulation
- Use triangular bandages to immobilize the fracture and secure the limb to the body to minimize unnecessary movement during transport.



SLIDE 14 – GUIDELINES FOR ARM SPLINTS (CONTINUED)

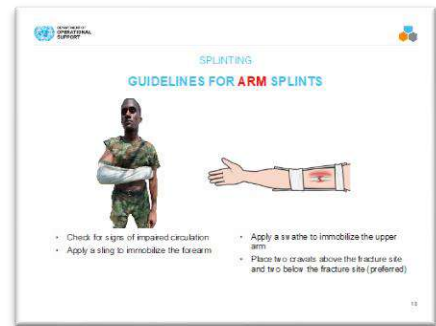
Place the rigid objects so that one is on each side of the injured arm or forearm.

When possible, position the rigid objects so that the joint above the fracture and the joint below the fracture will be immobilized.

Apply padding between the arm and the splints.

Secure the splints with cravats, strips of cloth, or other securing materials.

If possible, place two cravats above the fracture site and two below the fracture site.



SLIDE 15 – SPLINTING AN ARM (VIDEO)

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SLIDE 16 – SKILL STATION

At this time, we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- Splinting



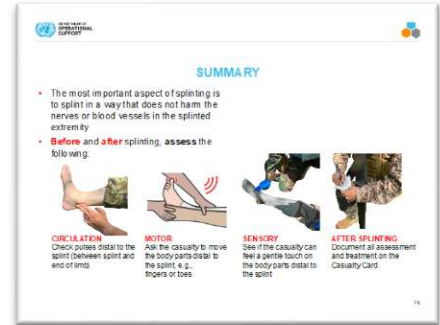
SLIDE 17 – SUMMARY

The most important aspect of splinting is to splint in a way that does not harm the nerves or blood vessels in the splinted extremity.

Before and after splinting, assess the following:

1. **Circulation:** check the pulses distal to the splint (between the splint and the end of the arm or leg).
2. **Motor:** ask the casualty to move the body parts distal to the splint, e.g., the fingers or toes.
3. **Sensory:** see if the casualty can feel a gentle touch on the body parts distal to the splint.

After splinting, make sure to document all assessment and treatment on the Casualty Card.

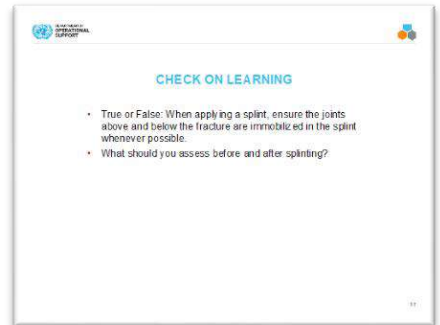


SLIDE 18 – CHECK ON LEARNING

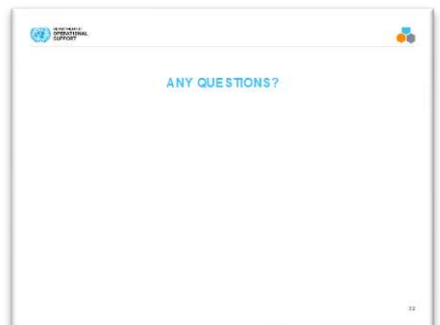
Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

1. True or False: When applying a splint, ensure the joints above and below the fracture are immobilized in the splint whenever possible.
 - True
2. What should you assess before and after splinting?
 - Circulation – pulse check
 - Motor – movement
 - Sensory – feeling



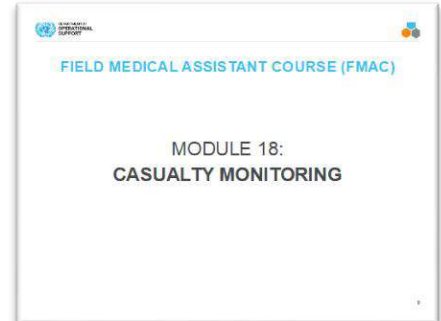
SLIDE 19 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 18

CASUALTY MONITORING

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

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SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

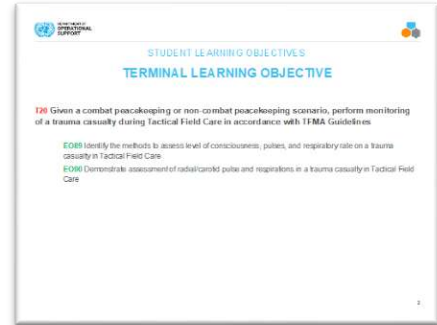
The casualty monitoring module has **one cognitive learning objective** and **one performance learning objective**.

The cognitive learning objective is to identify the methods to assess level of consciousness, pulses, and respiratory rate of a trauma casualty.

The performance learning objective is to demonstrate the assessment of radial and/or carotid pulse and respirations in a trauma casualty.

The critical aspects are to recognize when and how to monitor a trauma casualty, and then to perform the necessary skills to assess the pulse rate, respiratory rate, and level of consciousness of the casualty.

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SLIDE 5 – ASSESSMENT USING MARCH PAWS

After your initial casualty assessment and performing any treatments that were indicated, continue to monitor your casualty and reassess their status **every 5 to 10 minutes** until you have handed off the casualty to medical personnel.

During your reassessments, follow the same MARCH PAWS process to guide your assessment, starting with reassessing and massive bleeding issues/interventions, and then looking at their airway status.



SLIDE 6 – ASSESSMENT USING MARCH PAWS (CONTINUED)

Next, evaluate for any changes in respiratory status, look for any signs or symptoms of shock, and check for ongoing issues with hypothermia or head injuries by monitoring the casualty’s respiratory rate, pulses, and level of consciousness.



SLIDE 7 – LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS

The level of consciousness is best expressed by addressing the casualty’s response using the AVPU acronym as a guide.

AVPU stands for:

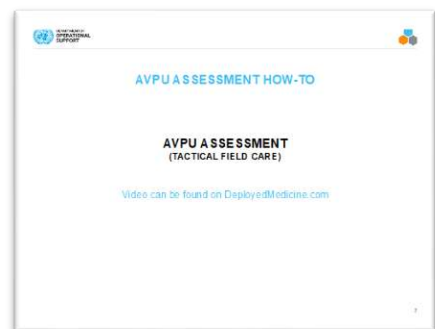
- Alert
- Verbal
- Pain
- Unconscious

A casualty who is awake and conversing with you appropriately is “alert.” If they are not fully alert and appropriate, but can still respond to your verbal commands (like asking them to raise their hand or move their toes), they are “verbal.” If they do not respond to verbal commands, but respond to pain when performing assessments/procedures or withdraw from you when you rub their breastbone with your knuckles, they are “pain.” And if they do not respond to painful stimuli, then they are “unconscious.” Documenting the timing on any AVPU assessments and any changes in status helps medical personnel better understand the casualty’s situation.



SLIDE 8 – AVPU ASSESSMENT HOW-TO

Play video.



SLIDE 9 – CHECKING PULSE

Play video.

Assessing a casualty's circulation status is done by checking for pulses.

Depending on the casualty and their injuries, you can check the casualty's pulse at either the carotid artery (neck) or radial artery (wrist).

You should use your index and/or middle fingers, **NOT your thumb**, to check pulses.

The absence of a radial pulse is an indication that the casualty is in shock.

Document pulse rates and locations, with the time taken, on the Casualty Card.



SLIDE 10 – CHECKING RESPIRATIONS

Another sign to monitor is the casualty's respiratory status. This involves checking the rate and the quality of the respirations.

By **looking, listening, and feeling** for breaths on your cheek, you can determine the respiratory rate (documented in number of breaths/minute) and the respiratory effort – shallow breaths, difficulties moving air in and out, loss of air movement on one side of the chest, etc.

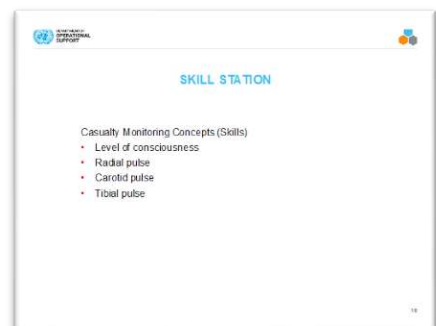
Document the rate, respiratory effort, and time you assessed them on the Casualty Card.

If the casualty's respiratory status begins to change, reassess their status using the same approach you used in the tactical trauma assessment. You may need to insert a nasopharyngeal airway, place a chest seal, or perform a needle decompression of the chest if a tension pneumothorax is present.



SLIDE 11 – SKILL STATION

During the skill station, you'll have the chance to practice checking pulses and respiratory rates on one another, and documenting them on a Casualty Card.



SLIDE 12 – SUMMARY

There are videos on checking AVPU status, performing pulse checks, and measuring the respiratory rate for additional information.

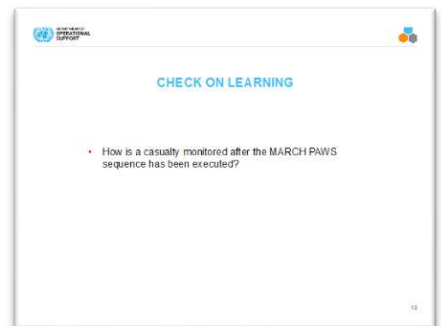


SLIDE 13 – CHECK ON LEARNING

Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

1. How is a casualty monitored after the MARCH PAWS sequence has been executed?
 - Monitor for changes in level of consciousness
 - Monitor pulse
 - Monitor respiratory distress
 - Reassess all previous interventions



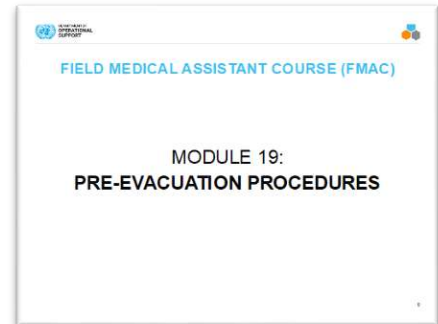
SLIDE 14 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 19

PRE-EVACUATION PROCEDURES, COMMUNICATION, AND DOCUMENTATION

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

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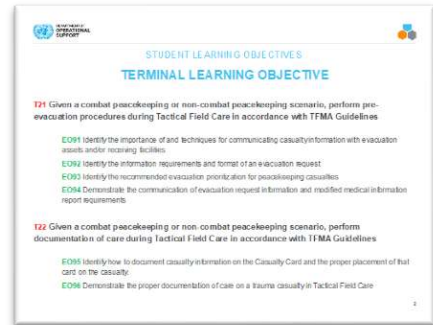
SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

The pre-evacuation procedures module has **four cognitive learning objectives** and **two performance learning objectives**.

The cognitive learning objectives are to identify the importance of and techniques for communicating casualty information, identify the information requirements and format of an evacuation request (4- line), identify the recommended evacuation prioritization for combat casualties, and identify how to document casualty information on the Cas card.

The performance learning objectives are to demonstrate the communication of evacuation request information and modified medical information report and demonstrate the proper documentation of care on a trauma casualty.

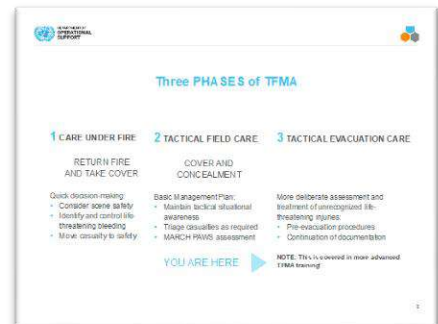
The critical aspects are to understand the importance of communication and know the information requirements for evacuation prioritization, evacuation requests, and casualty care documentation. Also, it is necessary to demonstrate the skills needed to successfully document casualty care and communicate an evacuation request.



SLIDE 4 – THREE PHASES OF UN TCCC

Pre-evacuation procedures bridge both Tactical Field Care (TFC) and Tactical Evacuation Care.

Immediate life-threatening hemorrhage control followed by the prevention and treatment of other injuries and complications have all been completed before most pre-evacuation procedures are initiated, although some of the communication and documentation may be ongoing during the TFC phase.



SLIDE 5 – COMMUNICATION

Communicate with the casualty **throughout care**.

Being physically wounded may generate significant anxiety and fear above and beyond the psychological trauma of combat.

Talk frankly with the casualty about their injuries. Offer reassurance by describing the treatments being rendered. Emphasize that everything possible is being done on their behalf and that they will be well taken care of. These steps will help to counter their anxiety.

Be honest about the injuries sustained but maintain a positive attitude about rescue and treatment. Talking with the casualty helps assess their mental status, while talking through procedures helps maintain your own confidence and the casualty's confidence in you.



Communicate **with tactical leadership ASAP** and throughout casualty treatment. Tactical leadership needs to understand the impact to the mission.

For example, tactical leadership may need to know:

- How many casualties were inflicted?
- Who is down as a casualty?
- Can the casualty still fight?
- Has the enemy threat been eliminated?
- Are weapons systems down or fields of fire not covered because the unit has taken casualties?
- Is it necessary to have others fill in the casualties' fighting positions or to move the casualties?

Communicate with the evacuation coordination cell to arrange for CASEVAC. Communicate with medical providers about details of the casualty's injuries. This includes 4-line communication and ongoing **MIST** reports.

Medical leadership may need to know:

- What injuries were sustained
- The mental and physical status of each casualty
- Treatments rendered and treatments needed
- Does the medic need to triage multiple casualties?
- Should the medic move to a casualty, or should the casualty be moved to the medic?
- Does the unit need to break out litters or extraction equipment?

SLIDE 6 – COMMUNICATE RELEVANT CASUALTY DATA

Medical documentation may be difficult to accomplish in tactical prehospital settings, but it is important to the casualty's **subsequent care** that every effort be made to document the care provided by first responders and medics throughout the trauma care continuum, from point of wounding/injury to definitive care at the hospital.

Communication is also important, as the injured casualty may impact the success of the mission or change the tactical landscape.

A **Casualty Card** is provided in each Buddy First Aid Kit (BFAK). Based on the principles of UN TCCC, the card provides an easy way to document initial lifesaving care provided at the point of wounding. The card also serves as a prompt to remind first responders of the assessment and treatment steps of the MARCH sequence.

The Casualty Card is relatively self-explanatory, but there might be some acronyms or sections that are intuitive to someone who hasn't filled one out before. So, we'll watch this video on the subject to familiarize ourselves with the form, and then we'll practice filling one out with each casualty as we go through the rest of the skills training. This information about the casualty informs the medical evacuation request and can be collected simultaneously with the other required information.



MIST stands for **Mechanism of injury, Injuries, Signs and Symptoms and Treatment**. MIST reporting has become a norm in operational theaters. The MIST transmits medical information to the receiving treatment facility and to the evacuation platform. A MIST report conveys additional evacuation information that may be required by theater commanders.

MIST information helps the receiving medical treatment facility better prepare for specific inbound casualties. Transitioning casualty care to another medical team is best accomplished with an oral discussion of the casualty's status, along with the written documentation on the Casualty Card. But in cases where an oral hand-off isn't a viable option, the written information may be the only way receiving medical personnel will know what you have done to help the casualty and what the next steps should be to provide the best care going forward.

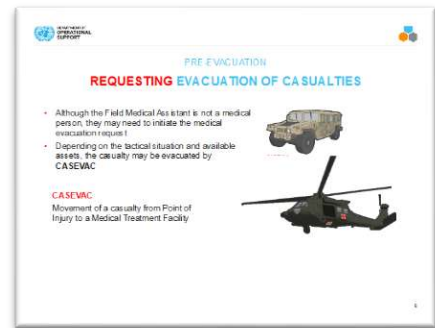
SLIDE 7 – REQUESTING EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES

Every UN member should **be able to initiate** a medical evacuation request.

Depending on the situation, transport will be dispatched **Casualty Evacuation (CASEVAC)**

Bespoke medical evacuation platforms are marked with a **red cross** and **cannot** be used for nonmedical missions.

Communicate with the evacuation system to arrange for CASEVAC. Communicate with medical providers on the evacuation asset if possible and relay mechanism of injury, injuries sustained, signs/symptoms, and treatments rendered. Provide additional information as appropriate.



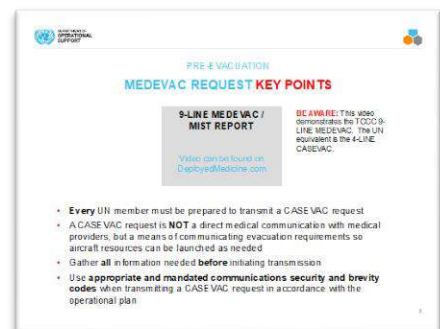
SLIDE 8 – MEDEVAC REQUEST KEY POINTS

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Before initiating an evacuation, collect all of the information you will need, and when calling in, be sure to follow all appropriate communication protocols and guidance.

Remember that when you request a medical evacuation, you aren't directly coordinating with medical providers, but are explaining your evacuation requirements with someone who coordinates air asset movements.

Although they still require some general information about the status of the casualty, much of the information that they need to coordinate evacuation is not clinical and relates to logistical and operational issues.



SLIDE 9 – 4-LINE: CASEVAC REQUEST LINES 1–4

The standard CASEVAC request has **4 lines**.

Using a **phonetic alphabet** and following your unit's normal communications procedures, call in your grid location, your radio frequency and call sign, the number of casualties that you have by precedence, litters, and how many will be ambulatory.

PRE-EVACUATION
4-LINE: CASEVAC REQUEST LINES 1-4

(4 Line Format)

UN CASEVAC 4-LINE ALERT MESSAGE				
LINE	INFO	PRECEDENCE	DESCRIPTION	ALERT
1	LOCATION AND CALL SIGN	PRECEDENCE	DESCRIPTION	A
		GRID GRID REFERENCE		B
		CALL SIGN OF RESIDENT SITE COMMANDER		C
2	INCIDENT DETAILS	WHAT HAS HAPPENED? (Shooting, Road accident, Explosive etc)		D
		HOW MANY CASUALTIES ARE THERE?		E
3	ACTIONS BEING TAKEN AT SCENE	TREATMENT BEING GIVEN AND PREPARATIONS FOR EVACUATION		
4	RESOURCES REQUIRED AT SCENE TO TREAT AND EVACUATE PATIENT	GROUND AMBULANCE, AIR EVACUATION, AMBT		

SLIDE 10 – SKILL STATION

At this time, we will break into skill stations to practice the following skills:

- 4-Line and MIST Report

PRE-EVACUATION
SKILL STATION

Communication and Documentation (Skills)

- 4-Line & MIST Report

SLIDE 11 – CASUALTY CATEGORIES

PRE-EVACUATION
CASUALTY CATEGORIES

Ground medical personnel will determine EVAC categories of casualties

EXAMPLES:

URGENT	URGENT SURGICAL	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	CONVENIENCE
<2 hours to save life, limb, or eyesight	<2 hours to nearest surgical unit	<4 hours or could deteriorate to urgent	<24 hours	Not a medical necessity
Tourniquet Controlled haemorrhage Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)	Needle Decompression of the Chest (NDC) Craniocystostomy Major internal bleeding Massive head trauma	Compensated shock Broken arm with loss of distal pulse 2nd-degree burns to a large portion of the abdomen or extremities	Abrasions Cardiac arrest Small fractures Possible 2nd-3rd degree burns >70% of body surface area (BSA)	Used for administrative purposes for casualty (reviewed)

SLIDE 12 – OVER-CATEGORIZATION

It is important to **accurately categorize casualties** for CASEVAC to ensure that the limited evacuation resources are used as efficiently as possible.

Over-categorization is a tendency to categorize a wound or injury as being more severe than it actually is. This has been and is currently a problem on the battlefield.

Proper categorization helps triage casualties in the order of greatest need and avoid sending evacuation assets to a casualty who has less severe injuries while a more seriously injured casualty has a delayed evacuation.

PRE-EVACUATION
OVER-CATEGORIZATION

OVER-CATEGORIZATION: the tendency to classify a wound or injury as being more severe than it actually is

Historically **AND** currently problematic.

Proper casualty categorization is needed to ensure that those casualties in greatest need are evacuated first and receive the care required to help ensure their **survival**.

Casualties will be picked up **as soon as possible**, consistent with available resources and pending missions:

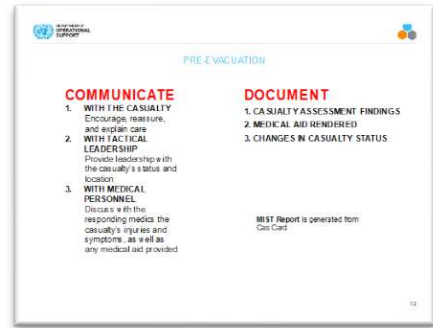
- Urgent -<2 hours to save life, limb, or eyesight
- Urgent Surgical -<2 hours to nearest surgical unit
- Priority -<4 hours or could deteriorate to urgent
- Routine -<24 hours
- Convenience: not a medical necessity

SLIDE 13 – COMMUNICATE AND DOCUMENT

In summary, during the TFC phase, we must continue to communicate with the casualty and with tactical leadership, and to initiate evacuation.

Every member of the unit must be prepared to perform any of these communication requirements.

It is **important** that all UN TCCC actions and information are documented for each casualty so that the next provider in the continuum of casualty care knows what interventions have been performed, including tourniquet times, medications administered, etc.



SLIDE 14 – SKILL STATION

During the skill station for this module you will all be given a scenario that requires you to fill out a Casualty Card, documenting the casualty's injuries and treatment.

Afterwards, using this information and additional information from the scenario, you will need to prepare a MIST report and then call in a 4-line CASEVAC request.



SLIDE 15 – SUMMARY

In this module we highlighted the importance of and techniques for communicating casualty information. We demonstrated how to communicate evacuation request information and a modified medical information report along with how to properly document care on a trauma casualty. We discussed the information requirements and format of an evacuation request (4-line), the recommended evacuation prioritization for combat casualties, and documentation of casualty information on the Casualty Card.

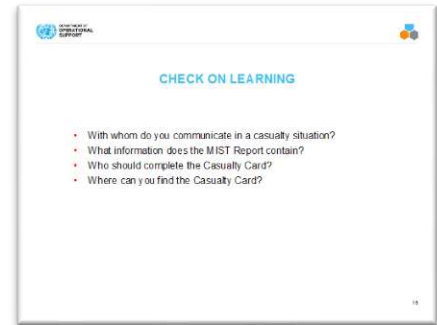


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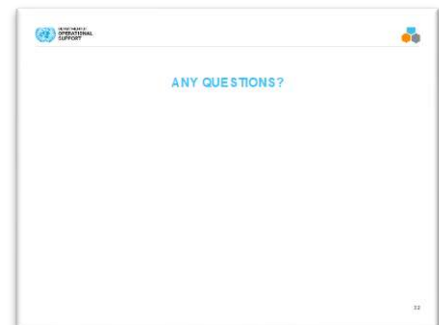
Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

Now for a check on learning.

1. With whom do you communicate in a casualty situation?
 - The casualty
 - The tactical leader
 - Medical personnel upon arrival
2. What information does the MIST report contain?
 - Mechanism of injury
 - Injuries
 - Symptoms
 - Treatment
3. Who should complete the Casualty Card?
 - The card should be filled out by whomever provides care to the casualty.
4. Where can you find the Casualty Card?
 - In the casualty's BFAK



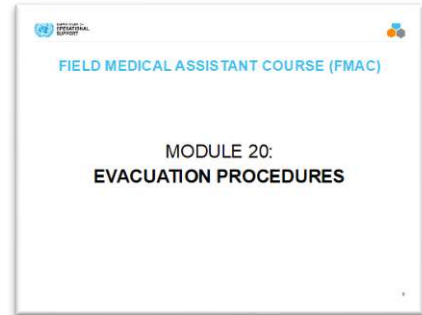
SLIDE 17 – QUESTIONS



MODULE 20

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

SLIDE 1 – TITLE SLIDE



SLIDE 2 – UN TCCC ROLES

UN Tactical Combat Casualty Care is broken up into two roles of care. The most basic taught is the UN Buddy First Aid Course (BFAC), which is designed to instruct in the absolute basics of hemorrhage control and to recognize more serious injuries.

You are in the Field Medical Assistant (FMA) role. This teaches you more advanced care to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, and to recognize, prevent, and communicate with medical personnel the life-threatening complications of these injuries.

The Combat Medic role includes much more advanced and invasive care requiring significantly more medical knowledge and skills.

Finally, the last role, is Medical Professionals such as Paramedics, Nurses and Doctors, to provide the most sophisticated care to keep our wounded warriors alive and get them to definitive care.

Your role as a FMA is to treat the most common causes of death on the battlefield, which are massive hemorrhage and airway/respiratory problems. Also, you are given the skills to prevent complications and treat other associated but not immediately life-threatening injuries.



SLIDE 3 – TLO/ELO

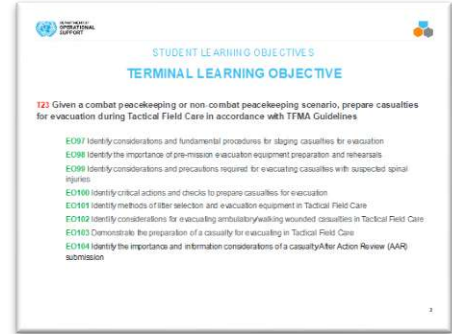
The evacuation procedures module has **seven cognitive learning objectives** and **one performance learning objectives**.

The cognitive learning objectives are to identify considerations and fundamental procedures for staging casualties, identify the importance of pre-mission evacuation equipment preparation, identify considerations and precautions required for evacuating casualties with suspected spinal injuries, identify critical actions and checks to prepare casualties for evacuation, identify methods of litter selection and evacuation equipment, identify considerations for evacuating ambulatory/walking wounded casualties and identify the importance and information considerations of a casualty After Action Review (AAR) submission.

The performance learning objective is to demonstrate the preparation of a casualty for evacuating in Tactical Field Care.

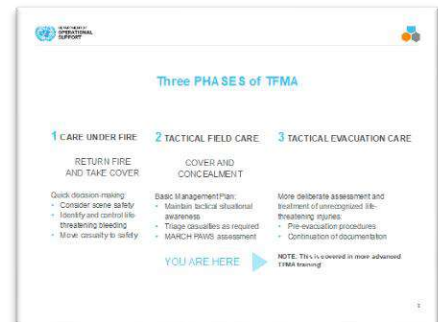
The critical aspects are to be able to recognize considerations for staging casualties, prepare equipment and litters for evacuation, prepare casualties for evacuation including suspected spinal injuries and ambulatory casualties, and understand the information needed in a casualty after-action report.

Additionally, it is important to be able to perform the necessary skills in order to prepare a casualty for evacuation.



SLIDE 4 – THREE PHASES OF UN TCCC

Evacuation procedures are part of the Casualty Evacuation (CASEVAC) phase, after immediate life-threatening hemorrhage control followed by the prevention and treatment of other injuries and complications have already been addressed.



SLIDE 5 – IMPORTANT ACTIONS (IN THIS MODULE)

Along with **requesting medical evacuation**, several actions must be taken to better prepare the casualty for evacuation.

These include **securing the casualty's weapons and equipment** in accordance with unit standard operating procedure (SOP) or mission requirements, selecting a litter that meets the casualty's needs and mission profile, preparing any



equipment that might need to go with the casualty during their evacuation, and then actually preparing the casualty for evacuation.

SLIDE 6 – SECURE CASUALTY’S EQUIPMENT

Casualties are often unable to secure their own weapons because of the nature of their injuries or an altered mental status, and it is important to secure their weapon and equipment in accordance with unit SOP or mission requirements.

The weapon should be evacuated with the casualty. Be sure to **clear it** and render it safe when preparing for movement.

DO NOT evacuate **explosives** with the casualty.

Keep in mind that the medical personnel receiving the casualty may not be familiar with the equipment or have a way of securing it.



SLIDE 7 – EVAC EQUIPMENT

Essential evacuation equipment (e.g., litters, packaging materials, Bag Valve Masks) should be prepared by other unit personnel while treatment continues, coordinating with the casualty treatment team to save time.

For example, other unit members can prepare litters while treatment is being provided.

Do not delay getting casualties onto litters. You can better prevent hypothermia by getting casualties off the ground.



SLIDE 8 – LITTERS

Casualty movement in TFC may be better accomplished using litters due to the tactical situation and the need to move casualties rapidly. The litter exists only to facilitate casualty movement, and the casualty can be placed in the best position that facilitates their care and comfort.

Casualties **DO NOT** have to be placed on their backs on a litter.

It is easier to move them if they're already on litter however, they must be secured to the litter before movement.

Litters are also usually better for moving casualties' long distances.



All unit members should know how to **open** and **set up** litters and rehearse their use during pre-mission training.

All unit members should know who will carry litters and/or where litters are located on vehicles.

SLIDE 9 – LITTER SELECTION

Selecting the proper litter is dependent on several different factors – 1) the evacuation platform, 2) the terrain at the location of pick-up, 3) the casualty's injuries, and 4) the availability of different types of litters.

For example, two of the more common litters often used are the quad-folding litter and lightweight flexible stretchers (like the Skedco).

Each of them has **advantages** and **disadvantages**, and may be the proper litter depending on the situation.

For example, the flexible litters can be moved using a one-person drag (terrain permitting) but are more difficult to carry longer distances than a quad-folding litter.

Each unit will have litters that have been proven to support **their mission profile**, and it is important to be aware of the limitations and advantages of each litter at your disposal before being deployed in a situation where you will require them.



SLIDE 10 – PACKAGE THE CASUALTY

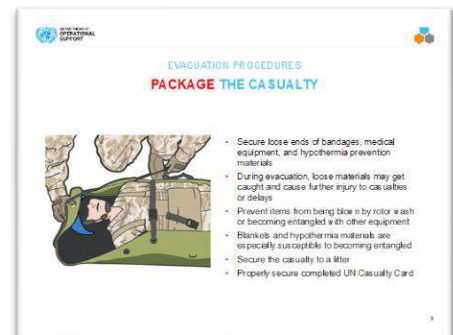
Remember, when preparing a casualty for evacuation, you need to anticipate the environmental factors that could prevent them from remaining stable, like extreme noises, vibrations, high winds from propeller wash, and exposure to cold environments from either altitude or low ambient temperatures.

Develop a plan to mitigate each of those potential threats when preparing your casualty.

Secure all loose ends of bandages, medical equipment, and hypothermia prevention materials.

You need to **prevent** dressings and other medical items from being blown around by rotor wash or becoming entangled with other equipment.

Loose materials can catch on everything, from tree limbs to body armor of litter bearers to parts of aircraft or vehicles. Any snag like this can cause delays in evacuation or even further injury to patients or providers. Blankets and foil-based hypothermia materials are especially susceptible to being caught in the wind.



Package the casualty. Hypothermia prevention equipment should be tucked and secured beneath the casualty and litter straps. Loose edges can be caught up in wind or rotor wash or snagged on objects in the helicopter as the casualty is loaded aboard.

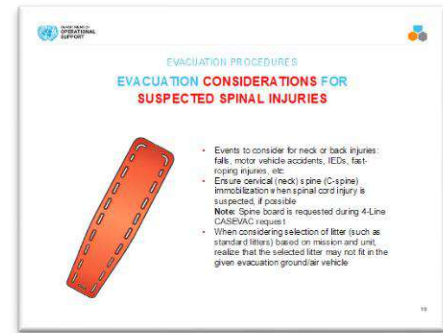
Remember, **DO NOT** cover a tourniquet. Keep the UN Casualty Card attached to the casualty.

SLIDE 11 – EVACUATION CONSIDERATIONS FOR SUSPECTED SPINAL INJURIES

As previously mentioned, you should expect a **spinal injury** in certain situations, like fast-roping falls or being near a significant blast.

In those cases, when tactically feasible, ensure the C-spine is immobilized and the casualty is kept straight during evacuation.

Keep the litter type and evacuation platform in mind and ensure the evacuation ground/air vehicle can accommodate the selected litter.



SLIDE 12 – WALKING WOUNDED

Not all casualties require a litter for evacuation.

For those casualties who are still **ambulatory**, provide instructions or assistance as needed. Depending on the nature of their injuries, they may be able to assist with carrying litters or providing security.

It is best to guide disoriented or visually impaired casualties by having them place their hand on the shoulder of the casualty in front of them or a nonmedical attendant as they move to the evacuation platform.

Instruct them on repeatedly checking their own wounds and dressings to ensure that bleeding remains controlled throughout the evacuation process.



SLIDE 13 – STAGE CASUALTIES

Of particular importance when moving more than one casualty is the process of staging the casualties.

Based on the guidance from the medical evacuation personnel, certain casualties have priority and may need to be loaded last, so that they are the first ones off-loaded at the destination.

If not given specific guidance, place the casualty that seems to be the **most serious** in a position where they are **loaded last**, and have casualties who may be less severely injured loaded prior to them.

You may also need to assist in marking the landing zone, providing security or assisting in marshalling the aircraft or litter bearer teams.



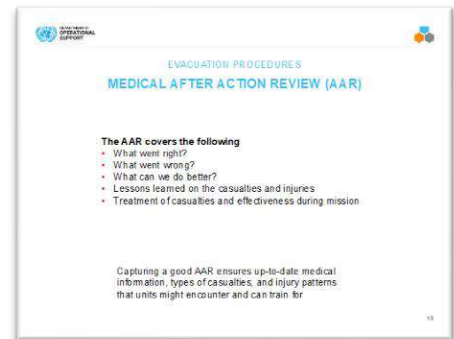
SLIDE 14 – MEDICAL AFTER-ACTION REVIEW (AAR)

Documentation of UN TCCC is critically important.

UN TCCC documentation should be accomplished using the UN Casualty Card (found in the UNTP) at the time treatment is rendered whenever possible.

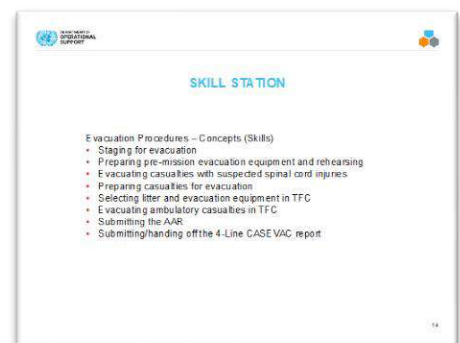
If care cannot be documented using the UN Casualty Card at the point of care by the first responder or FMA, it should be documented using the UN TCCC AAR as soon as possible (within 72 hours) after treatment.

The nonmedic first responder or FMA should follow up with supporting unit medical personnel to complete and submit the UN TCCC AAR.



SLIDE 15 – SKILL STATION

In the skill station on Evacuation Procedures, you will be given scenarios that require you to make some decisions on preparing your casualties for evacuation, allow you to call in the evacuation assets, and then stage and load the casualties onto an evacuation platform, using all of the information you just learned.



SLIDE 16 – SUMMARY

In this module, we reviewed preparing a casualty for evacuation in Tactical Field Care. We discussed considerations and fundamental procedures for staging casualties, the importance of preparing pre-mission evacuation equipment, considerations and precautions for evacuating casualties with suspected spinal injuries, critical actions and checks to prepare casualties for evacuation, methods of litter selection and evacuation equipment, considerations for evacuating ambulatory or walking wounded casualties, and considerations for submitting a casualty After Action Review.



SLIDE 17 – CHECK ON LEARNING

Ask questions of the learners referring to key concepts from the module.

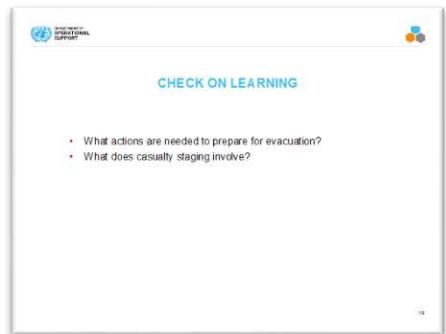
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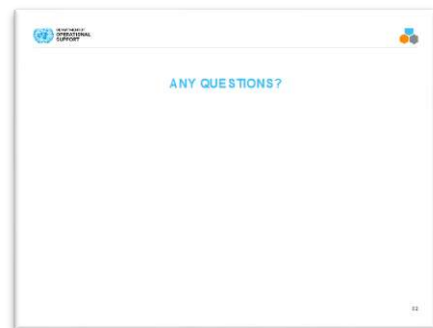
- Secure casualty's equipment
- Prepare evacuation equipment
- Select and prepare a litter
- Package the casualty for evacuation

2. What does casualty staging involve?

- Be prepared for the arrival of the evacuation platform
- Stage the casualties in the loading sequence of the evacuation platform
- Use unit-specific tagging or color-coded chemlights to identify casualty evacuation categories
- Maintain security at the evacuation point in accordance with SOP

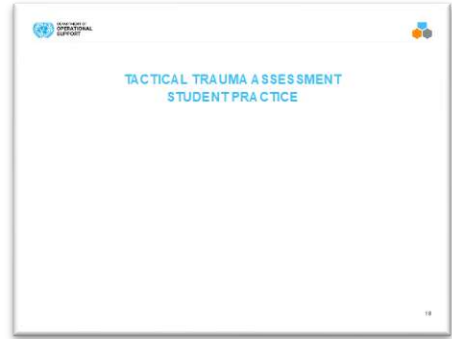


SLIDE 18 – QUESTIONS



SLIDE 19 – TACTICAL TRAUMA ASSESSMENT – STUDENT PRACTICE

At this time, we will break into our skill stations for the
Tactical Trauma Assessment - Student Practice.



Annex A: United Nations Policy References

This manual was developed and delivered in accordance with the United Nations training framework, in particular:

- United Nations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Department of Field Support. *Policy. Operational Readiness Assurance and Performance Improvement* Ref. 2015.16
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- United Nations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Department of Field Support. *Standard Operating Procedure. Training of Trainers* Ref. 2009.24
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Annex B: AMENDMENTS

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Annex C: Changes from TCCC to FMAC

The UN equivalent to Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) = United Nations Tactical Combat Casualty Care (UN TCCC)

The UN equivalent to TCCC Combat Lifesaver = Field Medical Assistants (FMA)

The UN equivalent to the TCCC 9-Liner Medical Evacuation = UN Evacuation 4 Liner

The UN equivalent to TCCC DD Form 1380 = UN Casualty Card

The UN equivalent to TCCC CASEVAC (MEDEVAC & TACEVAC) = UN CASEVAC

The UN equivalent to TCCC Joint First Aid Kit (JFAK) = Buddy First Aid Kit (BFAK)

The UN equivalent to TCCC Combat Lifesaver Bag (CLS Bag) = UN Trauma Pack (UNTP)

The UN equivalent to TCCC Combat / Combatant = Peacekeeping / Peacekeeper

The UN equivalent to TCCC Combat Wound Medication Pack (CWMP) = Wound Medication Pack (WMP)

Annex D: Toolbox for Trainers

I. FMAC and Train-the-Trainer Course foundation and design

a. Course Overview

The FMAC Course is an intermediate course between Buddy First Aid and Unit Medic to provide an enhanced capability in saving life and improving outcome from non-medical personnel. As previously stated, the course is based heavily on the TCCC Combat Lifesaver Course. This Toolbox aims to provide Lead Trainers, Trainers, and Training Institutions with links to valuable resources for preparing and delivering the course. Due to the similarity between TCCC and UN TCCC the TCCC Deployed Medicine material and resources may be used but the differences between the two must be noted as listed at the beginning of this handbook.

b. Prerequisites

- i. Students: FMA Students are selected after passing the BFAC and receiving a recommendation from commanders. Students must be proficient in English.
- ii. Trainers: Lead Trainers will select FMAC Trainers from Training Staff within the host nation training facility and then further require them to view the TCCC Train the Trainer course online and participate in FMAC courses under a proctor, developing them to full FMAC Instructor Status. This is an internal process to the host nation Instructor Facility but may be assisted by other nation's Lead Trainers and FMAC Trainers.
- iii. Lead Trainers: Are selected by host nations, they then attend the UN Lead Trainers Workshop and deliver the FMAC in person under review, if successful they are then deemed Master Trainers.

c. Skill Framework

The Buddy First Aid Course is based heavily on the TCCC All Service Members Course and the Field Medical Assistants Course is based heavily on the TCCC Combat Lifesavers Course. The Skill Framework is almost identical between these courses with the exception being the BFAC and FMAC not having the TCCC approved Combat Wound Medication Pack.

Additional Information is available in the text above and in the FMAC Didactic Lessons. The links below show the corresponding TCCC ASM and CLS Course Syllabus.

- i. ASM Course Syllabus

The TCCC ASM Course Syllabus is a document used by a trainer to communicate information about the course to students. It provides an overview of the course, outlines learning objectives and criteria for successful course completion. It is meant to set expectations and clarify responsibilities in advance of the course.

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ii. **CLS Course Syllabus**

The Tactical Combat Casualty Care for Combat Lifesaver (TCCC-CLS) course student syllabus is used to communicate information about the course. It provides an overview of the course and outlines learning objectives and criteria for successful course completion. It is meant to set expectations and clarify responsibilities in advance of the course.

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d. Trainer Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Host Nation Lead Trainer to ensure that the intended course is planned, staffed, and equipped prior to commencing the course. The students selected to attend the course meet the requirements described above and if possible are subjected to some form of pre-selection to ensure they are at a good BFAC standard and have the language skills prior to commencing the training.

e. FMAC Curriculum

The FMAC Curriculum is available to review in the Student FMAC Handbook the FMAC Didactic Lessons and the FMAC Instructor Handbook. The material from the Combat Lifesaver Course may also be reviewed, however the essential changes must be remembered that are listed at the start of this Handbook.

i. **CLS Core Modules**

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ii. **Learning Objectives**

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II. Course Management

The Lead Trainer should engage in a co-planning process with other assistant trainers at least three weeks before the training event. To maintain the training standard established by the Joint Trauma System TCCC, and the United

Nations. It is critical that every trainer review the learning objectives and course materials (to include instructional videos) and begin acquiring and organizing/ordering medical supplies and equipment. Also, each trainer must review the curriculum and rehearse the skills and assessment techniques, independently and as a team, to ensure a consistent approach to training. All Instructors must have recently reviewed and be familiar with the TCCC CLS Train the Trainer Course.

TCCC CLS Train the Trainer Course

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TCCC CLS Train the Trainer Course – Course Management

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a. Course Planning Aids

- i. **Course Map** is designed to provide a visual representation of the Tactical Combat Casualty Course (TCCC-CLS) course flow. The 20 modules that make up the TCCC-CLS course are outlined in this document, including the didactic presentations, speaker notes, videos and various skill assets that go with each module. This document is structured based on Fink’s five principles of curriculum design (Fink, 2013). The goal is to develop learning experiences that are structured in such a way that they scaffold student thinking using a whole-part-whole educational strategy and progressively move them toward the desired course outcomes.

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- ii. **CLS Course Plan:** This teaching guide provides trainers with information to successfully manage and teach the Tactical Combat Casualty Care Combat Lifesaver (TCCC-CLS) course. The 20 modules that make up the course are outlined in this document, along with the following strategic assets: Course Management and Delivery, Feedback, Assessment, Remediation, and Debriefing Strategies. Also, the guide includes a suggested Course Map for trainers to use in their course planning.

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b. Instructional Strategies

i. Teaching guide for trainers

TCCC CLS Train the Trainer – Instructional Strategies

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- ii. **Didactics:** The FMAC Didactic Lessons are available to download from the UN and the TCCC version from Deployed Medicine.

TCCC CLS Didactics

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- iii. **Speaker Notes:** The FMAC Speaker notes are available in the FMAC Instructor Handbook and on Deployed Medicine at; TCCC CLS Speaker Notes

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c. Managing skill stations

- i. **Managing skill stations:** This is covered in the TCCC Train the Trainer Course.

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- ii. **Skill cards:** are available at Deployed Medicine.

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- iii. **Skill Instructions:** Are available at Deployed medicine.

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- iv. **Skill Assessment Checklist:** Are available at Deployed Medicine.

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d. Managing Scenarios

- i. How to create and manage scenarios is available at Deployed Medicine.

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e. Instructional videos

- i. Instructional Videos are available at Deployed Medicine.

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f. Training materials

- i. **The student handbook** is the main student resource, additionally the students can provided with links to the Deployed Medicine Instructional Videos.

- ii. **Student equipment** needs to be pre-ordered via the procurement system and is based around the United Nations Trauma Pack.

- iii. **Instruction Materials** need to be arranged by the Lead Trainer according to student numbers.

III. **Assessment, debriefing and remediation strategies**

- a. **Skill Assessment Checklists:** are available at Deployed Medicine.
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- b. **Effective Feedback and Learner Assessment:** is available on the TCCC CLS Train the Trainer Course.
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- c. **Remediation techniques:** are available on the TCCC CLS Train the Trainer Course.
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- d. **Debriefing strategies:** are available on the TCCC CLS Train the Trainer Course.
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- e. **Final assessment**
The final assessment is a formative assessment of a full scenario where the student demonstrates the delivery of safe and effective UN TCCC/TCCC.

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