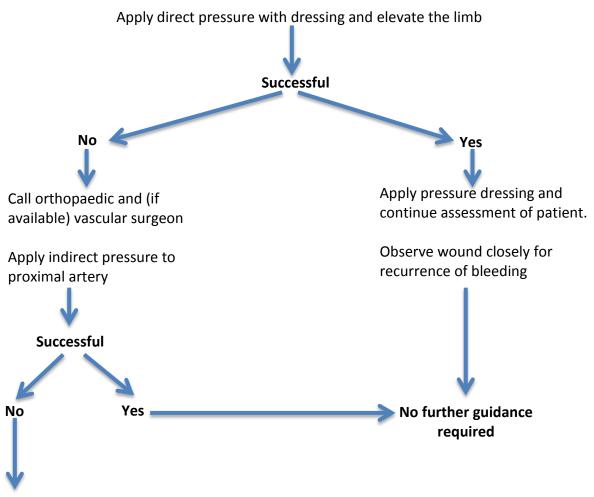


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## **Extremity Bleeding - Role of Tourniquet**



#### UNSUCCESSFUL

Apply tourniquet using pneumatic cuff in preference to Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT)

Apply at least 5cm proximal to the wound but as distally as possible. A tourniquet **does not** have to be over a single long bone.

#### THIS IS NOW TIME CRITICAL SURGICAL EMERGENCY

Record tourniquet time

Ensure presence of suitably senior surgical teams (transferring to MTC if necessary)

### ALWAYS ENSURE ALL STAFF CARING FOR THE PATIENT ARE AWARE IF A TOURNIQUET IS IN USE

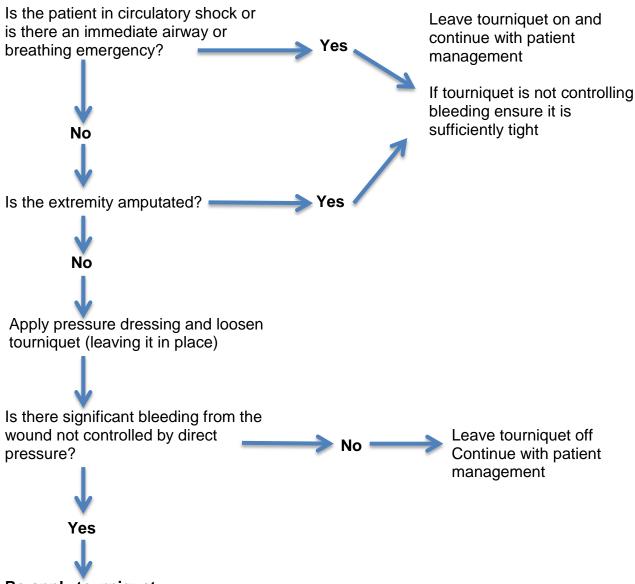


Approach to the patient with a tourniquet in situ

### THIS IS TIME CRITICAL SURGICAL EMERGENCY

Ensure orthopaedic and (if available) vascular surgical teams are present (contact before patient arrival if possible)

Ensure tourniquet time recorded



# **Re-apply tourniquet**

Continue with assessment of patient whilst ensuring plans for emergency surgical management of bleeding

If possible replace CAT with pneumatic tourniquet pending definitive care

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