

# Wound Packing

## Procedure

Douglas County KS EMS System

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**Approved Provider:** EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic

**Reference Protocols:** [General Trauma](#), [Hemorrhage Control](#)

### **Indications**

- For uncontrolled hemorrhage from
  - Junctional areas
  - Other areas not amenable to tourniquet use

### **Contraindications**

- Head, neck and torso use is contraindicated

### **Precautions**

- None

### **Procedure**

- Identify wound
- Prepare Kerlex
- Identify source of bleeding in wound
- With dressing, apply direct digital pressure to source of bleeding
- While maintaining pressure on bleeding source, continue to pack entire wound track. Multiple dressings may be required
- Apply firm pressure on top of dressings and site for at least 3 minutes
- Secure with pressure bandage or very tightly wrapped dressing
- Reassess for bleeding after application

### **Complications**

- Continued blood loss due to lack of pressure application

### **Documentation**

- Indications for procedure
- Description of procedure
- Response to procedure