

# Teaching and Evaluation Methods of the Use of the Tourniquet in Severe Limb Bleeding among Health Care Professionals: A Systematic Review

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## Abstract

**Introduction and Objectives:** Massive hemorrhage (MH) is a growing pathology in military settings and increasingly in civilian settings; it is now considered a public health problem in the United States with large-scale programs. Tourniquets are the fastest and most effective intervention in MH if direct pressure is not effective.

The Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) recognizes a knowledge gap in optimal education techniques for first aid providers. This review aims to describe training and evaluation methods for teaching tourniquet use to both health care and military professionals.

**Methods:** The MEDLINE, CINAHL, WEB of Science, and Scopus databases were reviewed (from 2010 through April 2020). The quality of the selected studies was assessed using the Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials (CONSORT) scale. Studies that met at least 65% of the included items were included. Data were extracted independently by two reviewers.

**Results:** Ten of the 172 articles found were selected, of which three were randomized clinical trials. Heterogeneity was observed in the design of the studies and in the training and evaluative methods that limit the comparison between studies.

**Conclusions:** The results suggest that the training strategies studied are effective in improving knowledge, attitudes, and practical skills. There is no universal method, learning is meaningful but research should be directed to find out which ones work best.

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## Introduction

Severe trauma manifests itself heterogeneously in terms of cause, injury type, and severity.<sup>1,2</sup> Massive hemorrhage (MH) is one of the major consequences caused by lower and upper limb trauma, and this could be defined as a major life-threatening hemorrhage requiring massive transfusion; it is one of the leading causes of potentially preventable death following injury.<sup>3</sup> Considering the wide-spread occurrence of this pathology in

## Abbreviations:

BCon: Bleeding Control Course  
CAT: Combat Application Tourniquet  
CONSORT: Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials  
MH: massive hemorrhage  
SOFT: Special Operation Forces Tactical Tourniquet  
SWAT-T: Stretch Wrap and Tuck Tourniquet  
TCCC: Tactical Combat Casualty Care

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recent years, there have been multiple attempts to develop a framework and guidelines for action in this regard.<sup>4</sup> In MH, tourniquets are the quickest and most effective type of intervention,<sup>5,6</sup> for any segment of the population, whenever control via direct pressure is ineffective.

The tourniquet has a long tradition in military medicine,<sup>7</sup> given the extreme conditions in which military prehospital care takes place (ie, unfavorable environmental conditions, long transfer times for victims, little time for on-site care, logistical austerity, and multiple victims in a context of limited capabilities<sup>8</sup>).

The benefits of tourniquet use learned from tactical medicine have been generally used in the last decade for civilian medicine. Terrorist attacks which took place in recent years<sup>9</sup> (eg, Boston [USA] 2013, Paris [France] 2015, and Barcelona [Spain] 2017, among others) have highlighted the usefulness of tourniquets in civilian contexts. Therefore, out-of-hospital medical emergency teams must be trained in the use of tourniquets.

In this context, training campaigns have emerged such as the Hartford Consensus from the American College of Surgeons (ACS; Chicago, Illinois USA), which is endorsed by the European Resuscitation Council (Niel, Belgium).<sup>10,11</sup> The Hartford Consensus, in addition to its large-scale strategy in the United States, promotes itself using the following brief message: “See something, do something” (ie, if you see a hemorrhage, act). The teaching of mass-bleeding intervention aims to train all citizens in critical emergency assistance for blood loss, and the tourniquet is used in particular to achieve this aim. To this end, it establishes two levels of interveners: the immediate ones (citizens at the scene of the accident), and the professionals (prehospital care at the scene of the accident; ie, health teams, firefighters, first responders, and security forces). Depending on the target group, the educational techniques and contents vary substantially.<sup>12</sup>

Multiple educational programs have been developed over time, such as the Tactical Combat Casualty Care<sup>13</sup> (TCCC) in the military context, or the Bleeding Control Course (BCon), and “Just-In-Time” Tourniquet Application Training,<sup>14</sup> all of which have different structures, methodologies, and timing.

The Hartford Consensus defines educational content for professional first responders<sup>12</sup> and points out that advanced courses should incorporate additional options for the control of life-threatening external bleeding. It also points out the possible formats of theoretical, practical, or mixed content and the use of various models<sup>11</sup> (ie, mannequins or partners).

Despite the importance of this technique, and the need for health care professionals to master tourniquet use, the Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) established in 2018 that there is a knowledge gap around optimal education techniques for first aid providers,<sup>15</sup> and in 2020, it highlighted the need to determine the educational requirements for developing a mass tourniquet teaching strategy. The recognition of these training gaps, and the lack of recognition of their effectiveness, leads to the use of heterogeneous teaching methodologies and different technical means in teaching.

The aim of this study is to identify the training and evaluation strategies used in teaching the use of tourniquets in uncontrolled limb bleeding among professionals. The established Population/Problem/Patient, Intervention/Issue, Outcome (PIO) question has been the following: What are the training and evaluative methods used in the training of health personnel in the teaching of the tourniquet?

## Methodology

A systematic review of the literature was carried out for the preparation of this work. The review was performed according to the Preferred Reporting Items for the Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) statement.<sup>16</sup>

### Eligibility Criteria

The following criteria were taken into account for the selection of articles: population (health care personnel, including military personnel with health care training and students of health sciences); intervention (method of learning and evaluation of tourniquets for control of exsanguinating bleeding, surgical and union tourniquets will be excluded); and type of study (experimental studies published from 2010 through February 2020, in English, Spanish, or Portuguese).

### Search Strategy

Table 1 shows the search strategy, carried out in May 2020. First of all, databases specialized in systematic reviews were consulted. None with the defined criteria were found. Subsequently, a search for original studies was carried out in health databases (Web of Science [Thomson Reuters; New York, New York USA]; Medline [US National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health; Bethesda, Maryland USA]; Scopus [Elsevier; Amsterdam, Netherlands]; and CINAHL [EBSCO Information Services; Ipswich, Massachusetts USA]; Table 2).

This section was completed with a reverse search to verify whether there were other studies that had not been found in the initial search. Results were exported to Endnote x9 (Clarivate Analytics; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA) bibliographic reference manager to eliminate duplicates.

### Selection of Studies

For the selection of studies, previously established selection criteria were used (patient and interventions, chronological coverage, and study design; see eligibility criteria). Two authors (SMI and MPL) independently selected the references according to the pre-defined criteria. The selection was carried out in three phases: reading by title, abstract, and/or full text. In the case of disagreement, they jointly analyzed the acceptance or rejection of the reference in question.

### Evaluation of the Quality of the Studies

The Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials<sup>17</sup> (CONSORT) scale was used to evaluate the quality of the studies. Studies that did not meet at least 65% of the items included (24/37) were considered to contain substantial methodological flaws.

### Data Collection and Analysis of Variables

For data extraction, a previously designed template was used with the following items: study (design and sample size), study population (type of test subject), intervention (type of teaching, number of sessions and duration, type of instructor, and tourniquet model), and effectiveness of the strategy (evaluation of knowledge, attitude, and practical skills).

## Results

The search for original articles yielded a total of 172 results. After selection and critical reading, ten studies were included (Table 3) based on CONSORT<sup>17</sup> criteria. The selection process was as shown in the flow diagram (Figure 1).

Table 3 shows the studies<sup>2,18–26</sup> included. The average number of students was 252 students per study, presenting a variability from

Database	Search Strategy
Web of Science	<i>Tourniquet*</i> AND ( <i>Hemorrhage*</i> OR <i>Haemorrhage*</i> OR <i>Exsanguination</i> ) AND ( <i>Learn*</i> OR <i>Teach*</i> OR <i>Train*</i> OR <i>Educ*</i> ) NOT ( <i>Surge*</i> OR <i>junction*</i> ) Filters: - Published in the last 10 years (2010-April 2020). - In English, Spanish, or Portuguese Opinion papers exclusion <b>Outcomes: 92 Results</b>
PubMed	(( <i>Tourniquets</i> [Mesh] OR <i>Tourniquet</i> :[Title]) AND ( <i>Hemorrhage</i> [Mesh] OR <i>Hemorrhage*</i> OR <i>Exsanguination</i> ) AND ( <i>Learn*</i> OR <i>Teach*</i> OR <i>Train*</i> OR <i>Educ*</i> )) NOT <i>Surge*</i> Filters: - Published in the last 10 years (2010-April 2020). - In English, Spanish, or Portuguese Opinion papers exclusion <b>Outcomes: 81 Results</b> • •
Scopus	(( <i>tourniquet*</i> ) AND ( <i>hemorrhage*</i> OR <i>Haemorrhage*</i> OR <i>Exsanguination</i> ) AND ( <i>learn*</i> OR <i>teach*</i> OR <i>train*</i> OR <i>educ*</i> )) AND NOT ( <i>surge*</i> ) Filters: - Published in the last 10 years (2010-April 2020). - In English, Spanish, or Portuguese Opinion papers exclusion <b>Outcomes: 99 Results</b>
CINAHL	<i>Tourniquet*</i> AND ( <i>hemorrhage</i> OR <i>bleeding</i> ) AND ( <i>learn*</i> OR <i>teach*</i> OR <i>train*</i> ) NOT ( <i>surgery</i> OR <i>operation</i> OR <i>surgical procedure</i> ) Filters: - Published in the last 10 years (2010-April 2020). - In English, Spanish, or Portuguese Opinion papers exclusion <b>Outcomes: 67 Results</b>

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Table 1. Search Strategy

53<sup>22</sup> to 870.<sup>21</sup> Regarding the study designs, three were clinical trials<sup>18,20,24</sup> and seven were quasi-experimental.<sup>2,19,21–23,25,26</sup> The study population focused on health care professionals and students, as well as military personnel with health care training. Two teaching methods were evaluated: exclusively practical (20%)<sup>20,26</sup> or mixed method (80%),<sup>2,18,19,21,23–25</sup> Table 1).

In practical training, all of them used a simulation of practical skills with feedback from the instructor; theoretical training was supplemented in two studies<sup>22,23</sup> with video, and in four studies,<sup>2,19,21,25</sup> materials from the *stop bleeding training program* (“The Bleeding Control for the Injured” [BCon]) were used.<sup>12</sup>

Most of the studies (80%) reported a training duration between 15 and 90 minutes. Different times were observed for theoretical training with a three-minute video<sup>20</sup> or a 45-minute lecture. Regarding the teaching of practical skills, it varied from six-to-ten minutes<sup>21</sup> to more than 30 minutes.<sup>23</sup>

In 70% of the studies, they specified the type of instructor who delivered the training. It was BCon trainers in four studies,<sup>2,19,21,25</sup> it was health care personnel<sup>21,22</sup> in two of them, and it was health care personnel from the armed forces in another two studies.<sup>18,20</sup>

There were three variables used to assess the suitability of the training strategies: knowledge, attitudes, and skills, which are described below.

#### Knowledge<sup>2,19,21,23</sup>

Table 4 presents the aspects that were evaluated in terms of knowledge. It can be seen that all the studies analyzed obtained an increase in knowledge.

The assessment tools were heterogeneous in all the articles. Lei, et al<sup>19</sup> and Pajuelo, et al<sup>23</sup> considered the percentage of success of 60% and 75% to be adequate.

#### Attitude<sup>2,19,23,25</sup>

The following items used were included under this heading, such as: willingness to prepare, willingness, and confidence (Table 4). There was an increase in confidence in every study, although there were substantial differences in the case of Andrade, et al.<sup>25</sup>

Variables were added in the evaluation process in two studies.<sup>21,25</sup> Andrade, et al<sup>25</sup> assessed confidence as a function of the availability of a kit with material to stop a hemorrhage, while Sidwell, et al<sup>21</sup> assessed the willingness to control a hemorrhage, if the situation arose, as a function of the existence of previous training or not.

#### Practical Skills

Table 5 summarizes the data pertaining to the practical skills. In all the studies,<sup>2,18,20,24,26</sup> a simulation of practical skills with feedback was used; in addition, Tsur, et al<sup>24</sup> increased the level of complexity of the training, including a simulation in a combat and human model.

In the evaluation (Table 5), an assessment of practical skills was performed with four studies<sup>18,20,24,26</sup> in combat simulations.

The tools used for training in simulation of technical skills were the human model<sup>20,26</sup> and partial or complete mannequin simulations.<sup>2,24</sup> Hart, et al<sup>18</sup> compared the animal model versus simulation dummy, without obtaining differences after training, but did obtain differences in the evaluation according to the type of training. The simulation dummy seemed to obtain better results.

The variables included in the evaluation of practical skills were: placement time, placement site, and pulse elimination.

Placement time was measured in two different ways: (1) Martínez, et al<sup>20</sup> divided it into two times. The first time starts at the beginning of the test until the subject picks up the tourniquet, and a second time is from the beginning of the test until the placement of the tourniquet is completed; (2) Schreckengaust, et al<sup>26</sup> measured the time from the moment the subject touched the tourniquet until they verbally announced that it was ready.

Regarding the placement site,<sup>18,24,26</sup> differences were found between the same anatomical reference site. Only Hart, et al<sup>18</sup> and Schreckengaust, et al<sup>26</sup> reported the same anatomical reference.

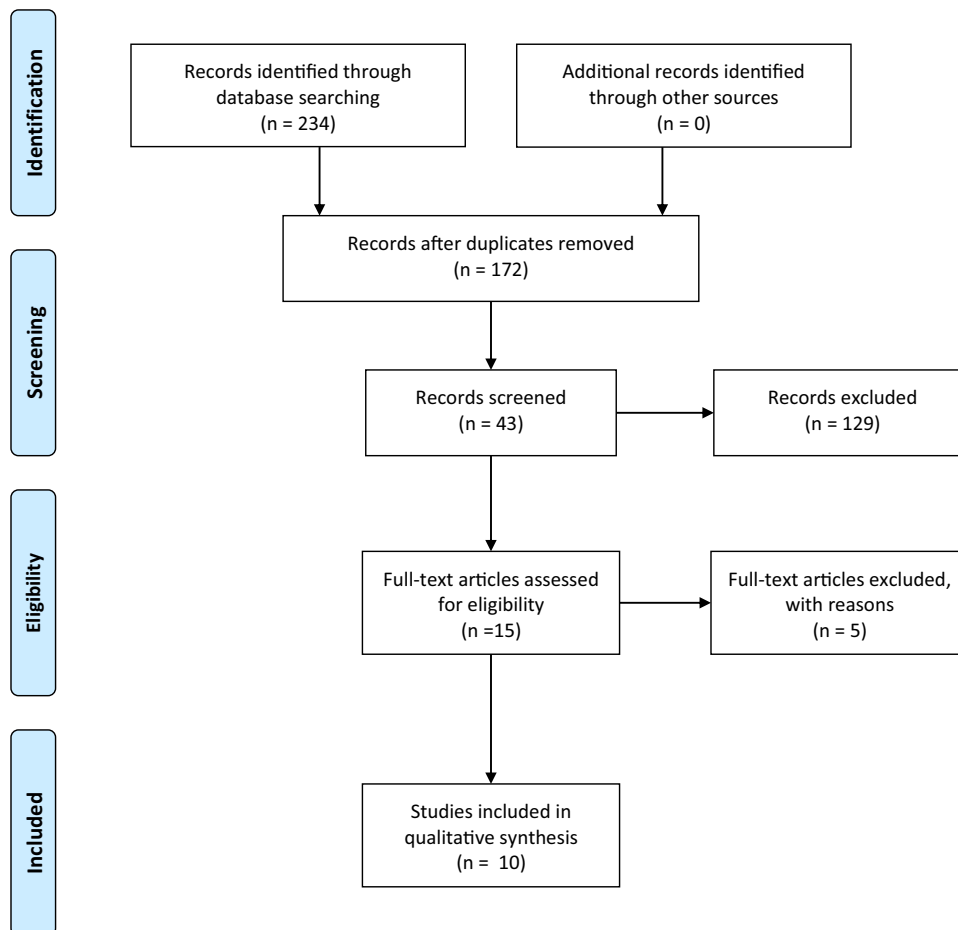
Tourniquet placement was measured with three different methods: pulse elimination by Doppler ECO, cessation of active bleeding,<sup>2,18</sup> or the correct pressure exerted. Dependent variables were introduced in two studies. On the one hand, Schreckengaust<sup>26</sup> evaluated the type of tourniquet and observed that the Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT) type tourniquet was placed in the correct place, in less time, and with greater effectiveness than the Special Operation Forces Tactical

Studies	Simulation		Duration Total Theory/ Practice	Tourniquet Type	Evaluation Tool (Brief Description)	Attitudes		
	Training	Evaluation				Pre-	Post-	P Value
Lei <sup>19</sup>	HPF	-	90 minutes -/-	CAT	Questionnaire (2 Questions) Likert 1 - 7	<b>Willingness</b>		
						92.5%	99.0%	N/C
						<b>Preparedness</b>		
Sidwell <sup>21</sup>	HPF	-	- -/6-10 minutes	SWAT-T	Questionnaire Likert 1-5	<b>Likelihood</b>		
						<b>With Training</b>		
						96.0%	99.0%	.001
						<b>Without Training</b>		
Jacobs <sup>22</sup>	Video	-	-	-	Questionnaire Likert 1-5	<b>Confidence</b>		
	HPF		3/15 minutes			98.4%		
Andrade <sup>25</sup>	HPF	-	90 minutes -/-	CAT	Questionnaire	<b>Confidence</b>		
						<i>With Kit</i>	<i>Without Kit</i>	
						83.6%	53.8%	.001

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**Table 4.** Attitude Assessment in Tourniquet Training Programs

Abbreviations: HPF, practical skills with feedback; CAT, Combat Application Tourniquet; SWAT-T, Stretch Wrap and Tuck Tourniquet.



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**Figure 1.** PRISMA Flowchart.

Tourniquet (SOFT) one, while Tsur, et al<sup>24</sup> determined the stress in the evaluation, obtaining better results in the evaluation with stress in the correct place of the tourniquet placement. Hart, et al<sup>18</sup> and Martínez, et al<sup>20</sup> employed ad hoc assessment tools to measure overall outcomes of practical skill acquisition.

### Discussion

The aim of this study was to learn about the different training strategies and assessment methods used in tourniquet training amongst health care and military professionals. The number of studies found has been low considering the importance that this technique has acquired in recent years. Of these, only ten have exceeded the CONSORT<sup>17</sup> criteria of 65%.

Regarding the training environment (civilian<sup>2,19,21–23,25</sup> versus military<sup>18,20,24,26</sup>), it does not seem to determine the effectiveness of learning either. Because of the circumstances in which the event takes place, both professional and military personnel are subjected to a high level of stress. However, only Tsur, et al<sup>18,20,24,26</sup> compare the influence of stress on short-term learning and skill development with respect to a more controlled environment in military personnel. Although stress does not appear to be a determinant, in this review, it has not been possible to determine the role of stress given the variability of instruments and measures.

Training has been shown to be effective in previous studies.<sup>27</sup> The study by Jacobs<sup>22</sup> is noteworthy for using less time and improving training efficiency by means of a video and a 15-minute practical training. In order to reach a wider range of the educated population, it will be essential to search for shorter, more effective, and efficient training methods.

In the post-training evaluation, it was found that professionals with prior knowledge were more confident.<sup>21</sup> This predisposition may have an influence on better performance and alerts to the importance of skills retraining.

In the analysis of knowledge, everyone used ad hoc theoretical questionnaires. As expected, even with the implementation of different strategies, any methodology increases knowledge (something is always better than nothing). One finding that requires further study must consider that with the current literature, neither who the trainer is nor the time devoted to training seems to be determinant, beyond the fact that 90 minutes seems a reasonable time for knowledge acquisition. More studies are needed in order to specify who and how much is necessary for optimal training.

Latasha,<sup>2</sup> who uses a more precise measurement tool and a shorter duration, showed a lower percentage of success than the other studies.

The attitude and/or confidence of the trainees are not influenced by the duration, number of sessions, and/or type of instructor. The different studies analyzed show how training increases the attitude towards hemorrhage. An aspect such as the availability of a kit with material to stop an active hemorrhage increases the confidence of the interveners.<sup>25</sup> Although only one study has been found in this regard, it would support the Hartford Consensus in emergency vehicles (ie, fire departments, ambulances, and police) and also in places with public access. One possibility is the placement of these kits as complementary material to the automatic external defibrillator posts in areas of high population influx.<sup>28</sup>

Regarding the acquisition of practical skills, it seems clear that training increases the ability to perform these skills. All studies employ technical skills simulation with instructor feedback for

training, and three of them<sup>18,20,26</sup> developed a simulation in combat scenarios. In the study by Tsur, et al,<sup>24</sup> both training and evaluation were carried out in a combat scenario.

In relation to the type of tourniquet, only five studies indicated the model used. The CAT tourniquet was used in four studies<sup>2,19,25,26</sup> (used in BCon training), the SOFT in two studies,<sup>20,26</sup> the SWAT-T in one study,<sup>21</sup> while it is not recorded in three studies.<sup>18,23,24</sup> Schreckengaust<sup>26</sup> compared two types of tourniquets and obtained better results with the CAT tourniquet than the SOFT one. The review by Alonso-Algarabel<sup>6</sup> points out the SWAT-T type tourniquet as being the most effective one in the prehospital setting for extremities. Given the importance that the type of tourniquet may have on the effectiveness in real situations and in training, it is necessary to increase research on training in the placement of the different types of tourniquets.

In the evaluation of practical skills, different tools were used, which makes it very difficult to determine which methodology or evaluation system is most appropriate. Heterogeneity was observed in the variable analyzed (ie, the place of the tourniquet placement, which can be 10cm above the patella, 7.5cm above the amputation, and 2-3cm above the lesion), and effectiveness was observed. The time in all the studies in which it is evaluated has a common beginning and end in the execution, although Martínez, et al<sup>20</sup> includes an intermediate evaluation.

Another factor to highlight is the importance of the training material. Tsur, et al<sup>24</sup> compared training with a simulation manikin versus an animal model, and the results showed that those who trained with a simulation manikin in the combat evaluation obtained a more successful result whether they were evaluated on a simulation manikin or on the animal model. However, to date, the availability of highly reliable dummies is scarce due to high costs. In this sense, it would be interesting to consider other effective and efficient options, such as the one contemplated by Silverplats, et al<sup>29</sup> in which they evaluated an easily reproducible, simple, and inexpensive hybrid model for training personnel.

### Limitations of the Study

In order to locate as much information as possible, the main international databases were searched in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Although the selected coverage is important, it should be taken into account that articles not included in these databases, or not published in these languages, have not been included.

As for the methodological quality of the studies, although the selected designs could provide reliability (quasi-experimental and clinical trials), several elements required taking the results with some caution. Firstly, the instruments and units of measurement were not always uniform, which made it very difficult to read and interpret the data. Other limitations were the heterogeneity of the teaching and evaluation method, which made it difficult to compare results, and the absence of relevant data in some projects, such as the type of tourniquet or the context in which the work was carried out.

Taking into account the limitations expressed, the review shows that the strategies studied are effective both in increasing knowledge and attitudes and, above all, in training practical skills.

### Conclusion

This systematic review found different models for tourniquet training. However, with the available evidence, it is not possible to determine which the best method is. The training strategies

studied are effective in improving knowledge, attitudes, and practical skills. The evaluative methods are heterogeneous and make comparability difficult; it is necessary to standardize evaluative criteria to be able to assess short-term results.

It is necessary to further investigate factors that influence the performance of the technique, such as stress or the type of training tool used, in order to provide more solid evidence on the subject under study.

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Studies	Design	Sample Size	Population	Training Method	Simulation		Duration Total Theory/Practice	Instructors
					Training	Evaluation		
Hart <sup>18</sup>	CT	559	Militaries	T-P	HPF	SC	3-4 hours -/20-30 minutes	-
Lei <sup>19</sup>	CE	367	PS	T-P	HPF	-	90 minutes	BCon
			Physician and Nurse Students	BCon			-/-	
Martinez <sup>20</sup>	CT	52	Militaries	P	2 <sup>o</sup> Level Kirkpatrick	SC	-	-
Sidwell <sup>21</sup>	CE	870	PS	P	HPF	-	-	Trauma Physician Nurses
			PNS Hospital				-/6-10 minutes	BCon
Jacobs <sup>22</sup>	CE	53	Physician Nurses	T-P	Video	-	-	PS
					HPF		3/15 minutes	
Schreckengaust <sup>26</sup>	CE	89	Militaries	Practical	HPF	SC	-	-
				Course TCCC				
Pajuelo <sup>23</sup>	CE	111	PS	T-P	Video	-	7 hours	PS
			Health Students		HPF		90/45 minutes	Militaries
Tsur <sup>24</sup>	CT	305	Militaries	T-P	HPF	Simulation Safe Environment with Simulator	12 repetitions	Trauma Surgeon
				Lifeguard Fighter Release	SC			
					Human Mannequin			
Andrade <sup>25</sup>	CE	60	PS	T-P	HPF		90 minutes	BCon
				BCon			-/-	
Latuska <sup>2</sup>	CE	60	School Nursing	T-P	HPF	HPF	50 minutes	BCon
				BCon			-/-	

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**Table 2.** Characteristics of the Studies

Abbreviations: CT, clinical trial; CE, quasi-experimental; PS, health personnel; PNS, non-health personnel; T-P, theoretical and practical; BCon, Bleeding Control Course; TCCC, Tactical Combat Casualty Care; HPF, practical skills with feedback; SC: combat simulation.

Studies	Simulation		Duration Total Theory/Practice	Tourniquet Type	Instructors	Evaluation Tool (Brief Description)	Outcomes		
	Training	Evaluation					Pre-	Post-	P Value
Lei <sup>19</sup>	HPF	-	90 minutes	CAT	BCon	Questionnaire (7 Questions)	68.0%	94.5%	N/C
			-/-			Multiple Choice			
						2 Questions Knowledge			
						Good >60%			
Pajuelo <sup>23</sup>	Video HPF	-	4 hours		PS Militaries	Questionnaire (12 Questions)	Mean: 95.2%		
			90/45 minutes			Multiple Choice	81.0%	98.2%	.039
						Good >75%	PS Students		
							53.2%	98.2%	<.001
Andrade <sup>25</sup>	HPF	-	90 minutes	CAT	BCon	Questionnaire	PS		
			-/-				28.3%	90.9%	<.0001
Latuska <sup>2</sup>	HPF	HPF	50 minutes	CAT	BCon	Questionnaire (8 Questions)	PS		
			-/-			True-False, Ordering, Multiple Choice, and Select Multiple Answer	61.5%	96.8%	<.05

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**Table 3.** Training Methods and Knowledge Assessment

Abbreviations: HPF, practical skills with feedback; PS, health personnel; BCon, Bleeding Control Course; CAT, Combat Application Tourniquet.



Studies	Simulation		Tourniquet Type	Practical Skills						General Measurements
	Evaluation	Tool		Place	Timing		Effectiveness		Outcomes	
					Outcomes (Correct)	Measurements	Result	Type		
Hart <sup>18</sup>	SC	Mannequin vs Animal Model		10cm Above Kneecap			–	Stop Bleeding	72%	Procedural Note Critical Failures Skips
Martínez <sup>20</sup>	SC	Human Model	SOFT	Not Valued		From Clock Start to: - Take TQ - TQ in Place	1= 8.4s 2=58.3s	Pulse Elimination Doppler	Improvement 30% to 43%	Score 0-9 1. Effectiveness 2. Timing 3. TQ Pre-Positioning 4. TQ Preparation
Schreckengaust <sup>26</sup>	SC	Human Model	CAT SOFT	10cm Above Kneecap	SOFT: 83% CAT: 91%	From Touch Tourniquet to Announce it is Ready	Mean SOFT: 63.5s CAT: 56.8s Total: 45s	Pulse Elimination Doppler	SOFT:39% CAT:67%	–
Tsur <sup>24</sup>	SC Stress With vs Without	HapMed Tourniquet Trainer		7.5cm Above Amputation	Stress Without: 32.6% With: 41.9%	T <sup>9</sup> s/<60 No Bleeding	Stress Without: 46.52s/ 94.2% With: 44.37s/ 93.8%	Correct Pressure	Stress Without: 50.0% With: 47.9%	–
Latuska <sup>2</sup>	HP	Mannequin/ Mannequin Parts	CAT	2-3cm Above Injury	–	Not Valued		Stop Bleeding	50%	–

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**Table 5.** Simulation, Training, and Evaluation of Practical Skills

Abbreviations: SC, combat simulation; HP, practical skills; CAT, Combat Application Tourniquet; SOFT, Special Operation Forces Tactical Tourniquet; TQ, tourniquet.