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EMS Authority Approved Hemostatic Dressings
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Background

The EMS Authority is responsible for approving Hemostatic dressings for use in the prehospital setting (Section 100063 (a) (8) (B), Ch. 2, Division 9, Title 22, Cal. Code of Regulations) for EMTs, AEMTs, and paramedics.

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After an extensive review of the literature and advice from the Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors Association of California Scope of Practice Committee, the following hemostatic dressings are approved by the EMS Authority for use in the prehospital setting:

1. Quick Clot®, Z-Medica®
 - a. Quick Clot®, Combat Gauze® LE
 - b. Quick Clot®, EMS Rolled Gauze, 4x4 Dressing, TraumaPad®

2. Celox®
 - a. Celox® Gauze, Z-Fold Hemostatic Gauze
 - b. Celox® Rapid, Hemostatic Z-Fold Gauze

Note:

- The above products are “packaged” in various forms (ie Z-fold, rolled gauze, trauma pads, 4”x4”pads) and are authorized provided they are comprised of the approved product.
- Hemostatic Celox Granules, or granules delivered in an applicator, are not authorized.

Who May Use Hemostatic Dressings?

The regulations authorize Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Advanced EMTs, and Paramedics in California to utilize hemostatic dressings, if authorized by the local EMS agency Medical Director.

Public Safety First Aid Providers (Law Enforcement, Fire, Lifeguards) or Emergency Medical Responders are not authorized to utilize hemostatic dressings, as these items are not in their scope of practice pursuant to CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5 (unless they independently hold an EMT certificate or above).

The local EMS Medical Director, pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1798 and 1797.220, remains the final authority regarding the use (or non-use) of these products in their local EMS System.

Future Products

If other products become available on the market in the future, EMSA would review the product and available literature for potential inclusion to the approved list.