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The lethal triad. Hypothermia, acidosis & coagulopathy create a deadly cycle for trauma patients.

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Quote:

“Dilutional coagulopathy occurs when we resuscitate a bleeding trauma patient with fluid or blood products that don’t contain the same clotting factors lost in the acutely hemorrhaged whole blood. Crystalloids such as normal saline and packed red blood cells dilute the remaining clotting factors circulating in the trauma victim’s blood.”