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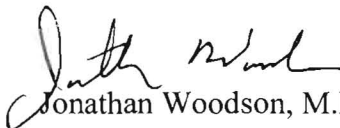
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR UNITED STATES ARMY INSTITUTE OF SURGICAL RESEARCH, JOINT TRAUMA SYSTEM

SUBJECT: Defense Health Board Recommendation, "Combat Ready Clamp™ (CRoC)
Addition to the Tactical Combat Casualty Care Guidelines, 2011-07"

The Defense Health Board (DHB) recommended inclusion of the Combat Ready Clamp™ (CRoC) to the Tactical Combat Casualty Care Guidelines. I support the DHB recommendation.

However, since the release of the DHB recommendation, several more U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved medical devices can control hemorrhage that is not amenable to the application of a tourniquet. In order to incorporate the new hemorrhage control capability throughout the Department, please remove the specific reference, "CRoC," from the Tactical Combat Casualty Care Guidelines and replace the reference with the more generic nomenclature, "CoTCCC recommended junctional tourniquet." This will better facilitate Service-level flexibility for acquisition, distribution, and training, yet preserve the intent of the DHB recommendation.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and well-being of our Service members. Questions or concerns regarding this action may be addressed to Ms. Elizabeth Fudge. Ms. Fudge may be reached at (703) 681-8295, or Elizabeth.Fudge@tma.osd.mil.


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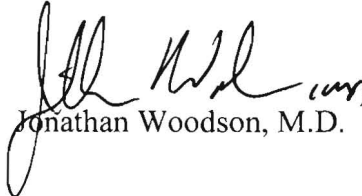
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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE HEALTH BOARD

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Please accept my appreciation for your continued efforts to provide the Department of Defense with constructive recommendations to help maximize the health, safety, and effectiveness of the U.S. Armed Forces. We have reviewed the "Combat Ready Clamp™ Addition to the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) Guidelines, 2011-07," but prefer using the generic term "CoTCCC recommended junctional tourniquet." I requested that the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research/Joint Trauma System incorporate the junctional tourniquet nomenclature into the TCCC guidelines in response to your recommendation.

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