

Skill Sheet

Apply the T-Pod

Objective: Demonstrate the proper technique and procedures for applying a T-pod in a case of suspected fracture of the pelvis.

References:

TCCC for Medical Personnel 1708 curriculum, T-pod supplemental module.

Evaluation: Students will be evaluated as a Pass/Fail (P/F). The instructor will verify the accuracy of the student's ability to apply a T-pod effectively on a fellow student simulating a casualty by means of observing the student's procedures and technique.

Materials:

Student Checklist

T-pod

Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT)

Instructor Guidelines:

1. Provide each instructor with a Student Checklist.
2. Read the Learning Objective and the evaluation method to the student.
3. Explain the grading of the exercise.

Performance Steps:

1. Empty the casualty's pockets and remove items attached to his belt.
2. Pass the binder behind the thighs and slide it upward to the correct position at the greater trochanters.
3. Cut or fold the belt to leave a 6-8" gap in front and attach the tightening device to the belt.
4. Slowly tighten by pulling the tab.
5. Secure the cord around the hooks.
6. Secure the Velcro-backed pull tab to the belt.
7. Secure the ankles with a CAT only tightly enough to minimize external rotation of the thighs.
8. Document the application of the binder on a TCCC Card.

Apply the SAM Pelvic Sling II

Task	Completed		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Emptied the casualty's pockets and removed items attached to his belt.	P / F	P / F	P / F
Passed the binder behind the casualty's knees and slid it up to the level of the greater trochanters.	P / F	P / F	P / F
Cut or folded the belt to leave a 6-8" gap in front and attached the tightening device to the belt.	P / F	P / F	P / F
Slowly tightened by pulling the tab.	P / F	P / F	P / F
Secured the cord around the hooks.	P / F	P / F	P / F
Secured the Velcro-backed pull tab to the belt.	P / F	P / F	P / F
Secured the ankles with a CAT only tightly enough to minimize external rotation of the casualty's thighs.	P / F	P / F	P / F
Documented treatment.	P / F	P / F	P / F

Critical Criteria:

_____ Did not position the binder at the level of the greater trochanters.

_____ Did not properly tighten the binder.

_____ Did not properly secure the ankles.

Evaluator's Comments:

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Evaluator: _____ Pass: _____ Fail: _____