

Hemostasis:
Stop that **Bleed!**

**A Lecture on
Damage Control
Resuscitation
(DCR)**



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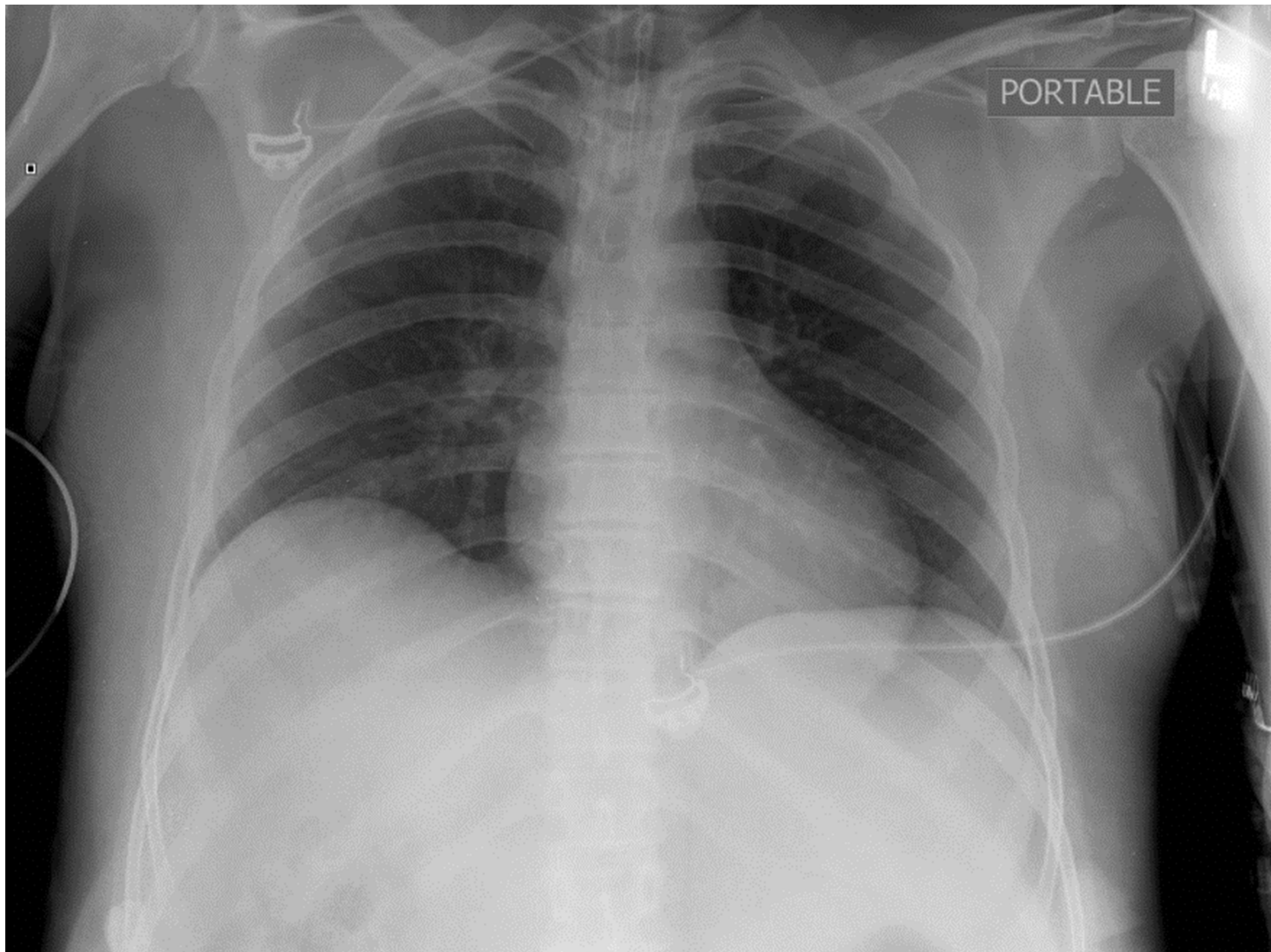


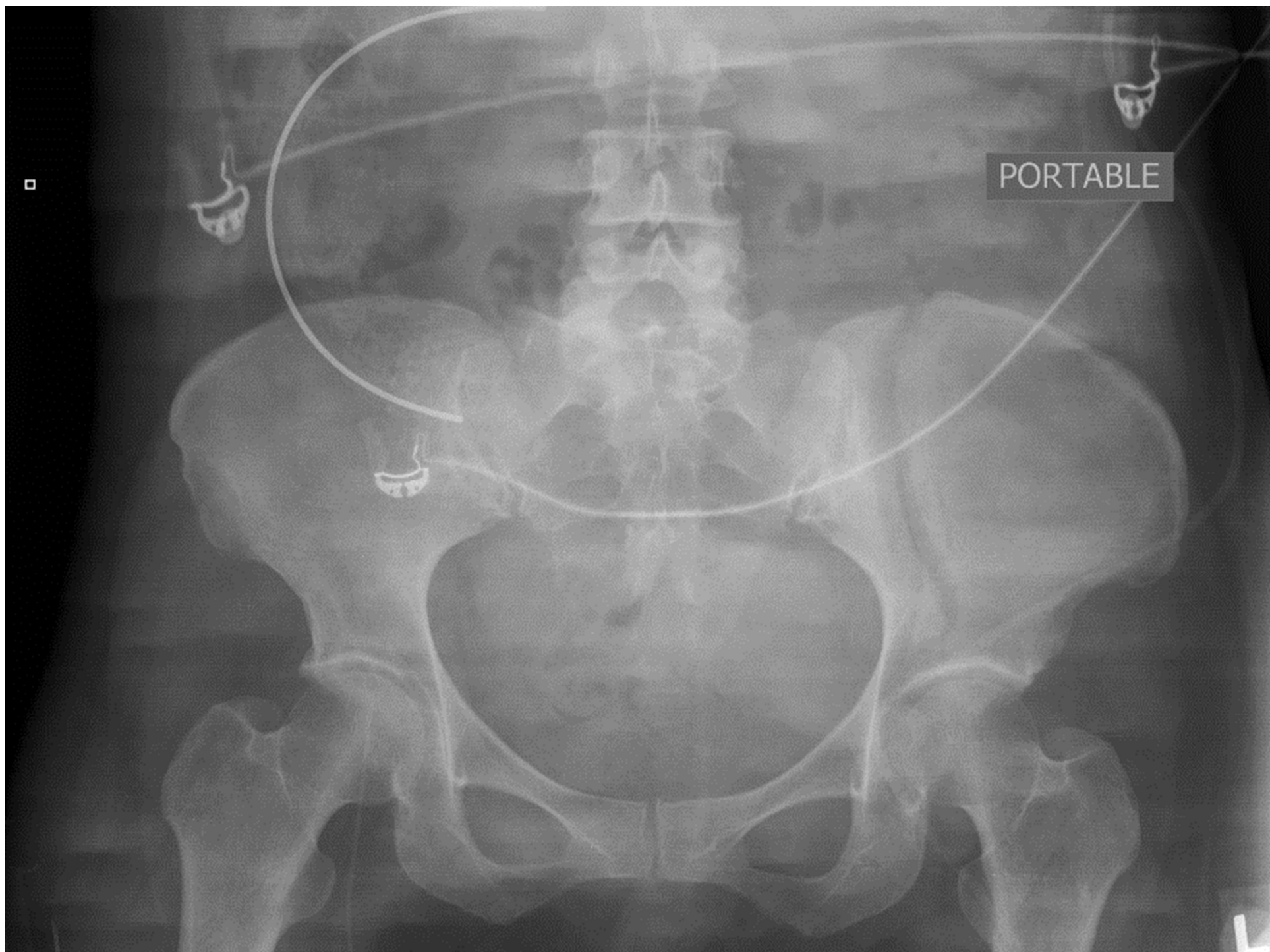
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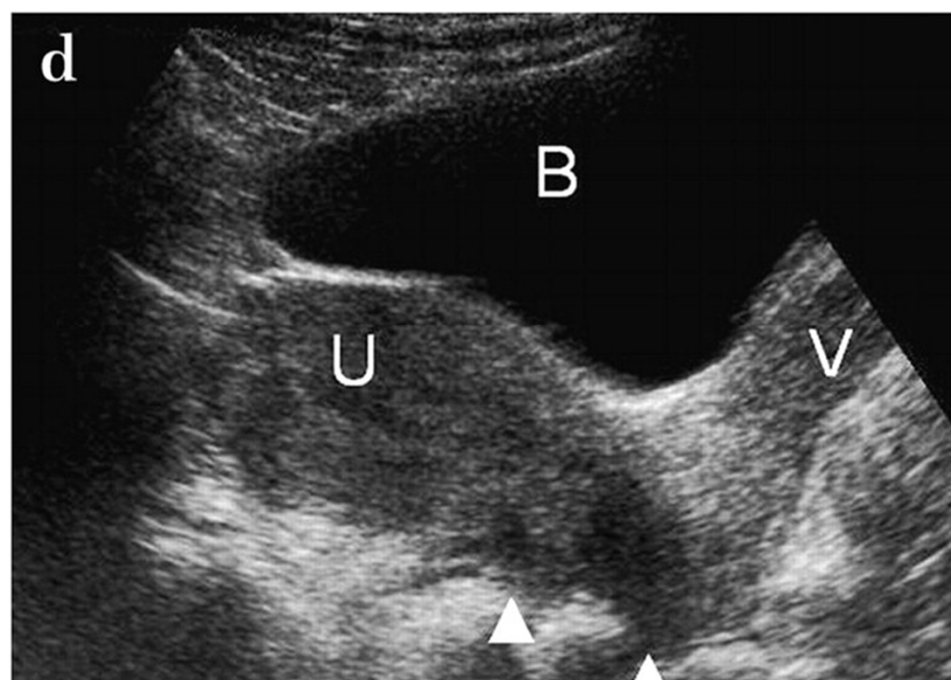
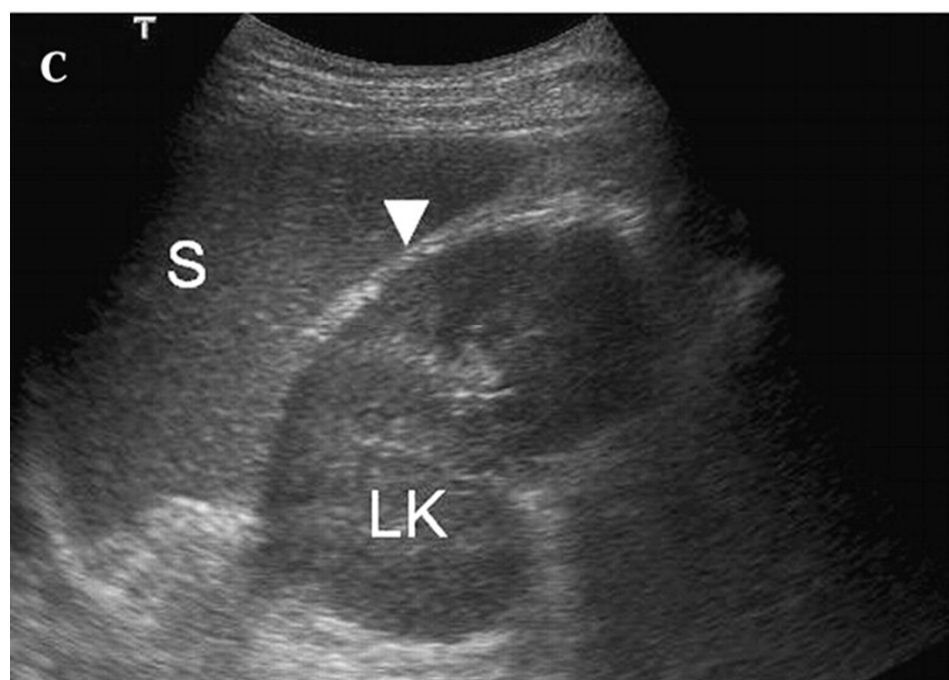
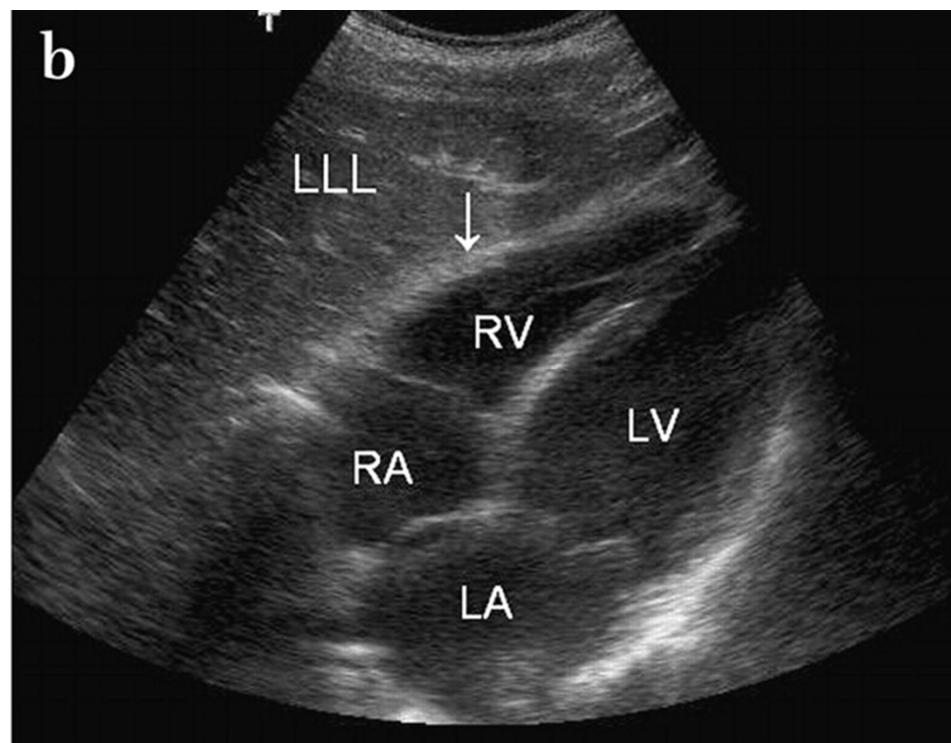
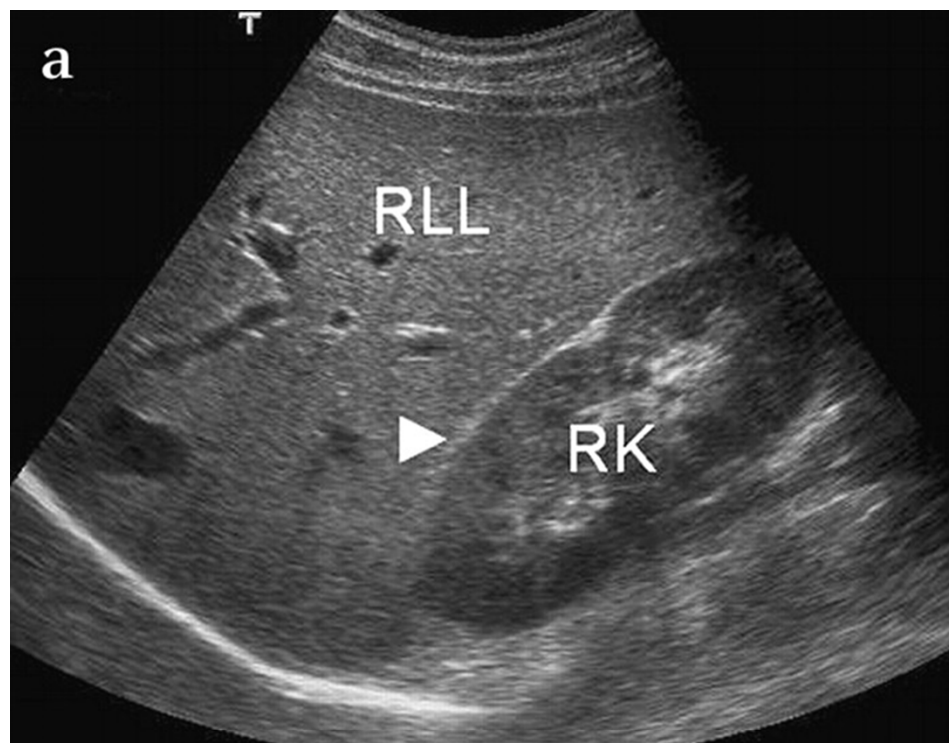
**Minimal Evidence
Strong Opinions**

Case

33 y/o female
SUV vs. Left Hip







DPL

Angio will be in...

The Old Days

Damage Control Resuscitation (DCR)

**Minimize
Iatrogenic Injury
from
Resuscitation**

**Control
Internal/External
Bleeding as rapidly
and safely as
possible**

**Promote
Hemostasis**

Restore Tissue Perfusion

3 Facets of DCR

Massive Transfusion Protocols & Hemostatic Resuscitation

**Minimal
Normotension (i.e.
Permissive
Hypotension)**

External Bleeding Control

Objective:

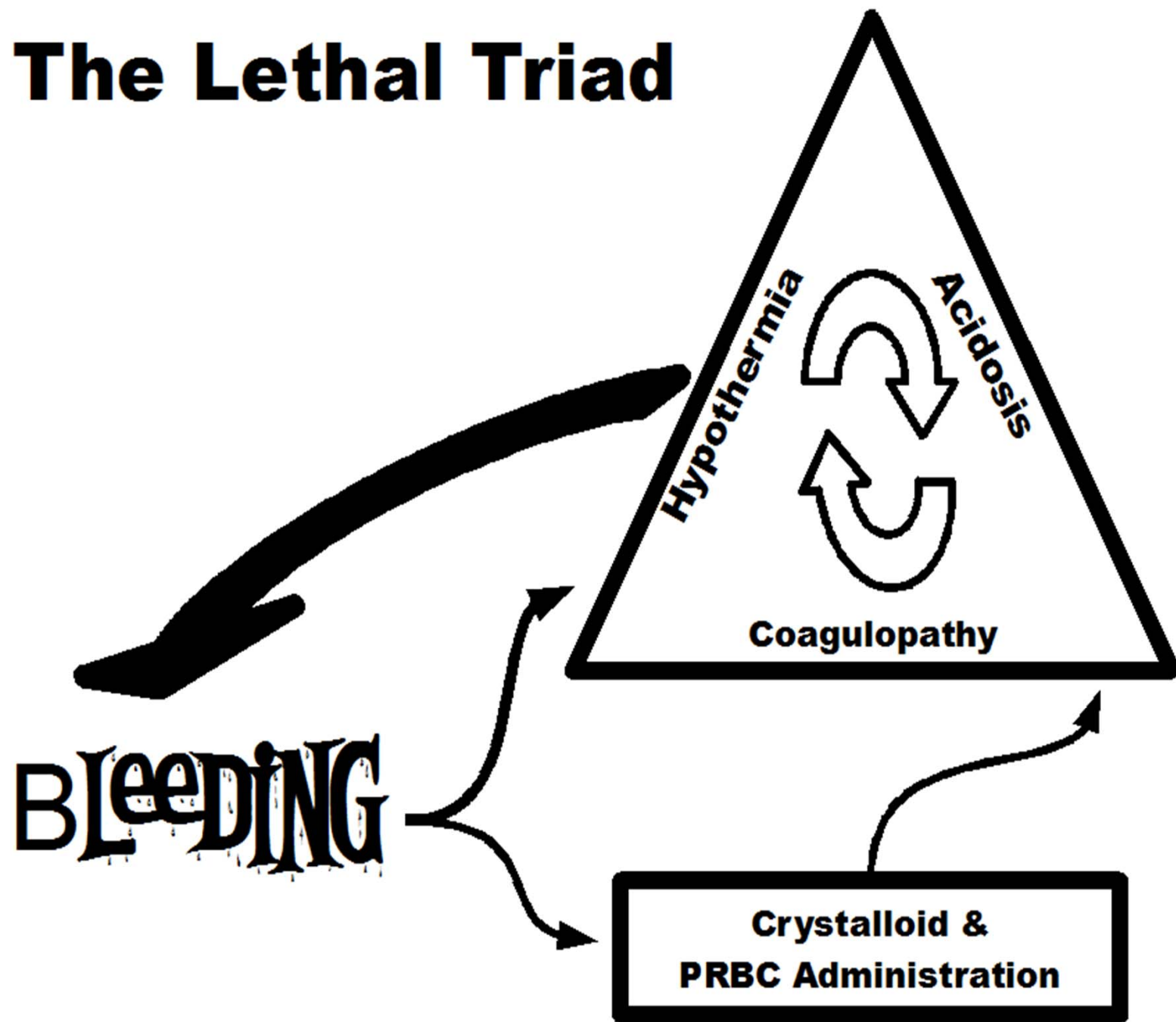
**To offer new
concepts that will
help you manage
the crashing
trauma patient**

The Lethal Triad

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The Lethal Triad



Acute Coagulopathy of Trauma

ACoT

Consumption

Consumption
Acidosis/
Hypothermia

Consumption

Acidosis/

Hypothermia

Dilution

Consumption

Acidosis/

Hypothermia

Dilution

Tissue Factors

Consumption

Acidosis/

Hypothermia

Dilution

Tissue Factors

Hyperfibrinolysis

Gross Simplification

Tissue Injury
+
Hypoperfusion



Coagulation
Badness

**What do we do
about it?**

Patient Tailored Approach

Patient Tailored Approach

Crappy

Driving Backwards



Military Conflict leads to Trauma Medicine Advances



Hemostatic Resuscitation

**Give no fluid that
can't either carry
oxygen or
promote clotting**

Massive Transfusion Protocols

**Benefit at
1 Blood Volume
(Or 8-10 units in 24 hours)**

**Predicting Who
Will Need It**

ABC Score

- **Penetrating Mechanism**
- **Systolic Blood Pressure ≤ 90**
- **Heart Rate ≥ 120 bpm**
- **Positive FAST abdominal views**

TASH Score

- **Systolic blood pressure <100 mm Hg**
- **Heart rate >120**
- **Hemoglobin <7 g/dL**
- **Positive FAST Exam with hemodynamic instability**
- **Complex long bone and/or pelvic fracture**
- **Base excess < - 10 mmol/L**
- **INR > 1.5 during resuscitation period**

Looks Like Poo
Doesn't Respond

Whole Blood



1:1:1

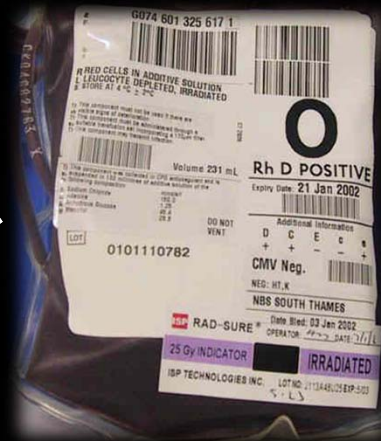
A high-magnification, scanning electron micrograph (SEM) of numerous red blood cells. The cells are densely packed and exhibit their characteristic biconcave disc morphology, with a central indentation and a raised rim. They are a deep red color. The text "PRBCs" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

PRBCs

Plasma



**FFP + PRBC =
Resus Fluid**



platelets



The Evidence

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**Early Use of
Products
Saves Products**

Survival Bias

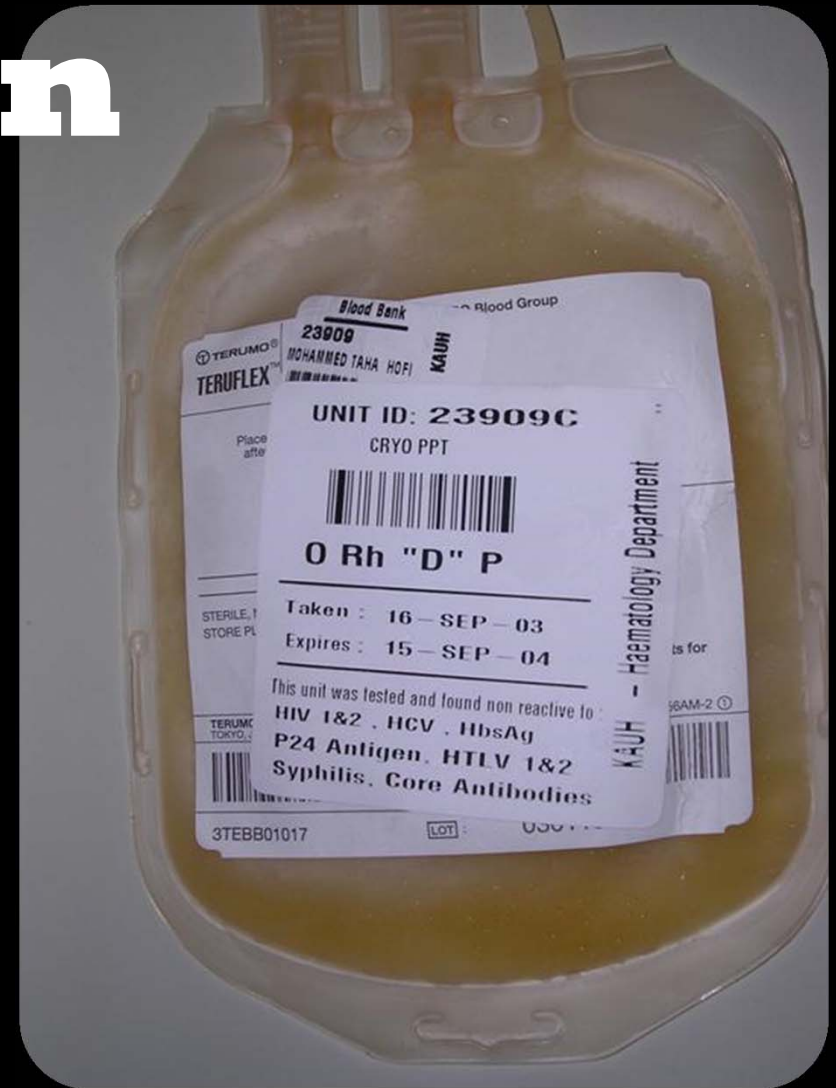
(J Trauma 2009; 66:358)

Remove the Military

(Acad Emerg Med 2009; 16:371)

Other Parts of Hemostatic Resuscitation

Fibrinogen



Calcium



Factor VIIa

**Don't worry
about it...
not an ED Drug**

Current Evidence Based Guidelines for Factor VIIa Use in Trauma: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

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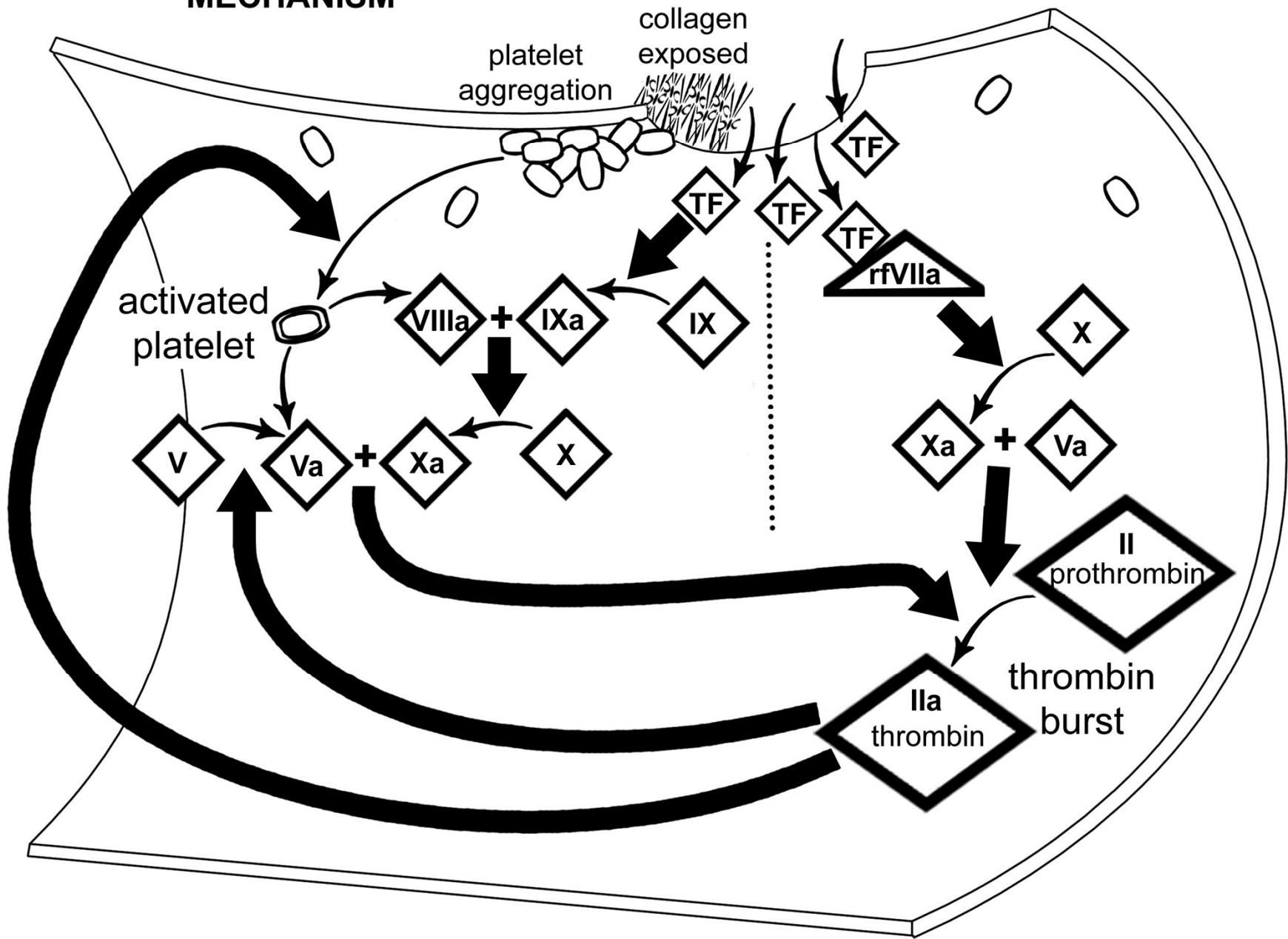
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Class II	Dutton et al. 2004 ¹⁵ Harrison et al. 2005 ¹⁶	Use of rFVIIa should be considered for any patient with coagulopathic hemorrhage in which surgically assessable bleeding has been identified Trauma patients who received rFVIIa (40 µg/kg repeated once if needed) resulted in fewer packed RBC transfusions as compared with controls (18.3 ± 7.5 vs 22.0 ± 9.7, $P = 0.006$) Fewer platelet transfusions (1.4 ± 1.2 vs 2.3 ± 2.1; $P = 0.001$) Less cryoprecipitate (0.59 ± 0.54 vs 1.5 ± 1.8; $P = 0.0006$)
	Spinella et al. 2008 ¹⁷	Equivalent mortality in patients with severe combat-related trauma (ISS > 15) and massive transfusion (pRBC > 10 U/24 hrs) comparing mortality in those that received rFVIIa with those that did not. One hundred and ninety-four cases were reviewed, 49 patients received rFVIIa and 75 did not. Statistically significant reductions in 24 hour mortality (14% vs 19%, $P = 0.01$), 30 day mortality (31% vs 51%, $P = 0.03$) were noted in rFVIIa group compared with non-rFVIIa patients. There similar incidence of severe thrombotic events in both groups
	Stein et al. 2008 ¹⁸	Retrospective review of 63 coagulopathic (INR > 1.4) TBI patients and the time to increase in patients treated with rFVIIa versus conventional therapy with FFP Patients treated with rFVIIa were shown to have statistically significant reduction in median time to neurosurgical intervention (144 min vs 446 min, $P = 0.0003$), mean INR, and mean number of units of FFP transfused compared with conventionally treated patients. There were no significant differences in discharge GCS, mortality, or incidence of thromboembolic complications between the two groups
Class III	Marlowitz et al. 2002 ¹⁹	Reported 19 critically ill, multi-injured patients with trauma (10 blunt and nine penetrating) treated with rFVIIa 1) Total dose to control bleeding was 195 ± 112.7 µg/kg 2) Showed a significant decrease in transfusion requirements was observed (30 ± 18.3 units vs 44 ± 3.4 units of adenosine to 2.8 ± 2.5 units within the following 24 hours, $P < 0.05$) 3) Concluded rFVIIa to be a promising adjunctive hemostatic treatment for trauma patients suffering from massive bleeding
	Rhys Thomas et al. 2007 ²⁰	Retrospective review of patients treated with rFVIIa for thromboembolic (TE) complications. Of 283 patients treated with rFVIIa, 27 (9.4%) patients were noted to have TE complications after rFVIIa administration. No association was found between sex, age, dose, or type of trauma between the TE and non-TE groups. Based on expert panel opinion, 9/27 TE events (33% of entire cohort) were thought to be highly related to rFVIIa dose
	Marlowitz et al. 2001 ²¹	Seven massive bleeding man-at-arms patients were treated with rFVIIa (median dose of 120 µg/kg) after failure of conventional therapy 1) Resulted in a cessation of diffuse bleeding with a significant decrease of blood requirements to two units ($P < 0.005$), a shortening of PT and aPTT from a median of 24 seconds to 10.1 seconds ($P < 0.005$) and 79 seconds to 41 seconds, respectively 2) An increase of FVII level from 0.7 IU/ml to 23.7 IU/ml ($P < 0.05$) was also noted
	Vick and Blum 2008 ²²	Review of eight pediatric blunt abdominal trauma cases that were managed nonoperatively for persistent bleeding after rFVIIa administration. None required further intervention for persistent hemorrhage. No thromboembolic complications were noted
	Fettering 2007 ²³	A retrospective review of 45 cases of military trauma that received rFVIIa. The median dose given was 74 mcg/kg. There were statistically significant reductions in median platelet and FFP transfusion requirements after administration of rFVIIa. There were statistically significant improvements in median aPTT, PT, and fibronogen values after administration of rFVIIa
	Isbister et al. 2008 ²⁴	A retrospective review of an Australian and New Zealand registry of nonhemophilic use of rFVIIa. Six hundred and ninety-four cases were reported. Eighty-two per cent of cases were surgical in nature and the remainder were medical and obstetric. The median dose given was 50.6 mcg/kg. There were significant reductions in all types of blood product use after administration of rFVIIa. PT and INR were significantly reduced in all case types. The study of cases in which a more complex, specific, and controlled use of rFVIIa was used
	2003 ²⁵	life-threatening bleeding. Three of five patients had successful control of hemorrhage leading the authors to conclude that rFVIIa shows promise in the treatment of coagulopathic hemorrhage
	Kennel et al. 1999 ²⁶ Mayo et al. 2004 ²⁷	A 60 µg/kg dose with a repeated dose in 1 hour resulted in immediate cessation of oozing from all wound surfaces with normalization of coagulation tests 1) Thirteen patients received rFVIIa for acute, uncontrolled life-threatening hemorrhage resulting in cessation or reduction of bleeding after rFVIIa infusion 2) Concluded transfusion replacement should aim to correct coagulopathy before infusion of rFVIIa and that a hematology/transfusion specialist should be involved in patient management
	O'Connell et al. 2003 ²⁸	Retrospective analysis of data obtained from a voluntary drug surveillance database showed that 80% of those patients given rFVIIa had a decrease or cessation of bleeding with significant decrease in blood products used
	O'Neill et al. 2002 ²⁹	1) Reported the efficacy of a single dose of rFVIIa in trauma patients with patient 2) Concluded rFVIIa to be an effective management option in trauma patients with refractory bleeding due to ongoing coagulopathy
	Eikelboom et al. 2003 ³⁰	Reported a case series of 21 patients owing a drop in blood products used and a significant decrease in both PTT and INR with rFVIIa usage

RBC, red blood cells; ISS, injury severity score; pRBC, packed red blood cells; INR, international normalized ratio; TBI, traumatic brain injury; FFP, fresh frozen plasma; GCS, Glasgow Coma Scale; aPTT, PTT, partial thromboplastin time; PT,

PLATELET-DEPENDANT MECHANISM

Vessel injury

TF-DEPENDANT MECHANISM



Doesn't Work if...

acidosis

hypothermia

inadequate resus

(FFP, Cryo, PLT)

Corrects INR

**but what does it
mean**

\$1 per mcg

**Don't worry
about it...
not an ED Drug**

Prothrombin Complex Concentrates (PCC)

Antifibrinolytics

Tranexamic Acid

CRASH₂

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Tranexamic Acid

**1g over 10 minutes
followed by infusion
1 g over 8 hours**

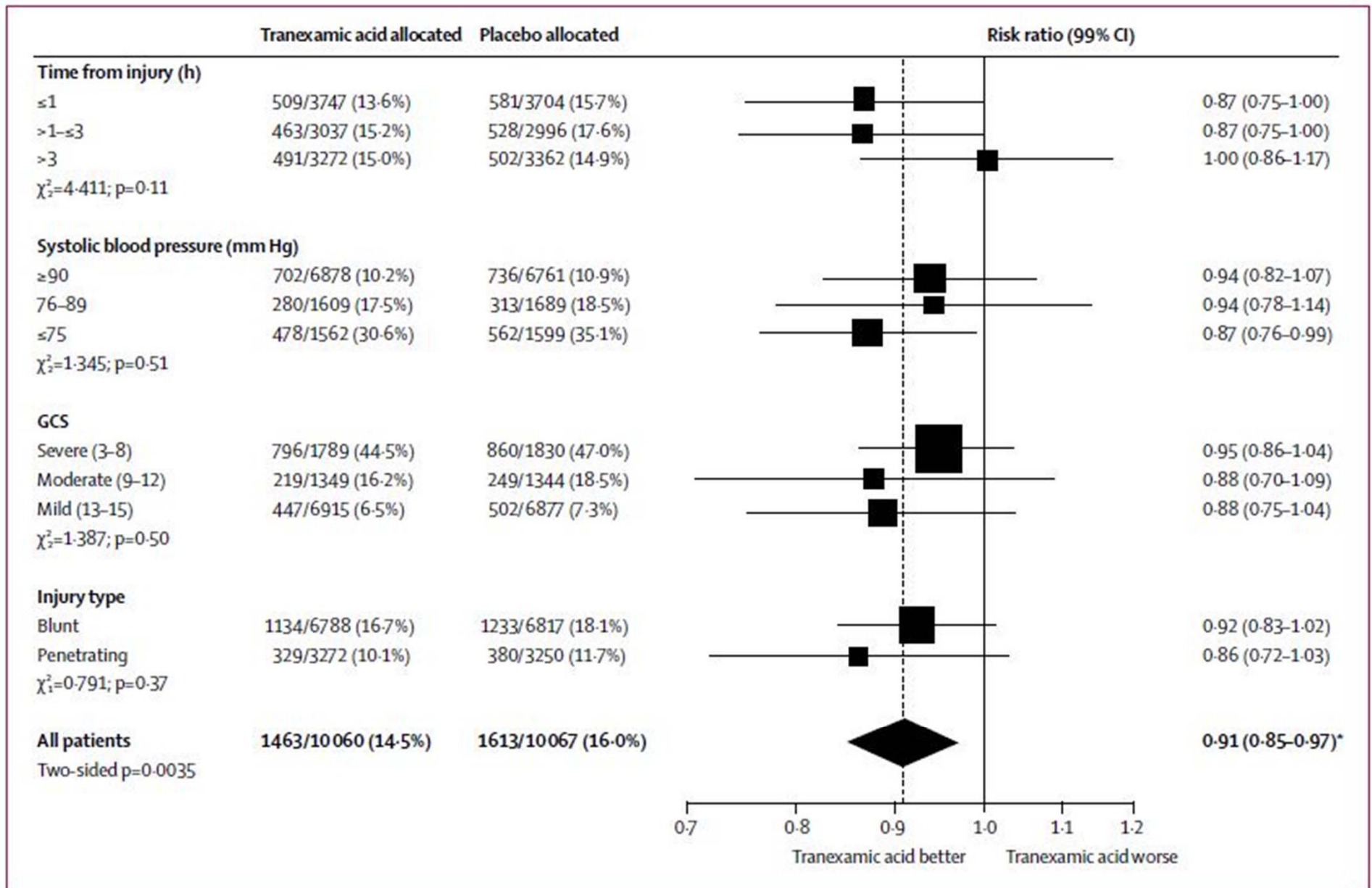


Figure 3: All-cause mortality by subgroups

GCS=Glasgow Coma Score. *95% CI.

**No increase in
thrombosis**

**but how does
it work?**

Individualized Hemostatic Resuscitation

TEG

■ **NORMAL**

R/K/MA/Angle = Normal



■ **THROMBOCYTOPENIA or PLASMA**

R/K = Prolonged; MA = Decreased; Angle \cong Normal



■ **HEPARIN / COUMADIN**

R/K = Prolonged; MA/Angle = Decreased



■ **HYPERCOAGULATION**

R/K = Decreased; MA/Angle = Increased



■ **FIBRINOLYSIS**

R/K = Normal to prolonged



■ **D.I.C. (EARLY STAGE**

MA/Angle = Normal to decreased



→ **LATE STAGE)**







PRBC / Hb Substitutes

PCC

Fibrinogen Concentrate

Hypertonic Saline

**Platelets, Anti-fibrinolytics,
Additional PCC & Calcium PRN
Guided By TEG & Labs**

Review

Permissive Hypotension

Minimal Normotension

Bust 'da Clot Theory & Dilutional Coagulopathy

Evidence



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Immediate versus Delayed Fluid Resuscitation for Hypotensive Patients with Penetrating Torso Injuries

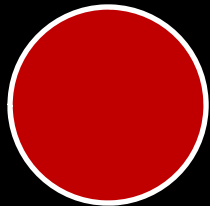
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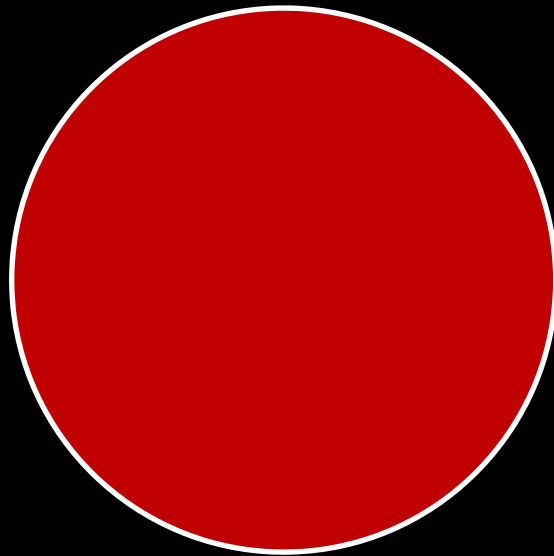
65

65 + Perfusion

All with MAP of 65



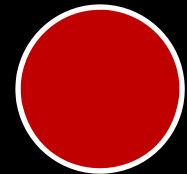
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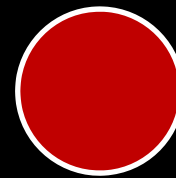
Trauma



Trauma



**Vasoconstricted,
Empty Tank**



**Filled
Tank**

65 + Perfusion + Pain Control & Sedation

**How does this
play out?**

UTS Femoral A-Line

Davis. J Trauma 2003;55:860

Good Pulse OX
Radial Pulse

Fentanyl Aliquots

review

Non-Compressible Wounds

A large, tangled ball of yarn, primarily orange with some pink sections visible. The yarn is thick and appears to be made of multiple strands. The ball is irregularly shaped and sits on a plain, light-colored surface.

Scalp Lacs

Pelvic Fractures



Femur Fractures

Non-Compressible Soft Tissue Injuries

HemCon



QuickClot



WoundStat



Combat Gauze



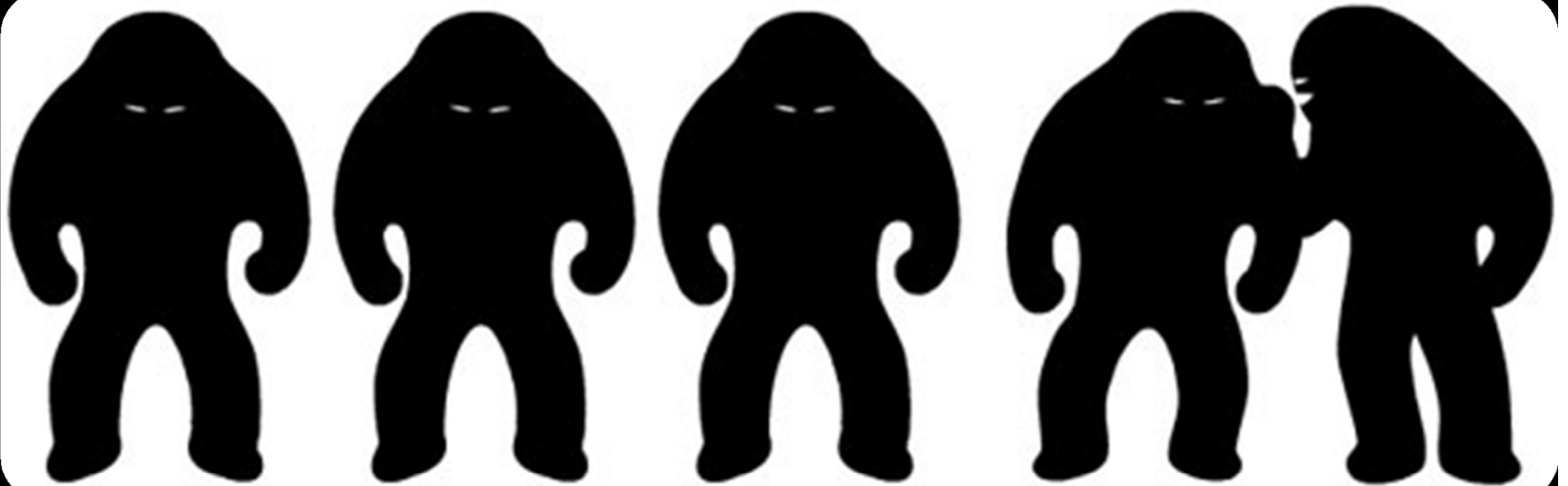
Extremity Vascular Injuries

Tourniquets





To Review



References & Handout



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**Trauma is a bear
eat bear world**

**We can only
attempt to Control
the Damage**

