



## Monroe Livingston Region Program Agency

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**Re: Advisory 11-09: Life Threatening Hemorrhage Policy and Vodcasts**

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Patients with significant, life threatening hemorrhage require aggressive bleeding control in order to improve outcome. In response to this, the REMAC developed Policy 9.23 – Life Threatening Hemorrhage. This policy specifically authorizes the use of tourniquet's and/or hemostatic gauze and outlines the considerations for use of either device. The ability of any transporting or non-transporting EMS provider to carry and utilize either device must be authorized by the Agency Medical Director. This policy is permissive and does not require agencies in the MLREMS region to carry and use these devices. Each agency should carefully review the benefits and costs related to these devices in relation to their call type and volume.

As directed by the REMAC, the Program Agency has developed two training videos consistent with this policy. Agencies choosing to carry one or both devices are encouraged to use this training to establish common knowledge, however hands-on training with the device(s) chosen by the agency is imperative.

The Life Threatening Hemorrhage Policy is attached to this document and available online [here](#). This policy is effective immediately.

The vodcast training is not mandatory, but highly encouraged for agencies choosing to carry these devices. One-half hour of BLS CME is available upon satisfactory completion of the post test. The link for this training is [here](#).

With any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Program Agency.