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## Tactical Combat Casualty Care: Beginnings.

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### Abstract

**Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC)** is a set of evidence-based, best-practice prehospital trauma **care** guidelines customized for use on the battlefield. The origins of **TCCC** were nontraditional. The **TCCC** program began as a Naval Special Warfare biomedical research effort launched after the realization that extremity hemorrhage, a leading cause of preventable death on the battlefield, was not being treated with a readily available and highly effective intervention: the tourniquet. This insight prompted a systematic reevaluation of all aspects of battlefield trauma **care** that was conducted from 1993 to 1996 as a joint effort by special operations medical personnel and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The product of that 3-year research project was **TCCC**, the first-ever set of battlefield trauma **care** guidelines designed to combine good medicine with good small-unit tactics.

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