

# American College of Surgeons Chapter Lobby Day Program

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## Stop the Bleed at the State Capitol



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# ACS Background

- More than **80,000** surgeon members
- **67** state and local chapters in the United States; **7** multi-chapter states
- **20+** legislative issues areas of focus



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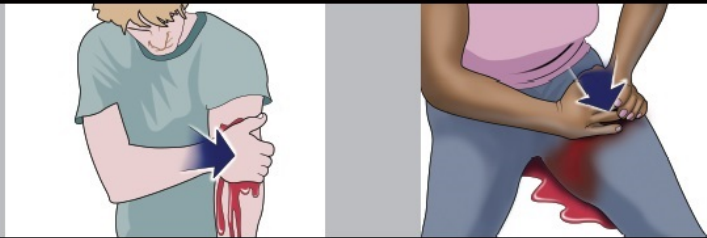
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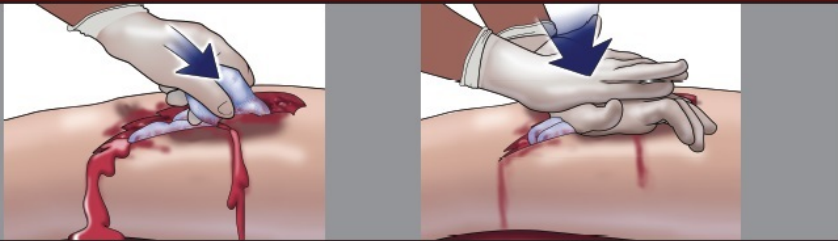
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# Stop the Bleed

## 1 APPLY PRESSURE WITH HANDS



## 2 APPLY DRESSING AND PRESS



## 3 APPLY TOURNIQUET



WRAP

WIND

SECURE

TIME

# CALL 911

The "Stop the Bleed" campaign was initiated by a federal interagency working group convened by the National Security Council Staff, The White House. The purpose of the campaign is to build national resilience by better preparing the public to save lives by making awareness of basic actions to stop life-threatening bleeding following everyday emergencies and man-made and natural disasters. Advances made by military medicine and research in hemorrhage control during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have informed the work of this initiative which promotes the transfer of knowledge back to the homeland to the benefit of the general public. "Stop the Bleed" is a registered service mark of the Department of Defense. Use of the equipment and the training does not guarantee that all bleeding will be stopped or that all lives will be saved.

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# Getting Handsy



Washington Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib



Massachusetts State House Hall of States



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Kansas Representative Jan Kessinger



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**Tennessee Representative John Ray Clemmons and Senator Sara Kyle  
(holding the Stop the Bleed sign)**



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# Recognition

January 11, 2018

## Washington Capitol learns to Stop the Bleed

On Jan. 10, the Washington State Legislature was one of the safest places in Washington.

More than 40 nurses, EMTs, first responders and doctors from across the state gathered at the capitol campus in Olympia for Stop the Bleed WA Legislative Day. The day was spent training legislators, staff and visitors about Stop the Bleed Washington and raising awareness of this vital campaign.

From Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, Director Monica Vavilala, M.D., Injury Care section lead Saman Arbabi, M.D., MPH, and senior research fellow Robert Tessler, M.D., assisted at training stations and met with legislators and their staff to discuss the program, which is led by HIPRC core member and incoming Chair of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma Eileen Bulger, M.D.

Stop the Bleed focuses on training community members to respond to life-threatening bleeding injuries. If someone is seriously injured, an immediate response from a bystander can mean life or death in the precious minutes before medical help arrives.



Dr. Saman Arbabi, right, teaches Washington's Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib about applying tourniquets during Stop the Bleed WA Legislative Day.

Interdisciplinary teams managed training stations throughout the Legislative Building to give abbreviated versions of the Stop the Bleed course. Participants got hands-on practice applying tourniquets and packing wounds, and trainees included Washington's Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib.

Immediate first response from bystanders has saved lives in several high profile mass casualty events, including last year's Amtrak train derailment near DuPont, Washington in December or the Las Vegas shooting in October. While the national campaign was originally developed in response to mass shootings, the skills taught in Stop the Bleed can also be useful during natural disasters, after motor vehicle crashes or after accidents at home.

Stop the Bleed is a national initiative to equip as many people as possible with life-saving first aid skills and to place bleeding control kits in public buildings and gathering places. Like CPR, Stop the Bleed is a valuable skillset that the general public can and should learn.

The volunteers at the Stop the Bleed WA Legislative Day included representatives from Harborview Injury Prevention & Research Center, Harborview Medical Center, Providence Regional Medical Center Everett, Spokane Surgery, King County, Cascade Medical Center, Confluence Health,



From left, Dr. Saman Arbabi and Dr. Monica Vavilala of HIPRC present a bleeding control kit to Washington House of Representatives Speaker Frank Chopp.

## Bill Would Require Health Classes Teach Bleeding Control Course

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Clayton Goddard speaks on behalf of a bill requiring students learn bleeding control in health class.

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A bill that requires high school students go through bleeding control training as a part of their mandated health class curriculum, has passed a house committee.

Schools would work with the "Stop the Bleed" program, which trains individuals how to use a tourniquet to stop an individual from bleeding. The program is already an existing class and is used in some schools, but the expansion would require the program to go statewide.



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# Key Takeaways

☐ Build Relationships

☐ Gain Recognition

☐ Achieve Legislative Success



Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb signing HB 1063 into law to require Stop the Bleed training and bleeding control kits in Indiana public schools.



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# Questions?



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