



Bleeding Control Kit Donation

Members of the trauma and emergency department at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital led by trauma coordinator Joni Belz made a donation of bleeding control kits to the Arlington ISD at the Nov. 28 meeting of the AISD School Health Advisory Council. The Arlington Memorial staff provided training to the AISD staff on the use of the kits early in 2017.

The bleeding control kits and training will help prepare staff in the event of a mass casualty or disaster to provide immediate assistance and hemorrhage, or bleeding, control to victims until first responders arrive on the scene.

In 2013, a federal joint committee created a National Policy to Enhance Survivability from Intentional Mass-Casualty Shooting Events. This policy has been accepted by the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The deliberations of the committee have become known as the Hartford Consensus. The principle of the Hartford Consensus is that in situations of intentional mass-casualty and/or active-shooter events, no one should die from uncontrolled bleeding. One goal of the Hartford Consensus is to empower the public as immediate responders to provide emergency care.

In May 2016, the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) Trauma Systems Committee adopted the Stop the Bleed Campaign as a regional injury prevention/outreach initiative. B-Con is a Hartford Consensus-recommended curriculum for the immediate responder that teaches the public a tiered approach for recognizing life-threatening bleeding, stopping the bleeding through applying pressure or utilizing tourniquets, and being situationally prepared, all of which are critical in saving lives. The Hartford Consensus determined the most significant preventable cause of death in the prehospital environment is external hemorrhage. Being able to identify life-threatening bleeding and apply bleeding control tactics immediately is critical to saving lives.

Trauma registrar James Singh, EMT-B; emergency department supervisor Ronnie Belz, RN and trauma nurse coordinator Joni Belz BSN, RN, CEN, TCRN presented the kits to Arlington ISD health services coordinator Annette Minnerly, BSN, RN, and Michael Hill, Arlington ISD assistant superintendent of administration during the meeting.

