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Abstract

While the list presented here is by no means a comprehensive list of all of the research areas of interest in battlefield trauma care, much less a list of research needs across the entire continuum of **combat** casualty care, it does provide the collective judgment of the CoTCCC about the highest priorities for RDT&E that relate to battlefield trauma care. Two additional observations should be made regarding that point: (1) As the landmark Eastridge et al. 2012 study convincingly documented, most **combat** fatalities occur in the prehospital phase of care, so research efforts that enable **Combat** medics, corpsmen, and PJs to care for their casualties more effectively will convey the highest probability of further reducing the case fatality rate and preventable deaths among US **Combat** casualties; and (2) inasmuch as the mission of the CoTCCC is to update the TCCC Guidelines as needed, this group has excellent visibility of the most important current research questions in battlefield trauma care.

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