

Reply to “Use of a gasket for finger tourniquet”



To the Editor: We read with interest the article “Use of a gasket for finger tourniquet” by Beksaç and Caliskan.¹ Although the method is resourceful and this original tourniquet seems handy and easy to use, we would like to discuss some points.

First, this plastic material may not be eligible for sterilization.^{2,3}

Even though this device is relatively bulky, it does not solve the problem of forgetting it on the finger.

The gasket looks large and may not be tight enough for smaller fingers.

Making a tourniquet with a sterile glove is simple and sterile. Maintaining it with a Halstead forceps or a needle driver is easy, and it cannot be left on the patient at the final dressing (Fig 1). The upper extremity of the glove finger is cut to create a “glove ring,” which is then put around the finger at its base and is tightened and maintained with the Halstead forceps or needle driver. The portion of glove above the forceps is cut to disrupt the glove ring. This method ensures that even if the finger glove is forgotten, there is no risk of ischemia.

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Fig 1. A finger tourniquet is made by cutting a glove finger to create a “glove ring,” which is then put around the finger at its base and is tightened and maintained with the Halstead forceps or needle driver.

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