Principles of Control

Pressure – slow or stop the flow of blood. Squeeze wound edges together and wrap the injury.

Elevation – blood flows poorly uphill. Lift bleeding area and keep it raised.

What to do

External bleeding

- DRSABCD
- Using a pad or folded cloth, push on the wound.
- Elevate wounded area, if possible.
- Apply bandage over pad. If blood soaks through, use another pad and more bandaging.
- Apply a sling, if possible.
- Call 000 for ambulance/medical help.
- Check blood flow present beyond dressing.

What to do

Internal bleeding

- DRSABCD
- Lay casualty down to prevent fainting.
- Raise casualty’s feet by 20 cm or so, if possible.
- Call 000 for ambulance/medical help.

What to do

Special bleeds

Nose

- Sit casualty up, lean him/her forward and pinch the soft part of the nose for 10 minutes.