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CLINICAL BULLETIN

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ALERT!

Recently a New Hampshire provider experienced a catastrophic failure of what is believed to be a ***counterfeit*** Combat Application Tourniquet (C-A-T) device. When applying the device the windlass failed by snapping in half. A second device was attempted and again the windlass failed. The provider was able to eventually control the hemorrhage through other improvised equipment.

The NH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services has reached out to North American Rescue Inc., the manufacturer of the Combat Application Tourniquet (C-A-T) device, and learned they have identified at least 6 (six) counterfeit devices for sale.

Here is North American Rescue's warning:

WARNING: ***There are counterfeit medical devices on the market which resemble the Combat Application Tourniquet® (C-A-T®) and are illegally using the C-A-T® trademarks – including online vendors on eBay® and Amazon®. Some of those counterfeits have catastrophically failed during actual life-saving applications.***

If you have purchased a Combat Application Tourniquet (C-A-T) please ensure you purchased it from North American Rescue or one of their authorized dealers.