

# PRACTICE GUIDELINE

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Manual Reference: Deaconess Trauma Services

## TITLE: ROTEM

**PURPOSE:** To provide a guideline for Rotational Thromboelastometry (ROTEM)

**BACKGROUND:** ROTEM is a method of measuring hemostasis quality via the viscoelastic properties of a blood clot and is designed for patient blood management. ROTEM provides a rapid assessment of clot development from secondary hemostasis to clot lysis by evaluating clot formation, clot firmness, and clot fibrinolysis. ROTEM provides a global assessment of hemostasis by using a whole blood sample to demonstrate how platelets, coagulation factors, RBCs, and other elements are working together to 1) initiate a clot, 2) determine clot strength, and 3) investigate if there is any fibrinolysis.

## BASIC PRINCIPLES OF TEMOGRAM:

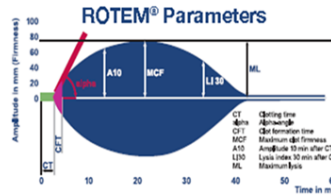
### ROTEM® CHECKPOINT

#### What's the Temogram Shape?

- Wine Glasses → Good • Bullets → Bad
- The Greater the Amplitude the Firmer the Clot

#### Evaluate

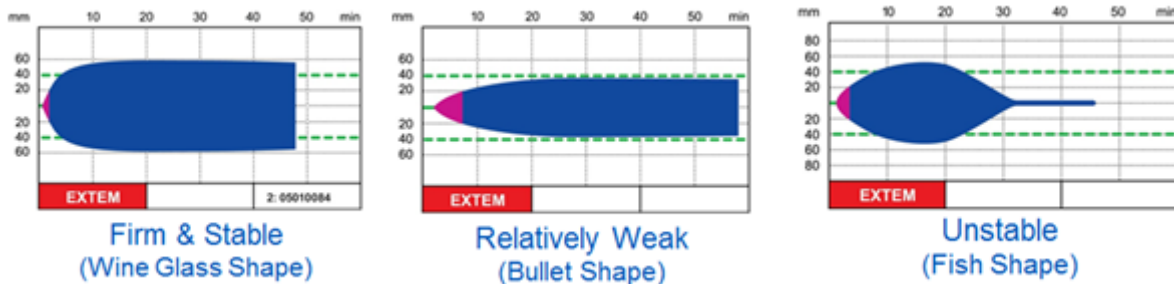
- **ML** – Clot Stability / Lysis  
(consider TXA)
- **A10** – Amplitude for Clot Strength  
(consider Plts & Fibrinogen)
- **CT** – Thrombin Generation  
(consider FFP, PCCs Protamine)



#### Assay Panels

- **EXTEM** – Extrinsic
- **INTEM** – Intrinsic
- **FIBTEM** – Fibrin Contribution
- **HEPTEM** – Heparin Effect?
- **APTEM** – Pathologic Lysis?

## OVERVIEW OF TEMOGRAM SHAPES:



## NORMAL FACTORS:

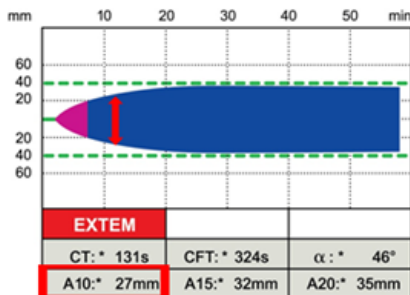
FACTORS	EXTEM	FIBTEM
CT	43-82 seconds	
A10	40-60	7-10 mm
A20	50-70 mm	7-24 mm
ML	15% or less	

CT: Coagulation Time (in seconds)  
 A10, A20: Amplitude 10 minutes and 20 minutes after CT (in mm)  
 ML: Maximum Lysis (percentage of lysis at any time)

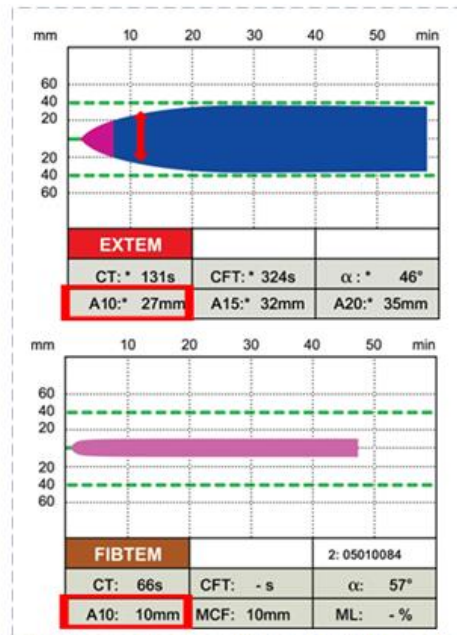
## OBSERVE THE ROTEM TEMOGRAM:

- Look at the CT in the EXTEM
  - If the CT is greater than 80 seconds, the patient needs FFP
- Look at the A10 in the EXTEM:
  - If the A10 in the EXTEM is less than 40mm, look at the A10 in the FIBTEM
    - If the A10 in the FIBTEM is less than 10mm, the patient needs Cryoprecipitate (“Cryo”)
    - If the A10 in the FIBTEM is 10mm or greater, the patient needs platelets
- Look at the ML in the EXTEM
  - If the ML is 15% or greater, look at the shape. If there is a “fish shape” in *BOTH* EXTEM and FIBTEM, the patient needs TXA

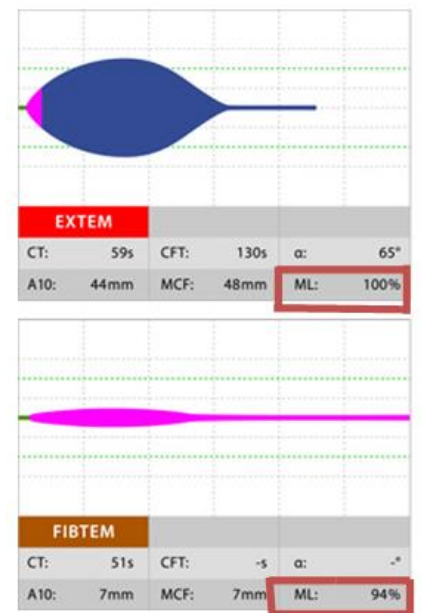
## THREE EXAMPLES:



Suggests inadequate fibrin contribution to clot firmness. Pt needs cryo.



Suggests adequate fibrin contribution to clot firmness. Pt needs platelets.



Suggests hyperfibrinolysis. Pt needs TXA.

## GUIDELINES:

1. In the event a trauma patient requires Massive Transfusion Protocol, a ROTEM should be ordered
  - a. ROTEM Trauma panel will include: EXTEM and FIBTEM
2. Specimen collection
  - a. Specimen must go in a blue top tube and cannot be added on to coagulation studies
    - i. Specimen can be collected via stick or draw
      - a) Stick must be with a 23 gauge needle or larger and waste at least 2ml of blood
      - b) Draw from line with no heparin and waste at least 2ml of blood
    - ii. Specimen must be hand delivered to lab. CANNOT use tube system
3. View results remotely in real time using the ROTEM link on the Epic Dashboard
  - a. Test will be viewable remotely for 60 minutes until test is completed
  - b. Login and Password for the system are the same as the Epic Login/Password
  - c. Once test is completed, image will be printed and scanned into Epic in Results Review where labs are located
4. Refer to Appendix for ROTEM Algorithm

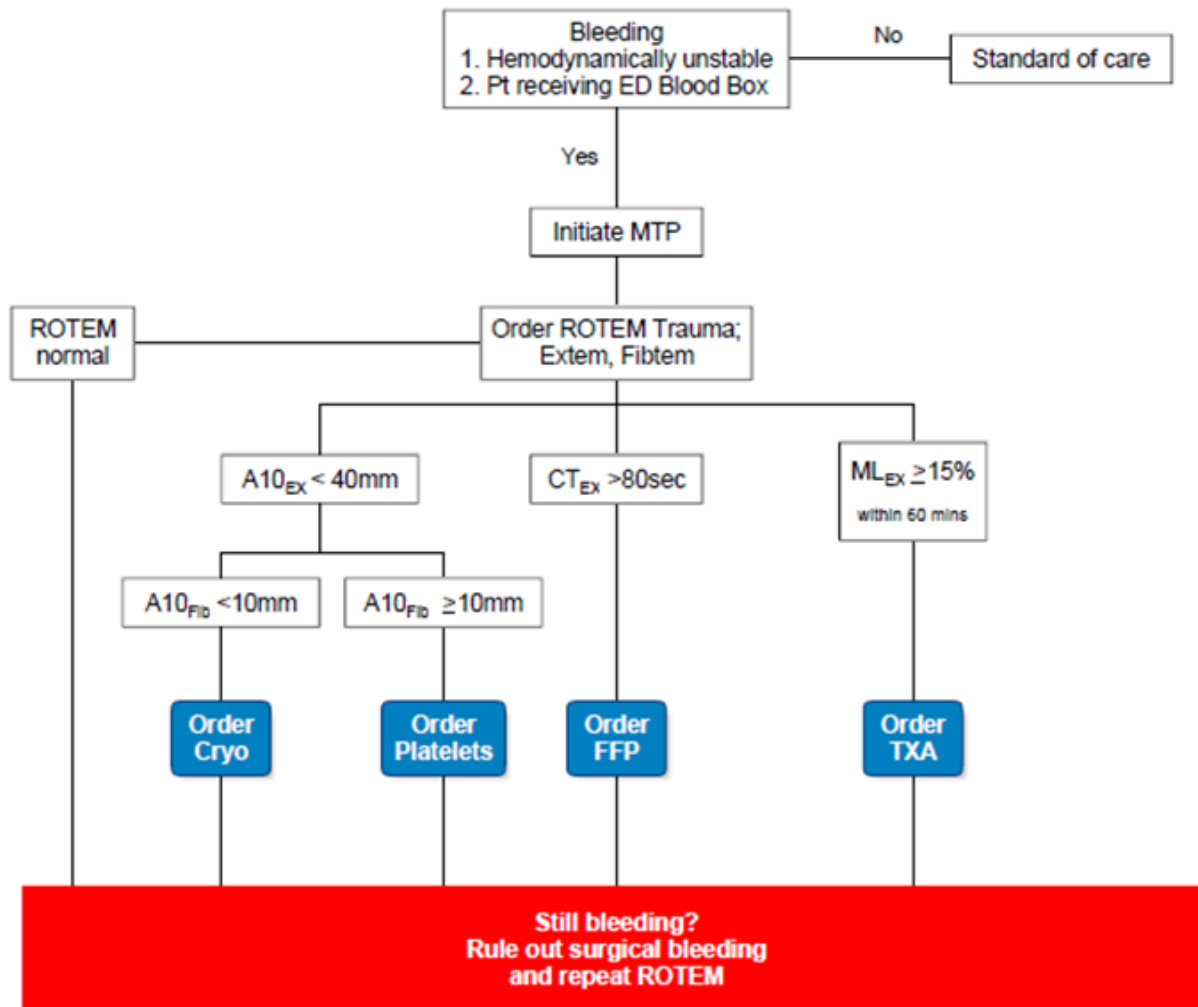
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## Appendix

# ROTEM Algorithm



**NOTES:**  
Specimen goes in a blue top.  
Do not use tube system.  
Hand deliver to lab.