

Key points from first First Interventions Task Force meeting December 9, 2005

- The group discussed blood loss volume and rate measurement and postpartum hemorrhage (PPH) diagnosis issues. Discussion included use of cloths and modified plastic sheeting to quantify blood loss.
- There was a discussion of the intrauterine tamponade and the antishock garment as first intervention methods. Discussion included the possible development of a low-cost sterile balloon catheter for use as a tamponade.
- The group also discussed use of modified acronym HAEMOSTASIS for identification and treatment of PPH.
- Necessary research in order to properly quantify the effects and utility of different interventions was discussed.
- The group discussed the dissemination of information to different groups including international NGOs, professional associations, and regional groups. Discussion included informational needs of different caregivers and the need to tailor the information and interventions to the different levels of care.