

Floseal use in epistaxis

- 1 Patient arrives in A&E with epistaxis. Clinical assessment of ABC²
- 2 Take conservative first-line measure for at least 10 minutes, for example:²
 - Upright posture
 - Ice bag
 - Compress nostrils, etc.
 - Take an accurate patient history and send bloods for analysis
- 3 In case bleeding continues make every attempt to identify the bleeding point.²

Examination and treatment equipment should include the following:

 - Good light source
 - Zöllner & Yankauer suckers
 - Floseal Haemostatic Matrix
 - Floseal Malleable & Trimmable Applicators
 - Gauze pad
 - Rigid scope, gloves, gown and protective eye wear
- 4 Ensure any blood clots are removed either by the patient gently blowing their nose or suction.²

Apply Floseal to the identified bleeding site inserting the malleable applicator approximately half way (7 cm) and fill the nasal cavity
- 5 Apply bolster gauze under the nose and wait 2 minutes before inspection (brisk bleeding/coagulopathic patients may require longer). In cases of persistent bleeding, reapply Floseal through existing material
- 6 Once haemostasis has been achieved, the patient may be discharged if considered clinically suitable by the treating physician

FLOSEAL HAEMOSTATIC MATRIX – DEVICE SUMMARY

– See IFU for further information.

Indications: Adjunct to haemostasis of oozing to active bleeding when ligation or other conventional procedures have been ineffective or proved impractical. **Composition:** 1. 2,500 IU/vial Human Thrombin VH S/D powder. 2. 5 mL 200 µmol Calcium Chloride solvent for thrombin. 3. 5 mL Gelatin Matrix. **Contraindications:** Do not use in patients allergic to bovine materials. **Warnings:** Do not inject or compress into blood vessels. Not for prophylactic use to prevent postoperative bleeding. Do not apply in the absence of active blood flow – risk of life threatening thrombosis. Volume increases up to 20% in 10 minutes. Irrigate away excess product particularly in confined bony spaces. Not recommended in infected regions. Use with caution in contaminated areas. Not tested in ophthalmic

surgery. Not for controlling post-partum bleeding or menorrhagia. **Precautions:** Do not use with methylmethacrylate or other acrylic adhesives. Keep out of extracorporeal fluid circuits. Avoid solutions containing alcohol, iodine and heavy metals. **Date of preparation:** March 2010.

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References

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