

## Continuing Professional Development

# Prolonged casualty care (PCC)

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This section focusses on review questions and answers on topics about which remote, pre-hospital or austere clinicians should be knowledgeable. It will be featured in every issue of *JHTAM* to offer clinicians an opportunity to test their knowledge about their practice. The online review questions can be accessed via the QR code.

This issue's review questions will focus on practices advocated within the context of prolonged casualty care (PCC). The term PCC has been around for almost 15 years; prior to that it was known as prolonged field care. The change in terminology shifted to acknowledge the possibility that care might be delivered in places other than the 'field' and to align with the joint trauma system. The principles of PCC occur in the spectrum of care post-delivery of tactical care of the combat casualty (TCCC) and are designed to assist the clinician in processing often overwhelming and under-resourced clinical decisions.

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