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## Army May Adopt Clotting Product

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RICHMOND, Va. -- By April, a blood-clotting product created by Virginia Commonwealth University scientists could win the Army's approval for battlefield use.

The decision on WoundStat hinges on testing by the Army Institute of Surgical Research, which studies combat care and products for injured soldiers. A test of five products found that WoundStat was the sole product found effective "100 percent of the time."

Nearly 50% of battlefield deaths are the result of major blood loss, the institute said.

TraumaCure, the Bethesda, Md., company that holds the license to sell WoundStat, said it will have produced by the end of March enough WoundStat for every soldier in Afghanistan and Iraq.

A contract with the Army could generate about \$5 million in sales for TraumaCure. Some of those proceeds would go to VCU and the scientists who developed WoundStat in 2004.

TraumaCure is also working on selling WoundStat for emergency response crews and hospitals. It received approval in September from the Food and Drug Administration.