UBT updated recommendation
Research gaps

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Recommended for the treatment of refractory PPH due to uterine atony in specific settings:

– Access to surgical interventions
– Good quality PPH care available
– Skills on UBT use

Where these conditions cannot be met, rigorous research evidence is needed
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In settings not meeting pre-conditions:
- effectiveness and safety of purpose-designed UBT devices
- UBT as a temporizing measure in preparation for referral to a higher level of care,
- What are the essential preconditions that health services should meet for UBT use?

In settings with resources and good-quality PPH care:
- different types of UBT devices (improvised or low-cost purpose-designed devices)
- UBTs vs suction devices
- tamponade devices for PPH at caesarean section
- Training modalities for assuring competency in the use of UBT
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