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## CHIRURGIA AD ELEVATO IMPATTO EMORRAGICO

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- 14.30 - 14.50 Il paziente a rischio emorragico: identificazione e gestione.  
*Claudio Roscitano*
- 14.50 - 15.10 Monitoraggio intraoperatorio in chirurgia ortopedica ad alto rischio emorragico: variazioni emodinamiche, perfusione d'organo e ripercussioni sul microcircolo. *Tiziano Crespi*
- 15.10 - 15.30 Il rimpiazzo di fluidi e terapia trasfusionale per la corretta perfusione d'organo. *Andrea De Gasperi*

- Conflitti di interesse: nessuno
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# Optimising organ perfusion in the high-risk surgical and critical care patient: a narrative review

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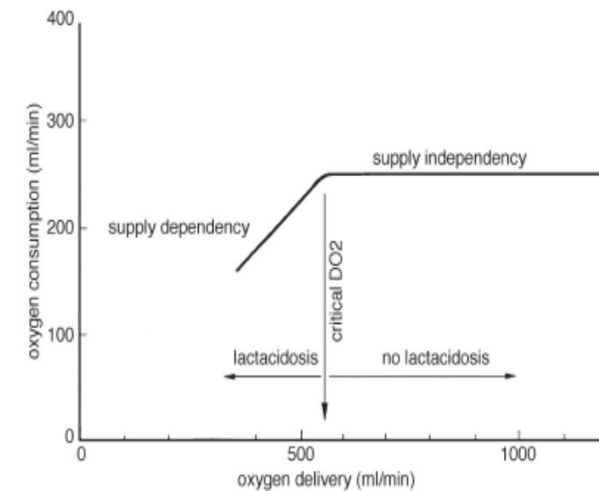
Thomas Parker, David Brealey, Alex Dyson and Mervyn Singer\*

Tissue hypoxia is a major pathophysiological determinant of outcome in both high-risk surgical and sick ICU patients. An initial increase in oxygen consumption is characteristic of the stress response after a surgical insult. Failure to meet this increased demand, with consequent development of a conceptual tissue oxygen debt, is detrimental; an increased incidence of complications, organ failure, and death correlate with an increasing severity and duration of tissue hypoxia.<sup>20</sup>

# Perfusion indices revisited

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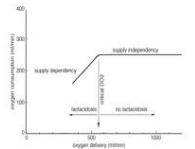
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## Red blood cell transfusion in clinical practice

Harvey G Klein, Donat R Spahn, Jeffrey L Carson

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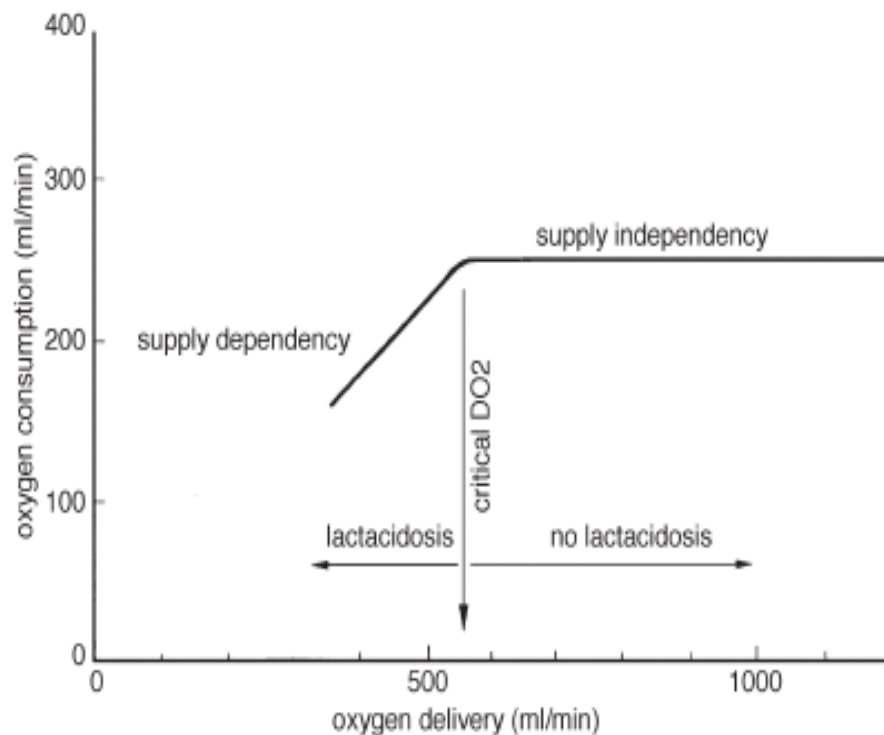
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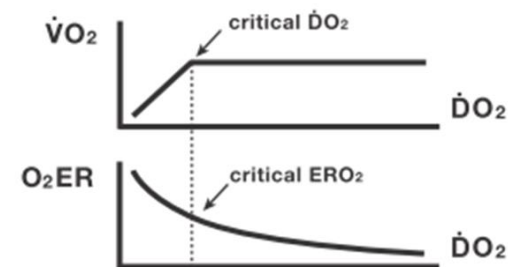
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## Evidence Base for Restrictive Transfusion Triggers in High-Risk Patients

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Global oxygen consumption ( $\dot{V}O_2$ ) which describes the amount of oxygen consumed by the whole body per minute ranges under physiological conditions in a normal adult from 200 to 300 ml/min whereas  $\dot{D}O_2$  ranges from 800 to 1200 ml/min. The relationship  $\dot{V}O_2/\dot{D}O_2$  defines the oxygen extraction ratio ( $O_2ER$ ) which is thus in the range of 20 to 30%. A normal  $\dot{V}O_2/\dot{D}O_2$ -relationship is illustrated in Figure 1. It



Therefore, oxygen delivery depends critically on cardiac output, Hb concentration, and  $SaO_2$ . Hence tissue hypoxia (insufficient oxygen delivery) can be due to ischemia (reduction in cardiac output or blood supply), hypoxia (decrease of  $SaO_2$ ), toxins (blocking Hb oxygen binding), and anemia.

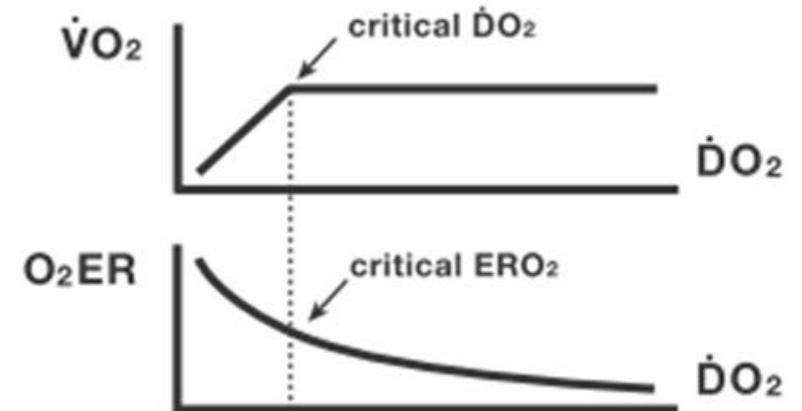
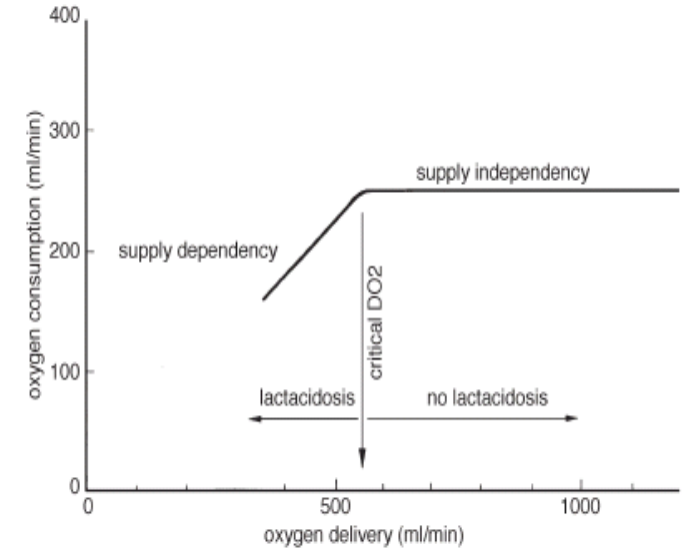
## Venous Oxygen Saturation as a Physiologic Transfusion Trigger

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When  $\dot{D}O_2$  decreases,  $\dot{V}O_2$  is maintained (at least initially) by an increase in oxygen extraction ( $O_2ER$ ) since  $O_2ER = \dot{V}O_2/\dot{D}O_2$ . As  $\dot{V}O_2 \approx (SaO_2 - SvO_2) \times (Hb \times 1.34 \times CO)$  and  $\dot{D}O_2 \approx SaO_2 \times Hb \times 1.34 \times CO$ ,  $O_2ER$  and  $SvO_2$  are thus linked by a simple equation:  $O_2ER \approx (SaO_2 - SvO_2)/SaO_2$  or even simpler:  $O_2ER \approx 1 - SvO_2$ . Assuming  $SaO_2 = 1$  [3], if  $SvO_2$  is 40 %, then  $O_2ER$  is 60 %.

Because it integrates Hb, cardiac output,  $\dot{V}O_2$  and  $SaO_2$ , the venous oxygen saturation therefore helps to assess the  $\dot{V}O_2$ - $\dot{D}O_2$  relationship and tolerance to anemia during blood loss.

high or rising lactate concentration and a low or falling central venous haemoglobin oxygen saturation (measured from a central venous catheter) are clinically useful triggers that signal the need to increase oxygen delivery. When



## Human Cardiovascular and Metabolic Response to Acute, Severe Isovolemic Anemia

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Table 2.—Response to Acute Isovolemic Anemia\*

Variable	Hemoglobin Range	
	125-134 g/L (n=23)	45-54 g/L (n=28)
SVRI, dyne·s·cm <sup>-5</sup> ·m <sup>2</sup>	2372 (541)	1001 (176)
HR, beats per minute	58 (11)	92 (12)
SVI, mL/m <sup>2</sup>	52 (9)	62 (8)
CI, L/m <sup>2</sup>	3.05 (0.69)	5.71 (0.87)
TO <sub>2</sub> , mL O <sub>2</sub> ·kg <sup>-1</sup> ·min <sup>-1</sup>	13.5 (2.7)	10.7 (2.0)
S <sub>v</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , %	77.1 (3.3)	69.6 (5.6)
VO <sub>2</sub> , mL O <sub>2</sub> ·kg <sup>-1</sup> ·min <sup>-1</sup>	3.01 (0.42)	3.42 (0.54)
Plasma lactate, mmol/L	0.77 (0.40)	0.62 (0.19)
Arterial blood pH	7.395 (0.016)	7.445 (0.025)
Base-excess, mEq/L	1.3 (1.5)	4.2 (2.2)
VO <sub>2</sub> /TO <sub>2</sub>	0.23 (0.03)	0.32 (0.04)

\*Data are mean (SD). Group sizes are less than 32 because not all subjects had a hemoglobin concentration within the range described. The statistical results provided in the text refer to all data for all subjects: all variables shown in this table, except plasma lactate concentration, changed significantly with decreasing hemoglobin concentration. SVRI indicates systemic vascular resistance index; HR, heart rate; SVI, stroke volume index; CI, cardiac index; TO<sub>2</sub>, oxygen transport; S<sub>v</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, mixed venous oxyhemoglobin saturation; and VO<sub>2</sub>, oxygen consumption.

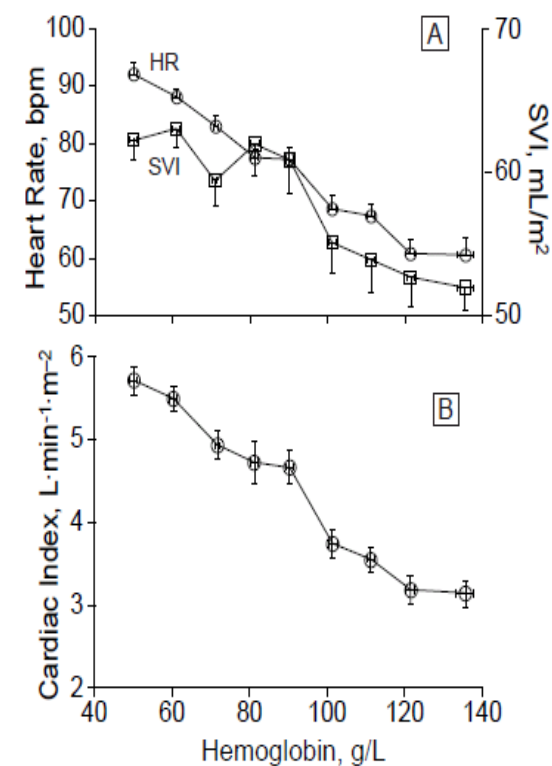
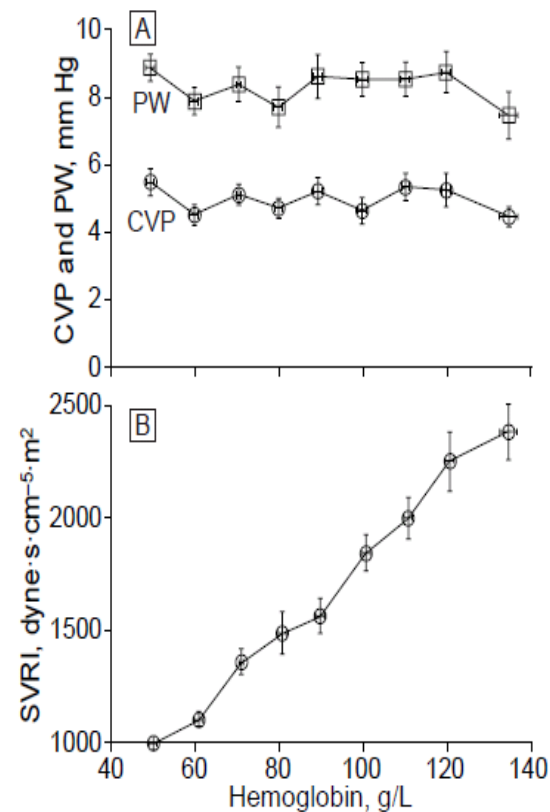


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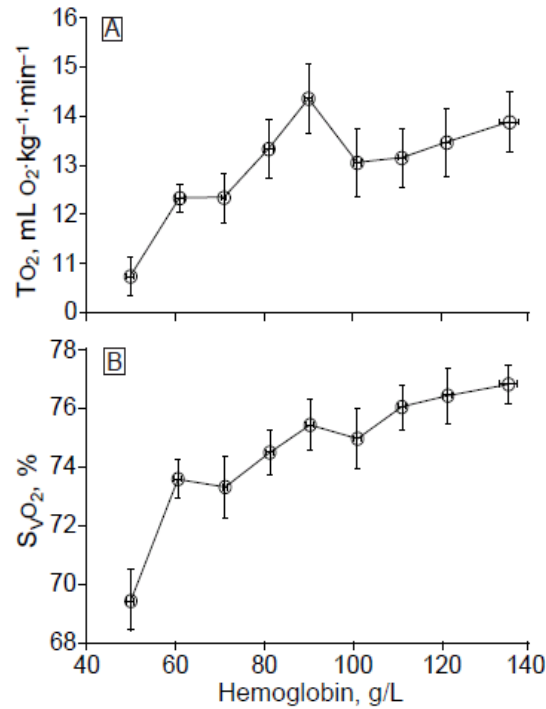


Figure 4.—Acute isovolemic reduction of hemoglobin concentration to 50 g/L decreased oxygen transport rate ( $\dot{V}O_2$ ) (A;  $P < .001$ ) and mixed venous oxyhemoglobin saturation ( $S_{vO_2}$ ) (B;  $P < .001$ ). Data are gathered into groups by hemoglobin increments of 10 g/L and represented as mean (SE) (N=32).

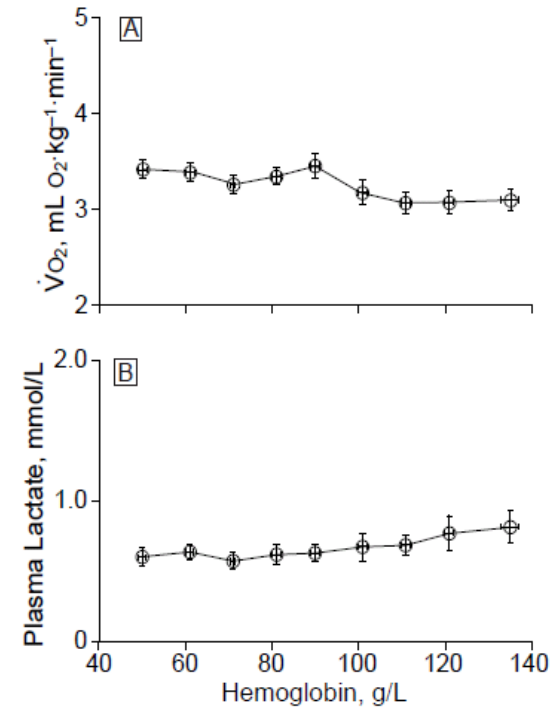
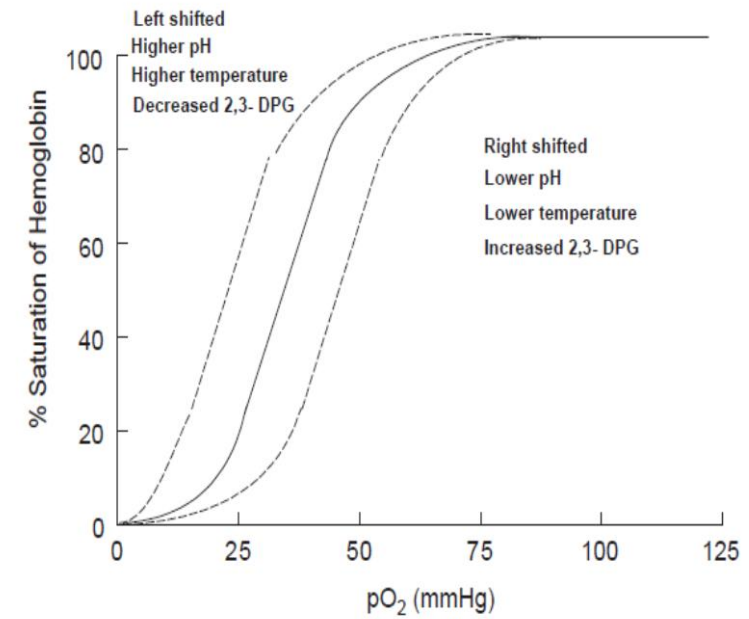


Figure 5.—Acute isovolemic reduction of hemoglobin concentration to 50 g/L increased oxygen consumption ( $\dot{V}O_2$ ) (A;  $P < .001$ ) but did not change plasma lactate concentration (B;  $P = .09$ ). Data are gathered into groups by hemoglobin increments of 10 g/L and represented as mean (SE) (N=32).

## CO<sub>2</sub> gap (P (v-a) CO<sub>2</sub>)

### *Background*

The difference between PCO<sub>2</sub> in central venous blood and PCO<sub>2</sub> in arterial blood is known as central-venous-arterial CO<sub>2</sub> gap (P (v-a) CO<sub>2</sub>). P (v-a) CO<sub>2</sub> has been considered as an indicator of the adequacy of venous blood flow to wash out CO<sub>2</sub> in peripheral tissues [23]. Elevated P (v-a) CO<sub>2</sub> (above 6 mmHg) occurs in cases of decreased systemic blood flow. Normalization of P (v-a) CO<sub>2</sub> during resuscitation was associated with normalization of serum lactate [24].



## Compensatory mechanisms in anemia

Oxygen delivery to tissue depends on the following factors: 1) level of hemoglobin (Hb) in the peripheral blood, 2) degree of saturation of Hb with oxygen, 3) Hb-oxygen dissociation curve, and 4) tension of oxygen in the tissue. When the Hb level decreases, certain compensatory mechanisms, such as changes in the Hb-oxygen dissociation curve and cardiac output, occur to maintain the oxygen delivery to the tissue (Fig. 1).

## Emergency Transfusion for Acute Severe Anemia: A Calculated Risk

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An editorial about a case report is unusual, but no more so than the case reported by Dai et al.<sup>1</sup> in this issue of the journal. They report survival, without

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hemoglobin concentration. Classic thought is that the amount of oxygen dissolved in plasma (the solubility of oxygen in plasma is 0.0031 mL/dL/mm Hg O<sub>2</sub>) is too little to be of physiologic consequence. Whereas that may be so during ordinary circumstances with an FIO<sub>2</sub> of 0.21, dissolved oxygen can be of substantial benefit during severe anemia, when the FIO<sub>2</sub> and Pao<sub>2</sub> are high. Hyperoxia reduces mortality of pigs subjected to acute severe anemia and maintained at their critical hemoglobin concentra-



Weiskopf and colleagues<sup>39</sup> made the interesting observation that the deterioration of neurocognitive function after isovolemic hemodilution from a hemoglobin of  $12.7 \pm 1.0$  to  $5.7 \pm 0.3$  was reversed by increasing  $\text{PaO}_2$  from around 100 to 400 mm Hg. This value is equivalent to an increase in hemoglobin concentration of roughly 3 g/dL.<sup>20</sup> Similar results have been found in animal studies.<sup>33</sup>

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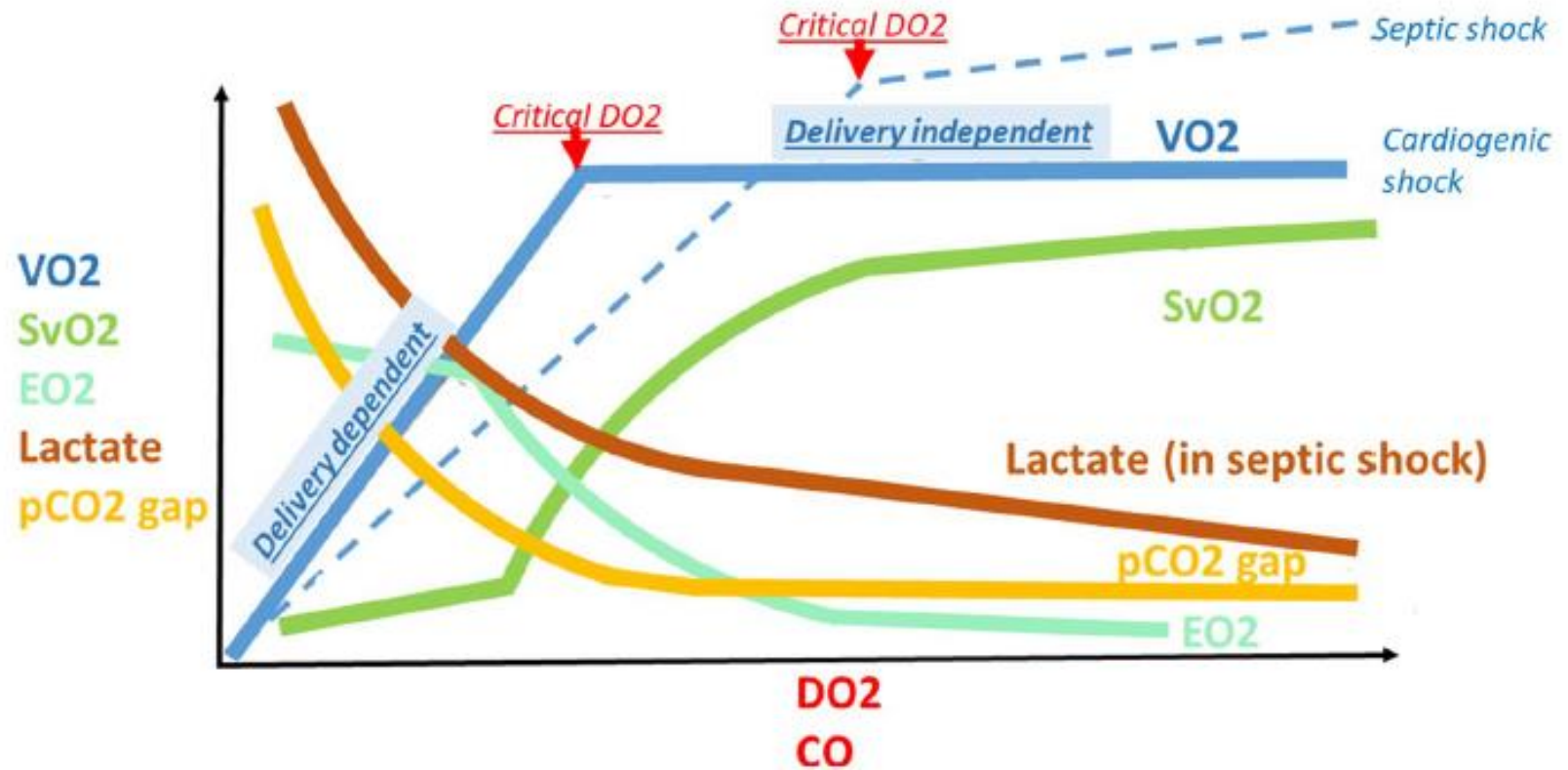
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These observations and results clearly indicate that there is no 'universal' Hb threshold that could serve as a reliable transfusion trigger and that transfusion guidelines should take into account the patient's individual ability to tolerate and to compensate for the acute decrease in Hb concentration. Useful transfusion triggers should rather consider signs of inadequate tissue oxygenation that may occur at various hemoglobin concentrations depending on the patient's underlying disease(s) [18].

cardiac surgery [20]. The use of goal-directed erythrocyte transfusions should render the management of allogeneic red cell use more efficient and should help: 1) in saving blood and avoiding unwanted adverse effects; and 2) in promoting and optimizing the adequacy of this life-saving treatment [16]. These 'physiologic' transfusion triggers can be based on signs and symptoms of impaired global (lactate, SvO<sub>2</sub> or ScvO<sub>2</sub>) or, even better, regional tissue (EKG ST-segment, DSST or P300 latency) oxygenation; they do, however, have to include two important simple hemodynamic targets: heart rate and MAP or systolic arterial pressure.

**Fig. 2** Relationship between levels of the parameters of global oxygen ( $O_2$ ) metabolism and  $O_2$  delivery ( $DO_2$ ) or cardiac output (CO).  $pCO_2$  gap, central venous–arterial carbon dioxide difference;  $S_vO_2$ , mixed venous oxygen saturation;  $VO_2$ , oxygen consumption;  $EO_2$ , oxygen extraction



# Clinical Practice Guidelines From the AABB Red Blood Cell Transfusion Thresholds and Storage

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## Rationale for Recommendation

The AABB recommendation to use a hemoglobin transfusion threshold of 7 g/dL to 8 g/dL for most hospitalized adult patients who are hemodynamically stable rather than a hemoglobin transfusion threshold of 9 g/dL to 10 g/dL is based on consistent evidence from multiple large RCTs performed in various clinical settings in more than

As in the AABB's previous guideline,<sup>40</sup> the committee chose not to recommend for or against a liberal or restrictive transfusion threshold in patients with acute coronary syndrome. There are 2 trials with a total of 154 patients that showed a trend toward a lower risk of death when the liberal transfusion threshold was used.<sup>56,61</sup> This finding is consistent with experimental studies in canines,<sup>90-92</sup> in an observational study of patients undergoing surgery with underlying cardiovascular disease,<sup>93</sup> and in the prespecified a priori hypothesis and direction in the 2 small trials.<sup>56,61</sup> |

### First Recommendation

Red blood cell transfusion is not indicated in hemodynamically stable adult hospitalized patients with a Hb level of 7 g/dL or more. This population includes critically ill patients.

### Second Recommendation

Red blood cell transfusion is not indicated in patients undergoing orthopedic or cardiac surgery or in patients with underlying cardiovascular disease with a Hb level of 8 g/dL or more.

## Thresholds for red blood cell transfusion in adults

Condition	Hemoglobin threshold for transfusion
<b>Hospitalized patient</b>	
Preexisting coronary artery disease	8 g/dL*
Acute coronary syndromes, including acute MI	8 to 10 g/dL <sup>¶</sup> [2]
ICU (hemodynamically stable)	7 g/dL*[3,4]
Gastrointestinal bleeding (hemodynamically stable)	7 g/dL*[5,6]
Orthopedic surgery	8 g/dL*[1]
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<b>Ambulatory outpatient</b>	
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## Indications and hemoglobin thresholds for red blood cell transfusion in the adult

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# Is There an Optimal Perioperative Hemoglobin?

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Summary Abstract

Rationale and Design for the Myocardial Ischemia and Transfusion (MINT) Randomized Clinical Trial

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Jeffrey L. Carson, Maria Mori Brooks on-behalf-of-the-MINT-InvestigatorBackground

We will enroll 3500 patients with acute MI (type 1, 2, 4b or 4c) as defined by the Third Universal Definition of MI and a hemoglobin <10 g/dL at 144 centers in the United States, Canada, France, Brazil, New Zealand, and Australia. We randomly assign trial participants to a liberal or restrictive transfusion strategy. Participants assigned to the liberal strategy receive transfusion of RBCs sufficient to raise their hemoglobin to at least 10 g/dL. Participants assigned to the restrictive strategy are permitted to receive transfusion of RBCs if the hemoglobin falls below 8 g/dL or for persistent angina despite medical therapy. We will contact each participant at 30 days to assess clinical outcomes and at 180 days to ascertain vital status. The primary endpoint is a composite of all-cause death or recurrent MI through 30 days following randomization. Secondary endpoints include all-cause mortality at 30 days, recurrent adjudicated MI, and the composite outcome of all-cause mortality, nonfatal recurrent MI, ischemia driven unscheduled coronary revascularization (percutaneous coronary intervention or coronary artery bypass grafting), or readmission to the hospital for ischemic cardiac diagnosis within 30 days. The trial will assess multiple tertiary endpoints.

## AUTHORS' RECOMMENDATIONS

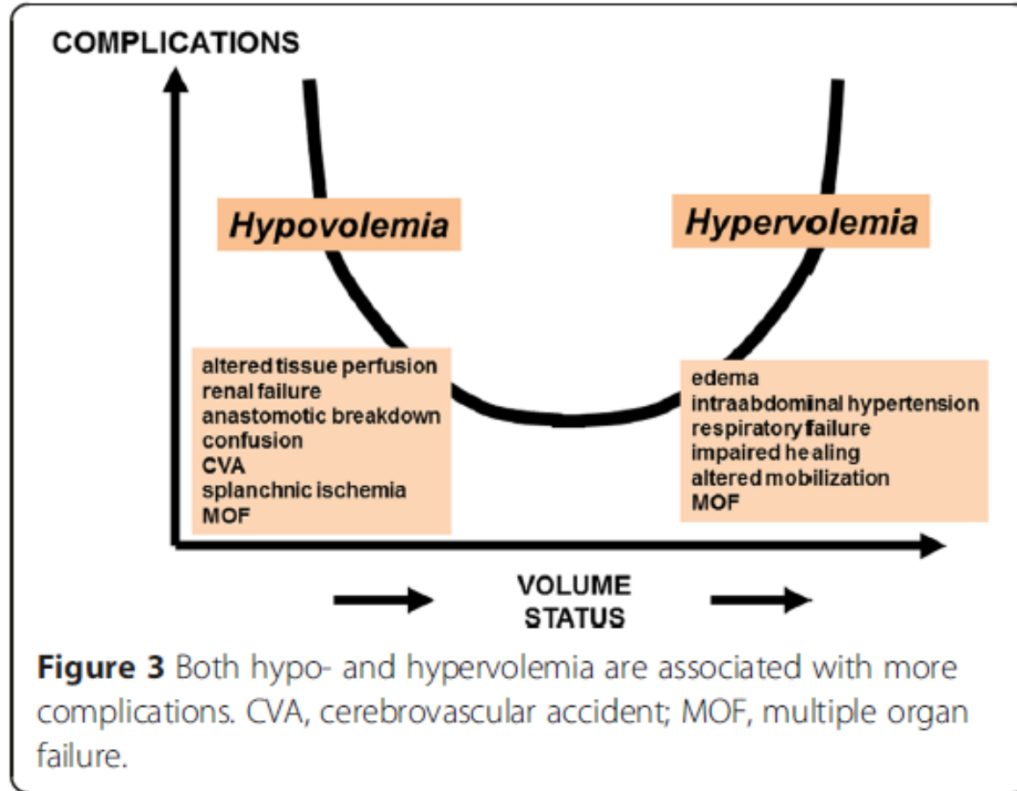
Numerous clinical trials have examined different transfusion thresholds in the perioperative and intensive care unit (ICU) settings and found that it is safe to withhold transfusion to 7 g/dL to 8 g/dL or for symptoms of anemia in the hemodynamically stable. Important outcomes such as myocardial infarction and functional recovery have been examined and have not been adversely impacted by using a restrictive transfusion approach. Patients with preexisting cardiovascular disease also tolerated lower transfusion thresholds. In patients with acute coronary syndrome, the optimal threshold is unknown, and these patients may be more vulnerable to the consequences of anemia. Thus it is necessary to rely on clinical judgment; a more liberal transfusion approach may be reasonable in this subgroup of patients. In preoperative patients, enough blood should be transfused to anticipate operative blood loss. Patients with symptoms of anemia should be transfused as needed. Ultimately, careful clinical assessment with thoughtful consideration of risks and benefits should guide the transfusion decision, not a specific hemoglobin concentration. No set of guidelines will apply to every patient.

# Editorial

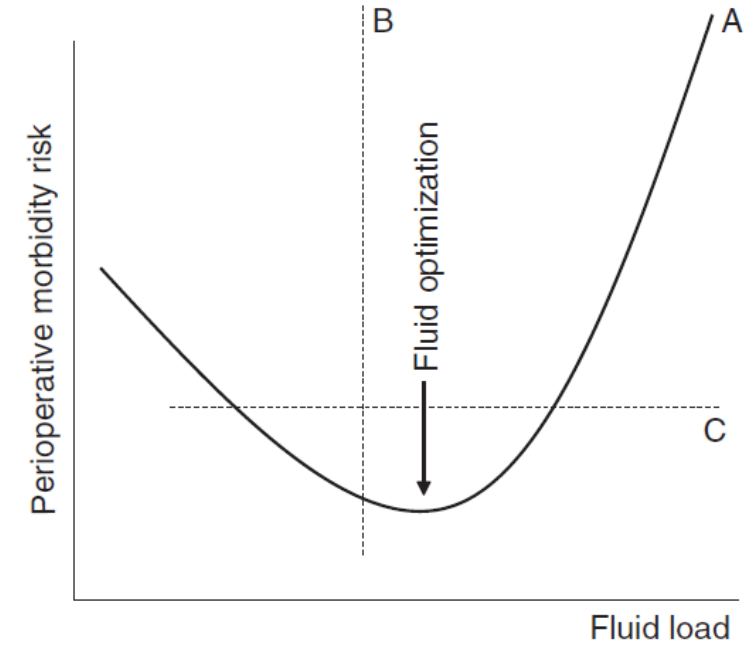
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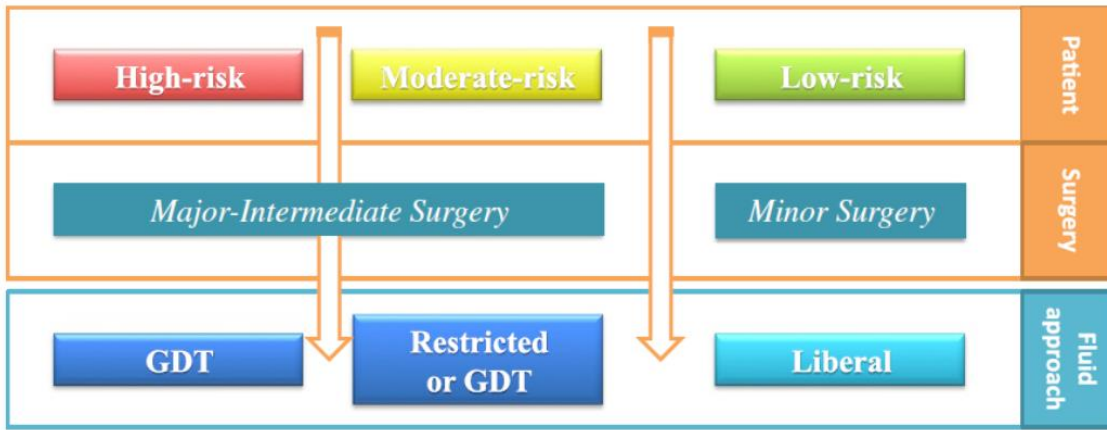


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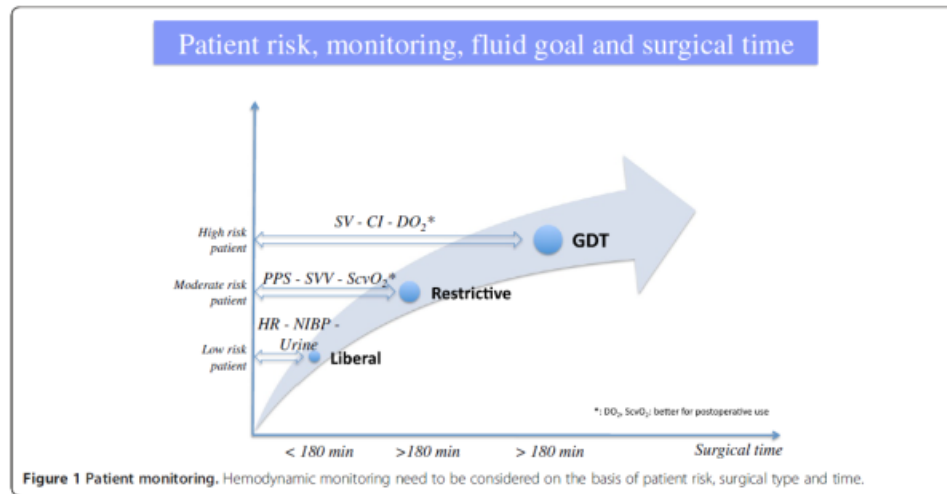
**Fig 1** Curve A represents the hypothesized line of risk. Broken line B represents a division between patient groups in a ‘wet vs dry’ study. Broken line C represents a division between patient and groups in an ‘optimized vs non-optimized’ study





Liberal or restricted fluid administration: are we ready for a proposal of a restricted intraoperative approach? *BMC Anesthesiology* 2014, **14**:62

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## Perioperative cardiovascular monitoring of high-risk patients: a consensus of 12

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### Table 2 Options to optimize perioperative hemodynamic management in high-risk patients

- **Reactive**

Correct hypotension, tachycardia.

Give fluids in the presence of suspected hypovolemia with increased pulse pressure variation (PPV), systolic pressure variation, stroke volume variation (SVV), or pleth variability index (PVI).

Identify a reduction in cardiac output and react promptly with fluid challenge.

Identify a reduction in central venous oxygen saturation (ScvO<sub>2</sub>) and react promptly with fluid challenge.

- **Pro-active**

Maintain arterial pressure and heart rate within acceptable ranges.

Maximize stroke volume.

Maintain PPV or SVV at less than 12% or PVI at less than 14%.

Maintain cardiac index (CI) or oxygen delivery (DO<sub>2</sub>) in a desired range (for example, CI of more than 4.5 L/minute/m<sup>2</sup> and DO<sub>2</sub> of more than 600 mL/minute/m<sup>2</sup>).

Maintain ScvO<sub>2</sub> at more than 65%.

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A GDT approach should be an "active" approach, the aim of which is not to "maximize" but to "optimize" the goal only in patients classified as fluid responders; .... goals should be maintained for up to 6-8 postoperative hours.

## Clinical guidelines for perioperative hemodynamic management of non cardiac surgical adult patients

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## Perioperative goal-directed therapy and postoperative complications in different kind of surgical procedures: an updated meta-analysis

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use of large quantities of normal 0.9% saline is associated with an increased risk of hyperchloremic acidosis and possible harm.<sup>34–36</sup> However, with the reduction in total IV fluid use in ERAS pathways, the significance of this is less clear. Balanced solutions such as Ringers lactate, Hartmann's solution or Plasmalyte avoid this problem.<sup>36</sup> Post-

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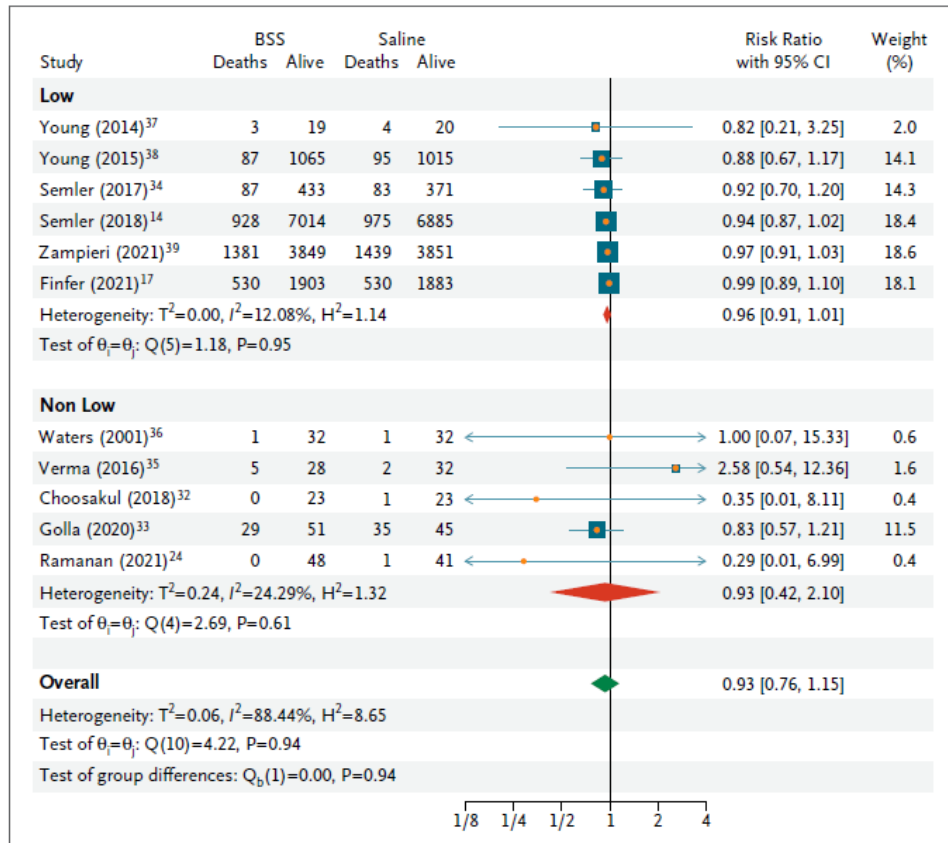
## Balanced Crystalloids versus Saline in Critically Ill Adults — A Systematic Review with Meta-Analysis

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**METHODS** We systematically reviewed randomized clinical trials (RCTs) comparing the use of balanced crystalloids with saline in critically ill adults. The primary outcome was 90-day mortality after pooling data from low-risk-of-bias trials using a random-effects model. We also performed a Bayesian meta-analysis to describe the primary treatment effect in probability terms. Secondary outcomes included the incidence of acute kidney injury (AKI), new treatment with renal replacement therapy (RRT), and ventilator-free and vasopressor-free days to day 28.

**RESULTS** We identified 13 RCTs, comprising 35,884 participants. From six trials (34,450 participants) with a low risk of bias, the risk ratio (RR) for 90-day mortality with balanced crystalloids versus saline was 0.96 (95% confidence interval [CI], 0.91 to 1.01;  $I^2 = 12.1%$ ); using vague priors, the posterior probability that balanced crystalloids reduce mortality was 89.5%. The RRs of developing AKI and of being treated with RRT with balanced crystalloids versus saline were 0.96 (95% CI, 0.89 to 1.02) and 0.95 (95% CI, 0.81 to 1.11), respectively. Ventilator-free days (mean difference, 0.18 days; 95% CI, -0.45 to 0.81) and vasopressor-free days (mean difference, 0.19 days; 95% CI, -0.14 to 0.51) were similar between groups.

**CONCLUSIONS** The estimated effect of using balanced crystalloids versus saline in critically ill adults ranges from a 9% relative reduction to a 1% relative increase in the risk of death, with a high probability that the average effect of using balanced crystalloids is to reduce mortality. (PROSPERO number, CRD42021243399.)



Effect of Balanced Crystalloids Compared with Saline on 90-Day Mortality in Critically Ill Patients by Risk of Bias.

# Effect of a Buffered Crystalloid Solution vs Saline on Acute Kidney Injury Among Patients in the Intensive Care Unit

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**INTERVENTIONS** Participating ICUs were assigned a masked study fluid, either saline or a buffered crystalloid, for alternating 7-week treatment blocks. Two ICUs commenced using 1 fluid and the other 2 commenced using the alternative fluid. Two crossovers occurred so that each ICU used each fluid twice over the 28 weeks of the study. The treating clinician determined the rate and frequency of fluid administration.

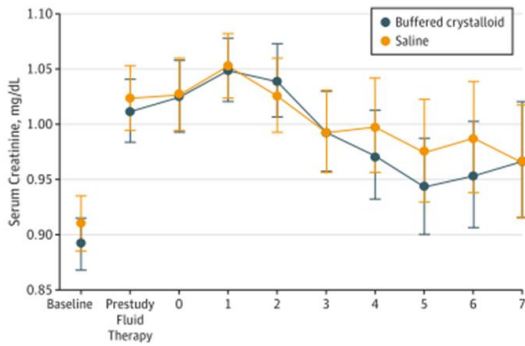
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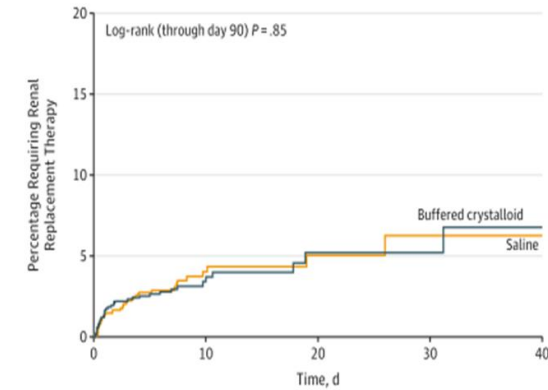
Figure 4. Daily Serum Creatinine for the Buffered Crystalloid vs Saline Groups<sup>a</sup>



No. of patients	Baseline	Prestudy Fluid Therapy	Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Saline	1092	820	503	947	442	272	184	135	110	100
Buffered crystalloid	1133	847	481	992	478	297	200	144	112	94

<sup>a</sup> Day 0 is the day of enrollment. The baseline creatinine was defined as lowest serum creatinine in the hospital laboratory records for the 6 months prior to intensive care unit admission. The prestudy fluid therapy creatinine was defined as the most recent measurement of serum creatinine taken in the 24 hours prior to the commencement of study fluid. Censoring applied at hospital discharge or death. Serum creatinine values are approximated by a log-normal distribution so results are presented as geometric means. The error bars indicate 95% CIs.

Figure 2. Cumulative Incidence of Patients Requiring Renal Replacement Therapy Until Day 90 After Enrollment in the SPLIT Trial



No. at risk	Time 0	Time 10	Time 20	Time 30	Time 40
Buffered crystalloid	1152	341	134	62	36
Saline	1110	310	124	64	28

Censoring applied at hospital discharge or death. The x-axis is truncated at 40 days because the number of participants still in follow-up beyond 40 days is small.

# Buffered crystalloids or saline in the ICU — a SPLIT decision

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during fluid therapy. Although some clinicians might choose to use buffered crystalloids in preference to 0.9% saline owing to the points outlined above, those who continue to use 0.9% saline can be reassured by the preliminary results of the SPLIT trial, together with the support of >150 years of clinical experience and the fact that >7,000 patients in ICUs have received 0.9% saline in other randomized controlled trials. Although the SPLIT trial might not bring both factions together, these data have certainly closed the gap by showing that administration of a relatively low volume of 0.9% saline to patients in the ICU with a relatively low severity of disease, does not elicit clinically significant harm.

## Safety and efficacy of tetrastarches in surgery and trauma: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials

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**Methods:** This systematic review and meta-analysis was registered at PROSPERO (CRD42018100379). We included 85 fully published articles from 1980 to June 2018 according to the protocol and three additional recent articles up to June 2020 in English, French, German, and Spanish reporting on prospective, randomised, and controlled clinical trials applying volume therapy with HES 130/0.4 or HES 130/0.42, including combinations with crystalloids, to patients undergoing surgery. Comparators were albumin, gelatin, and crystalloids only. A meta-analysis could not be performed for the two trauma studies as there was only one study that reported data on endpoints of interest.

**Results:** Surgical patients treated with HES had lower postoperative serum creatinine ( $P < 0.001$ ) and showed no differences in renal dysfunction, renal failure, or renal replacement therapy. Although there was practically no further difference in the colloids albumin or gelatin, the use of HES improved haemodynamic stability, reduced need for vasopressors ( $P < 0.001$ ), and decreased length of hospital stay ( $P < 0.001$ ) compared with the use of crystalloids alone.

**Conclusions:** HES was shown to be safe and efficacious in the perioperative setting. Results of the present meta-analysis suggest that when used with adequate indication, a combination of intravenous fluid therapy with crystalloids and volume replacement with HES as colloid has clinically beneficial effects over using crystalloids only.



# Fluid Overload and Surgical Outcome

## *Another Piece in the Jigsaw*

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In the 16th century, Philippus Theophrastus Aureolus Bombastus von Hohenheim, better known as Paracelsus, said, "Poison is in everything, and no thing is without poison. The dosage makes it either a poison or a remedy." The key to better intravenous fluid therapy is to give the right amount of the right fluid at the right time and to try and maintain the patient in a state of zero fluid balance as much as possible.

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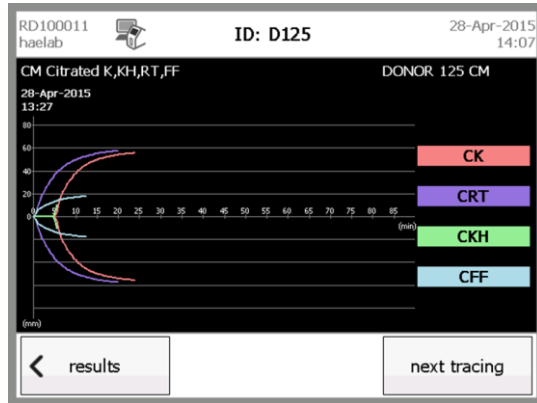
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**Dotazioni raccomandate per il monitoraggio della funzione emostatico-coagulativa <sup>2,3,25</sup>:**

- a. **Tutti gli Ospedali devono avere** a disposizione un monitoraggio standard inclusivo di:  
PT / INR, aPTT, conta piastrinica, fibrinogeno.
- b. **Gli Ospedali che trattano chirurgie a rischio molto alto dovrebbero avere:**
  - la disponibilità di monitoraggio point-of-care mediante test visco-elastici (TEG/ROTEM). In questo ambito, esistono linee-guida, metanalisi e documenti di consenso che confermano l'efficacia di un monitoraggio basato su test viscoelastici nella riduzione delle necessità trasfusionali e nel contenimento del sanguinamento.
  - test pre-operatori di funzione piastrinica (Multiplate, VerifyNow, PlateletWorks, Platelet mapping) danno un valore aggiunto come previsto dalle linee guida SCA-STS, per definire la tempistica della chirurgia in pazienti sotto inibitori piastrinici del recettore P2Y12 (clopidogrel, prasugrel, ticagrelor)
- c. **Ospedali con trauma center:** Gli Ospedali che trattano routinariamente il trauma devono avere la disponibilità di monitoraggio point-of-care mediante test visco-elastici (TEG-ROTEM). In questo ambito, esistono documenti di consenso che confermano l'efficacia di un monitoraggio basato su test viscoelastici nella riduzione delle necessità trasfusionali e nel contenimento del sanguinamento
- d. **Per tutte le altre tipologie di intervento ad alto rischio di sanguinamento** la disponibilità di test viscoelastici è consigliata. Peraltro, al di fuori della cardiocirurgia e della chirurgia epatica, le evidenze in letteratura sono scarse.

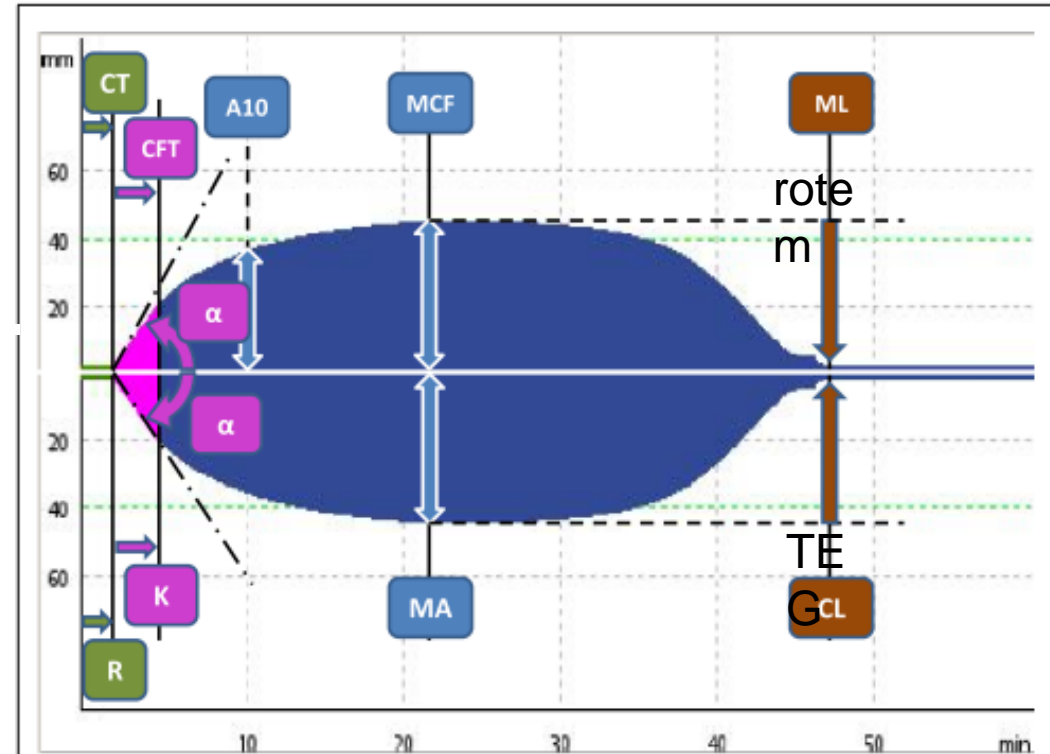
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Cartridge-based systems, which have been introduced by both manufacturers (TEG6S<sup>®</sup> and ROTEM sigma), will make these VCA much more widely available, particularly the more complicated assay modifications such as Fibtem<sup>®</sup> or PlateletMapping<sup>®</sup> (<http://www.rottem.de/en/>,

**TABLE 2 | List and comparison of the most important variables describing the VEM-derived curve.**

Variable	ROTEM <sup>®</sup>	TEG <sup>®</sup>
Clotting time (2 mm amplitude)	CT (clotting time) Normal (EXTEM) = 42–74 s Normal (INTEM) = 137–246 s	R (reaction time) Normal (citrate/ kaolin) = 3–8 min
Clot formation/ kinetics (20 mm amplitude)	CFT (clot formation time) Normal (EXTEM) = 46–148 s Normal (INTEM) = 40–100 s	K (kinetics) Normal (citrate/kaolin) = 1–3 min
Clot strengthening (angle of clot formation)	Alfa angle (slope of tangent at 2 mm amplitude) Normal (EXTEM) = 63–81° Normal (INTEM) = 71–82°	Alfa angle (slope between r and k points) Normal (citrate/kaolin) = 55–78°
Amplitude/ maximal firmness	MCF (maximum clot firmness) Normal (EXTEM) = 49–71 mm Normal (INTEM) = 52–72 mm Normal (FIBTEM) = 9–25 mm A5, A10, etc. – amplitudes at dedicated time-points predicting the final clot firmness	MA (maximal amplitude) Normal (citrate/ kaolin) = 51–69 mm
Lysis	LI30, LI60, ML	CL30, CL60, CL



**FIGURE 2 | The typical tracings of ROTEM<sup>®</sup> (upper panel) and TEG<sup>®</sup> devices (lower panel) with the most prominent parameters of both methods with the comparison (see also Table 2).**

ROTEM

TEG

**Thromboelastography (TEG) or thromboelastometry (ROTEM) to monitor haemostatic treatment versus usual care in adults or children with bleeding (Review)**

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statistically significant effect of TEG or ROTEM compared to any comparison on the proportion of participants transfused with pooled red blood cells (PRBCs) (RR 0.86, 95% CI 0.79 to 0.94;  $I^2 = 0\%$ , 10 studies, 832 participants, low quality of evidence), fresh frozen plasma (FFP) (RR 0.57, 95% CI 0.33 to 0.96;  $I^2 = 86\%$ , 8 studies, 761 participants, low quality of evidence), platelets (RR 0.73, 95% CI 0.60 to 0.88;  $I^2 = 0\%$ , 10 studies, 832 participants, low quality of evidence), and overall haemostatic transfusion with FFP or platelets (low quality of evidence). Meta-analyses also showed fewer participants with dialysis-dependent renal failure.

We found no difference in the proportion needing surgical reinterventions (RR 0.75, 95% CI 0.50 to 1.10;  $I^2 = 0\%$ , 9 studies, 77 participants, low quality of evidence) and excessive bleeding events or massive transfusion (RR 0.38, 95% CI 0.38 to 1.77;  $I^2 = 34\%$ , 10 studies, 280 participants, low quality of evidence). The planned subgroup analyses failed to show any significant differences.

We graded the quality of evidence as low based on the high risk of bias in the studies, large heterogeneity, low number of events, imprecision, and indirectness. TSA indicates that only 54% of required information size has been reached so far in regards to mortality, while there may be evidence of benefit for transfusion outcomes. Overall, evaluated outcomes were consistent with a benefit in favour of a TEG- or ROTEM-guided transfusion in bleeding patients.

### Authors' conclusions

There is growing evidence that application of TEG- or ROTEM-guided transfusion strategies may reduce the need for blood products, and improve morbidity in patients with bleeding. However, these results are primarily based on trials of elective cardiac surgery involving cardiopulmonary bypass, and the level of evidence remains low. Further evaluation of TEG- or ROTEM-guided transfusion in acute settings and other patient categories in low risk of bias studies is needed.

## Drinker's guide to viscoelastic testing

