

Anesthesia for Major Abdominal Cancer Resection

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Conflicts of Interest



Upper Abdominal Surgery

- Focus on oncologic surgery
- Epidemiology
- Preoperative assessment
- Intraoperative hemodynamic derangements
- Fluid management
- Respiratory complications
- Anesthesia / analgesia

Operations

- Colon Cancer
- Pancreatic Cancer
- Renal Cell Carcinoma
- **Hepatic Metastases**
- **Transhiatal esophagectomy**
- Not the endocrine procedures

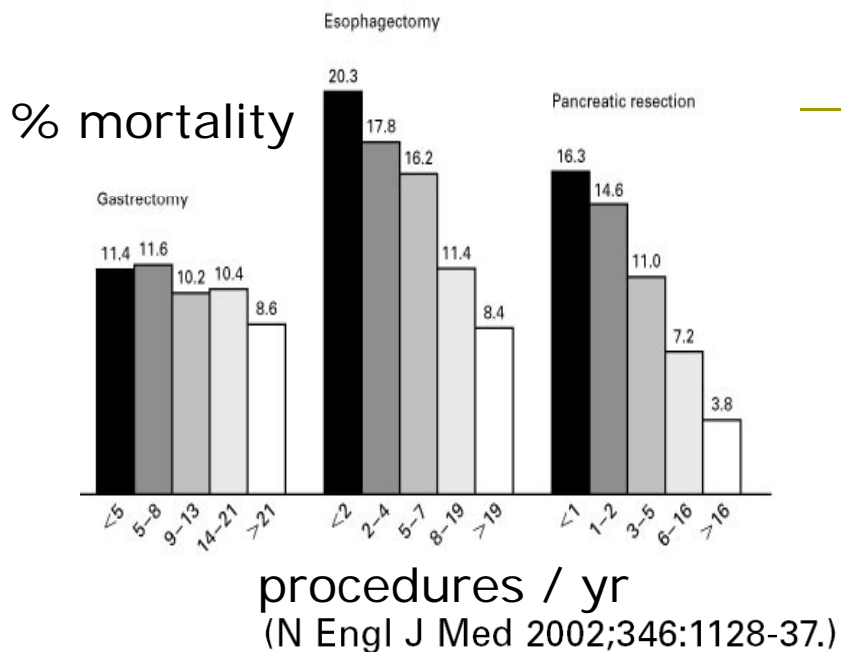
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HOSPITAL VOLUME AND SURGICAL MORTALITY IN THE UNITED STATES

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- Surgeons/hospitals that do more of these procedures have lower mortality
- Related to lower complication rates.
- More so for cancer operations than CV

(N Engl J Med 2002;346:1128-37.)



Does “less-invasive” surgery
change these considerations?



Conventional esophagectomy



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Throroscopic esophagectomy



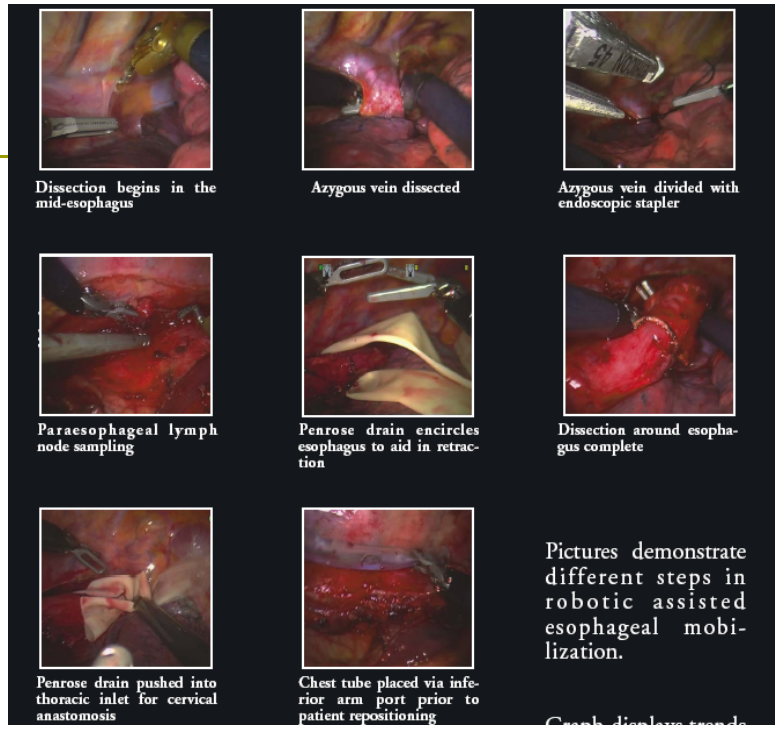
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ROBOTIC ASSISTED TRANSTHORACIC ESOPHAGECTOMY

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Robotic Assisted Transthoracic Esophagectomy.
Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons,
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Many patients are elderly

With significant
 medical
 comorbidity

Extended Hepatic Resection: A 6-Year Retrospective Study of Risk Factors for Perioperative Mortality

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Table 2. Prevalence of Comorbid Medical Conditions in 226 Patients Treated with Extended Hepatic Resection

Condition	n	%
Hypertension	62	27.4
Coronary artery disease	57	25.2
Smoking	43	19.0
Pulmonary disease	34	15.0
Diabetes	15	6.6
Myocardial infarction	10	4.4
Cholangitis	5	2.2
Stroke	0	0.0

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- 14 deaths (6%) in 226 patients.
- Preoperative variables
 - Cholangitis
 - creatinine > 1.3 mg/dL
 - total bilirubin > 6 mg/dL
- Operative variables
 - EBL > 3000 ml
 - Vena cava resection

Can anesthetic management reduce complications and improve outcome?

Preoperative Evaluation
Maintaining vital organ perfusion
Stress reduction and analgesia

Fluid management

- ❑ Normovolemic hemodilution for hepatic resection
- ❑ Low CVP for hepatic resection
- ❑ Goal-directed fluid resuscitation
- ❑ Colloid vs. crystalloid
- ❑ How to monitor adequacy of resuscitation?

Normovolemic hemodilution



Normovolemic Hemodilution

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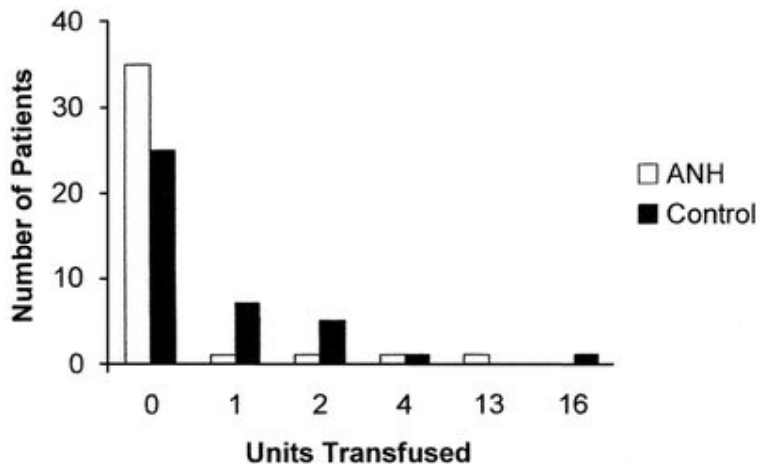
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- 78 “healthy” patients with Aline, CVP, ST segs
- ANH via 8.5 F introducer
 - Hct = 40.5 ± 2.7 to $23.5 \pm 1.2\%$
- **Average blood off = $2,020 \pm 412$ ml**
- Hetastarch 20 ml/kg, 5% albumin via 2 large bore PIV
 - $2,210 \pm 458$ ml
- No significant changes in MAP, HR, ST segs

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ANH for hepatic resection

- Patients randomized
- Goal: CVP \leq 5 mmHg
 - Fluid restriction
 - Morphine, NTG
- Arterial lines
 - ABG and Hct q 30 min

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ANH Protocol

Blood was withdrawn through central venous catheters into standard blood collection bags

- Baxter-HC/Fenwal Autologous Blood Collection Kit

Stored at room temperature

- In the operating room
- Labeled with the patients':
 - name
 - medical record number
 - date of birth



All patients	ANH (n = 63)	STD (n = 67)	P
Allogeneic RBC transfusion (Total)			0.067
Patients	8 (12.7%)	17 (25.4%)	
Units*	28	47	
Allogeneic RBC transfusion (Intraoperative)			0.036
Patients	1 (1.6%)	7 (10.4%)	
Units*	2	12	
FFP transfusion (Total)			0.14
Patients	11 (17.5%)	19 (28.4%)	
Units*	50	114	
Any transfusion			0.13
Patients	14 (22.2%)	23 (34.3%)	
Units*	78	161	

*Refers to total number of units per arm.

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Patients EBL > 800 ml	ANH (n = 33)	STD (n = 29)	P
Allogeneic RBC transfusion (Total)			0.045
Patients	6 (18.2%)	12 (42.4%)	
Units*	24	35	
Allogeneic RBC transfusion (Intraoperative)			0.013
Patients	1 (3%)	7 (24%)	
Units*	2	12	
FFP transfusion (Total)			0.025
Patients	7 (21.2%)	14 (48.3%)	
Units*	32	94	
Any transfusion			0.025
Patients	9 (27.3%)	16 (55.2%)	
Units*	56	129	

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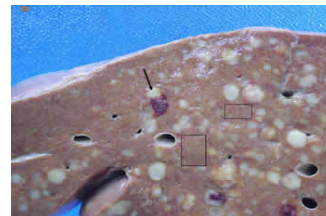
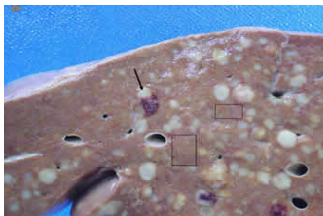
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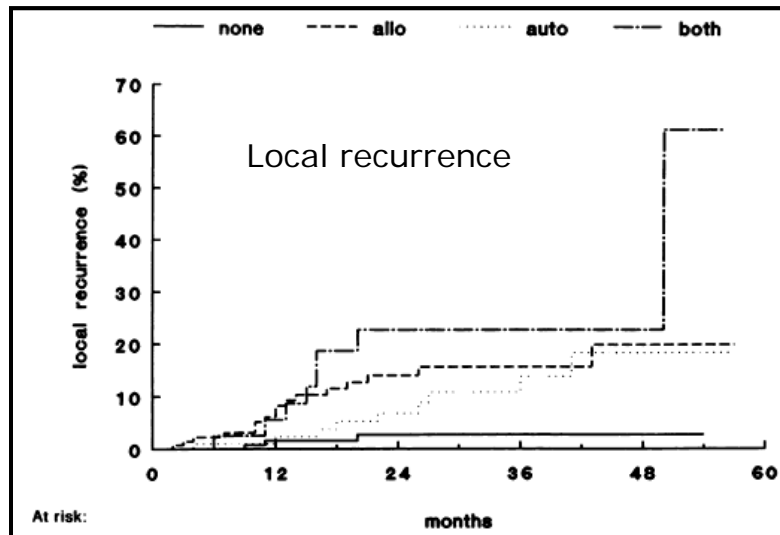
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Does transfusion promote metastases?





Busch OR, et al: Blood transfusions and local tumor recurrence in colorectal cancer: Evidence of a noncausal relationship. *Ann Surg* 1994; 220:791-7

Bigger tumors bleed more?
Therefore, more transfusion?

Or is the transfusion itself bad?

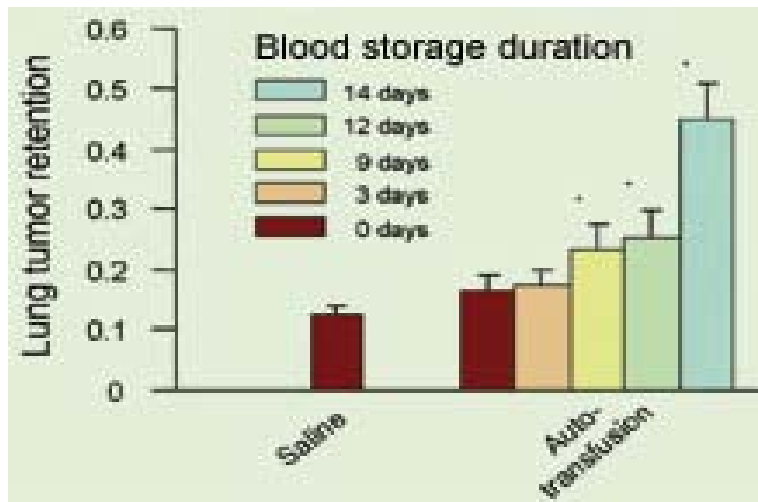


Blood Transfusion Promotes Cancer Progression: A Critical Role for Aged Erythrocytes

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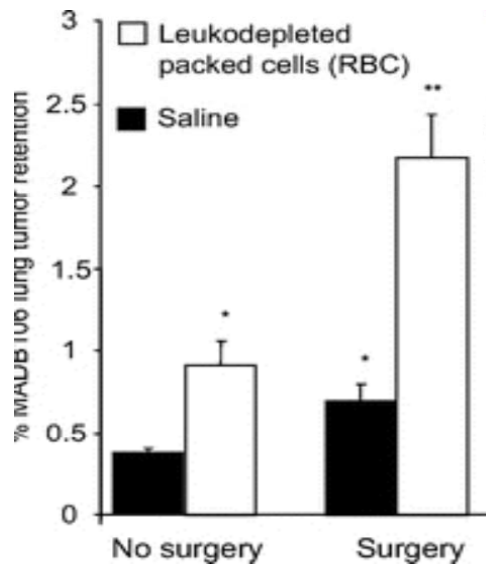


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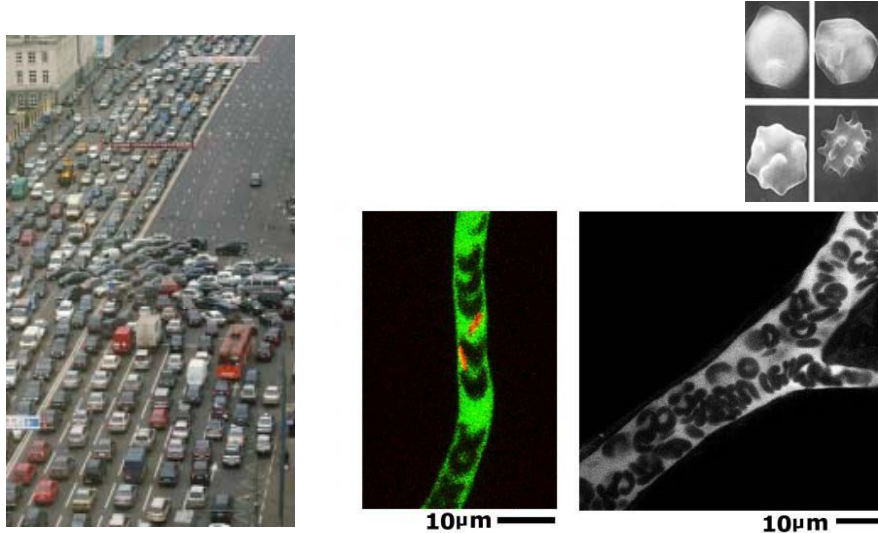
Surgery is bad, transfusion is bad

The combination is worse!



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Does old blood cause hypoperfusion, tissue hypoxia?



Bad old blood

- Exchange transfusion with RBC after 60% isovolemic hemodilution to Hct = 18 %
- Stored RBCs (28 days in CPDA)
- Stored RBCs reduced microvascular flow by 63%
- Tissue oxygen levels:
 - 3.5 for the stored and
 - 14.4 mmHg for fresh RBCs.

Tsai AG, et al. Transfusion 2004; 44:1626-34

Goals of low CVP

- “Soften” the liver
- Precludes vena caval distention
- Facilitates mobilization of the liver and dissection of the retrohepatic and major hepatic veins.
- Minimizes hepatic venous bleeding during parenchymal transection
- Facilitates control of inadvertent venous injury
- Reduce EBL

Perioperative Outcomes of Major Hepatic Resections under Low Central Venous Pressure Anesthesia: Blood Loss, Blood Transfusion, and the Risk of Postoperative Renal Dysfunction

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- Fluid restriction
- Large bore IVs
- Isoflurane in oxygen, fentanyl
- prn morphine for vasodilation
- prn NTG to lower CVP < 5 mmHg
 - Why not just give everyone NTG??
- Does fluid restriction reduce organ perfusion??

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- ▣ Air emboli well described during hepatectomy
- ▣ Risk is likely to increase with low CVP anesthesia.
- ▣ Therefore, no nitrous oxide used

Hepatic Resection by the Cavitron Ultrasonic Surgical Aspirator[®] Increases the Incidence and Severity of Venous Air Embolism

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Table 2. Staging of Gas Embolism by Two-Dimensional Transesophageal Echocardiography

Stage	Transesophageal echocardiography
0	No emboli in RA, RV and RVOT
I	Several gas bubbles in RA, RV and RVOT
II	Gas emboli filling less than half the diameter of RA, RV and RVOT
III	Gas emboli filling more than half the diameter of RA, RV and RVOT
IV	Gas emboli completely filling the diameter of RA, RV and RVOT

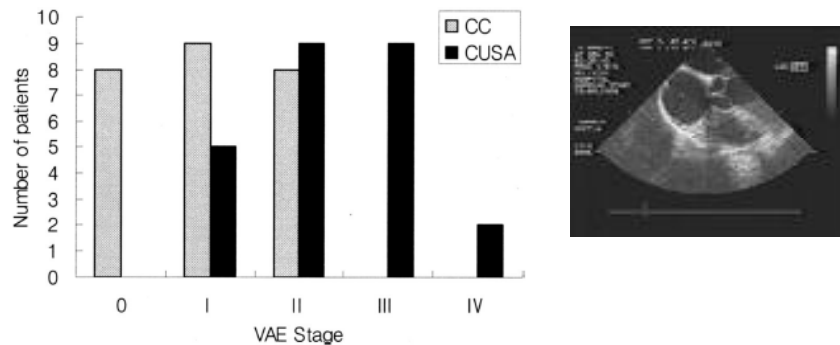
RA = right atrium, RV = right ventricle, RVOT = right ventricular outflow tract.



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- Mean EBL 645 mL.
- Median units PRBC = 2
 - 67% of patients did not require transfusion during surgery and first 12 hours postop
- *“Only 3% of the patients experienced a persistent and clinically significant increase in serum creatinine possibly attributable to the anesthetic”*

Normovolemic hemodilution



Not everyone is a candidate



Hemodilution in the OR

- ❑ Whole blood collected
 - Cordis
 - Art Line
 - 14 G PIV
- ❑ How long to sit unrefrigerated?
- ❑ Blood banking paperwork etc.....



Renal effects of insufflation

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Does subtle hypovolemia cause harm?

Hypothesis: Vital organ
hypoperfusion is common
during major cancer resection,
and may produce vital organ
dysfunction

Goal-directed fluid therapy

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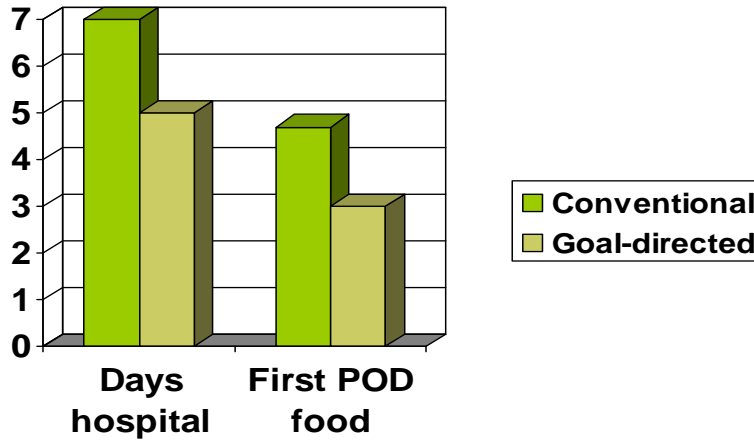
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- 100 major elective surgery patients
- Anticipated EBL > 500 ml randomized
 - control group (n = 50) that received standard care
 - protocol group (n = 50) received intraoperative plasma volume expansion guided by the esophageal Doppler monitor to maintain maximal stroke volume.

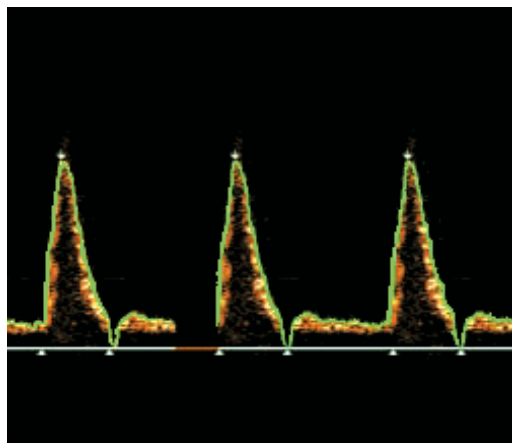
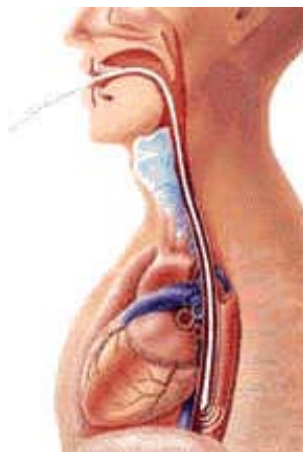
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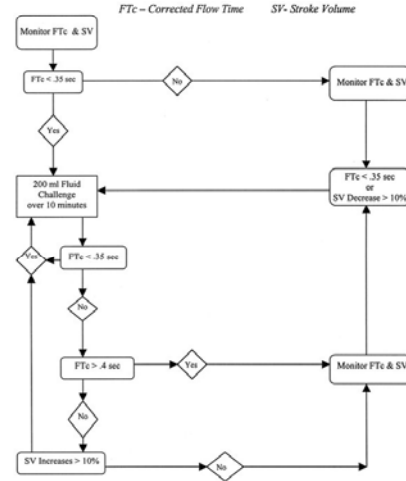
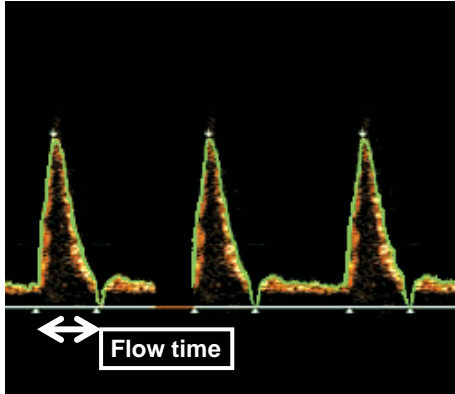
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Table 2. Intraoperative Fluid, Blood, and Blood Product Administration

	Protocol Group (n = 50)	Control Group (n = 50)
6% hetastarch in saline	847 ± 373*	282 ± 470
Lactated Ringer's solution	4405 ± 2050	4375 ± 2452
Erythrocytes	168 ± 386	118 ± 281
Estimated blood loss	703 ± 649	624 ± 632
Urinary output	544 ± 593	418 ± 380

Data are mean ± SD (volume in ml).

* P < 0.01.

Table 4. Incidence of Postoperative Complications

	Protocol Group (n = 50)	Control Group (n = 50)
Acute renal dysfunction (urine output <500 ml)	2 (4)	4 (8)
Respiratory support for > 24 h	1 (2)	3 (6)
Cardiovascular (hypotension, pulmonary edema, arrhythmia)	1 (2)	2 (4)
Chest infection (clinical diagnosis)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Severe PONV requiring rescue antiemetic	7 (14)	18 (36)*
Coagulopathy	4 (8)	4 (8)
Wound infection	4 (8)	5 (10)

Data presented as number of patients (%). Postoperative complications definition based on Bennett-Gurrero *et al.*¹³

* P < 0.05 Fisher exact test.

Do we monitor vital organ perfusion?

- Renal
 - Urine output
- Gut
 - Gastric tonometry?
- Brain
 - EEG?
 - Cerebral oximetry?
- Heart
 - ST segments
 - TEE

Postoperative Ventilation

- Contributing factors
 - Underlying cardiopulmonary disease
 - Large fluid volumes
 - Airway edema / difficult ETT
 - Transfusion
 - Visceral edema
 - Systemic inflammatory response
 - Pain and splinting

Fluids to maintain BP?



Dangers of “excessive” IV fluids

FEATURE

Effects of Intravenous Fluid Restriction on Postoperative Complications: Comparison of Two Perioperative Fluid Regimens

A Randomized Assessor-Blinded Multicenter Trial

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Preloading of epidural analgesia	No preloading.	500 mL HAES 6%.*
Third space loss	No replacement	Normal saline 0.9%: 7 mL/kg/h first hour; 5 mL/kg/h second and third hour; 3 mL/kg/h following hours.
Loss during fast (maintenance)	500 mL of glucose 5% in water less oral fluid intake during fast.	500 mL of normal saline 0.9% independent of oral intake.
Blood loss	Volume-to-volume with HAES 6% with allowance for max. 500 mL extra. Blood component therapy started at approximate loss >1500 mL dependent on hematocrit.	Loss up to 500 mL: 1000–1500 mL of normal saline; Loss >500 mL, additional HAES 6%. Blood component therapy started at approximate loss >1500 mL dependant on hematocrit.

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Problem Solving

- Ephedrine and/or dopamine were administered in both groups to achieve a mean arterial blood pressure above 60 mm Hg during operation.
- Cases of postoperative hypotension or low urinary output (<0.5 mL/kg/h) were always examined and the cause treated.
- Bleeding initiated administration of intravenous fluids as previously described.

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TABLE 3. Number of Patients With Complications (Per-Protocol Analysis)

	Blinded Assessment		P value
	Restricted Group	Standard Group	
Overall complications	21	40	0.003
Major complications [†]	8	18	0.040
Minor complications [†]	15	36	0.000
Tissue-healing complications [†]	11	22	0.040
Cardiopulmonary complications [†]	5	17	0.007

Feasibility and Outcomes of an Early Extubation Policy After Esophagectomy

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Table 3. Postoperative Complications in the Study Patients

Pneumonia	14.7%
ARDS	2.9%
Effusion	15.7%
Myocardial infarction	1.0%
Intestinal leak	5.9%
Postoperative arrhythmia	15.1%
30-day mortality	1.9%

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Table 2. Intraoperative Parameters for Study Patients in Mean \pm Standard Error of the Mean or Percentage

Op time mean (minutes)	452 \pm 10
Crystalloid mean (mL)	5962 \pm 165
Colloid mean (mL)	211 \pm 39
EBL mean (mL)	413 \pm 24
Intraoperative blood transfusion	6.9%
Thoracic epidural	97.1%

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- 102 patients
 - 92 extubated in OR
 - Only 3 required reintubation
 - 10 patients to ICU with ETT
 - 2 reintubated in OR for acute a/w obstruction
- Overall, ~5% require reintubation
 - Don't put the ETT in the esophagus!
 - Tube changer?



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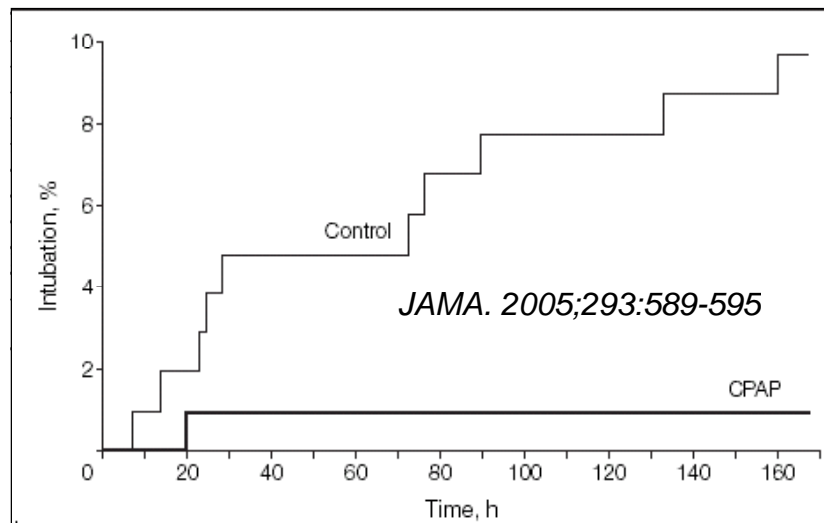
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**17% of postop laparotomy
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Table 2. Secondary Outcomes

	Control (n = 104)	CPAP (n = 105)	Difference of Means (95% CI)	P Value*
ICU length of stay, mean, d	2.6	1.4	-1.2 (-2.0 to -0.3)	.09
Median (95% CI), d	1 (1-11)	1 (1-4)		
Hospital length of stay, mean (SD), d	17 (15)	15 (13)	-2 (-6 to 2)	.10
Median (95% CI)	12 (7-47)	11 (6-35)		
	Relative Risk (95% CI)			
Pneumonia, No. (%)†	10 (10)	2 (2)	0.19 (0.04 to 0.88)	.02
Infection, No. (%)‡	11 (10)	3 (3)	0.27 (0.07 to 0.94)	.03
Sepsis, No. (%)§	9 (9)	2 (2)	0.22 (0.04 to 0.99)	.03
Anastomotic leakage, No.	6	1		
Pneumonia, No.	3	1		
Deaths, No. (%)	3 (3)	0 (0)		.12

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Good analgesia improves outcome?



Epidurals for abdominal surgery

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- From Ontario, Canada insurance data
- Retrospective analysis
- Matched cases with and without epidural
 - N = 44,000 in each group!

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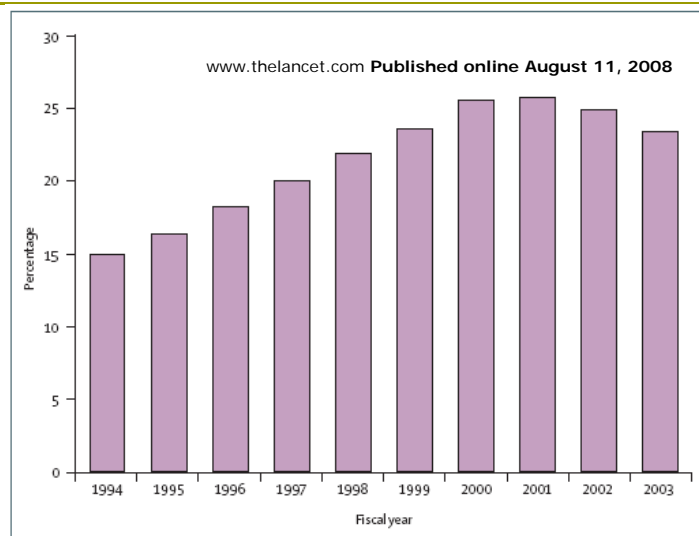


Figure 1: Proportion of patients who received peroperative epidural anaesthesia or analgesia

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Procedure	Epidural n=44 094	No epidural n=44 094	Absolute standardised difference (%)	
			Before matching	After matching
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Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair	2411 (5.5%)	2251 (5.1%)	35	1.6
Peripheral vascular bypass	3722 (8.4%)	3926 (8.9%)	9.7	1.6
Total hip replacement	6575 (15%)	6557 (15%)	43	0.1
Total knee replacement	10 539 (24%)	10 427 (24%)	42	0.6
Large bowel surgery	11 794 (27%)	12 154 (28%)	8.1	1.8
Liver resection	666 (1.5%)	642 (1.5%)	10	0.5
Whipple procedure	334 (0.8%)	339 (0.8%)	13	0.1
Pneumonectomy or lobectomy	2810 (6.4%)	2515 (5.7%)	46	2.8
Gastrectomy or oesophagectomy	1558 (3.5%)	1527 (3.5%)	19	0.4
Nephrectomy	2903 (6.6%)	2980 (6.8%)	15	0.7
Cystectomy	782 (1.8%)	776 (1.8%)	14	0.1

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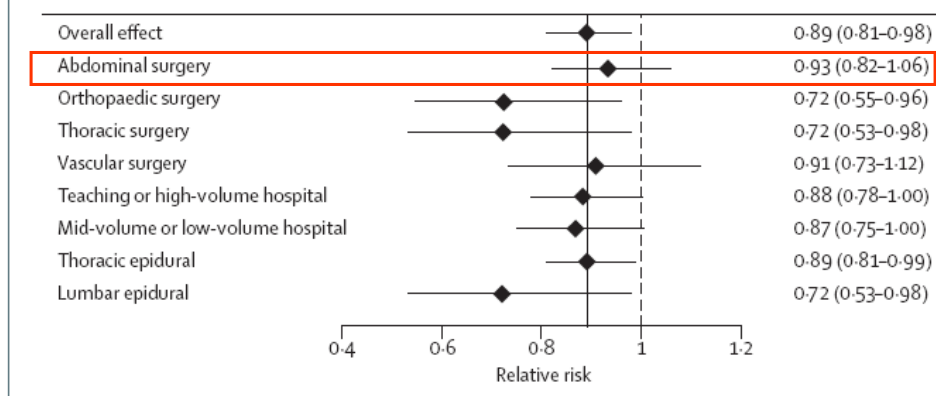


Figure 2: Association of epidural anaesthesia or analgesia with 30-day mortality in the subgroup analyses

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	All n=49	EPI n=32	PCA n=17	EPI+ n=25	EPI- n=7
LOS (mean)	3.98	3.979	4.00	3.72	4.86
Incision					
Transverse (n=29)	3.45*	3.19	3.77	2.93	5.00
Midline (n=20)	4.75*	4.75	4.75	4.73	4.80
Procedure					
Small bowel (n=25)	3.24+	3.13	3.44	2.85	4.33
R colon (n=11)	3.80+	4.50	3.33	4.5	4.50
L colon (n=7)	5.00+	4.60	6.00	3.67	6.00
Total colectomy (n=6)	5.50	6.00	5.00	6.00	-

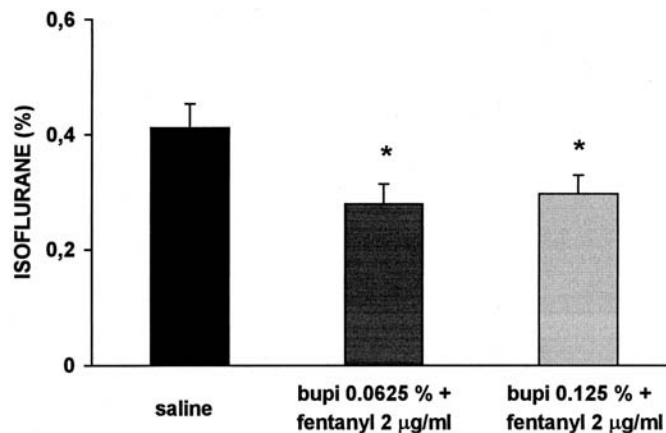
*T vs M p<0.01; + linear trend p<0.01

Much room for improvement!

Isoflurane Requirements During Combined General/Epidural Anesthesia for Major Abdominal Surgery

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Conclusions

- ▣ High mortality, though not so apparent to anesthesia care providers
- ▣ Anesthetic technique, adequate fluid resuscitation may improve outcome
- ▣ Does early extubation reduce pulmonary complications?
- ▣ Multimodal analgesia and fast tracking?