

Top Five Modifiable Preoperative Risk Factors

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Aims of Talk

- Discuss Preoperative Optimization
- Overview of the 5 preoperative interventions to actually effect improved surgical outcomes
- Hands on implementation experience from an US Health System

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Major Surgery is becoming increasingly recognized as a moment that Patients will change lifestyle to benefit their future health

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INFORMED DECISION MAKING

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Impact of Surgery on Functional Status

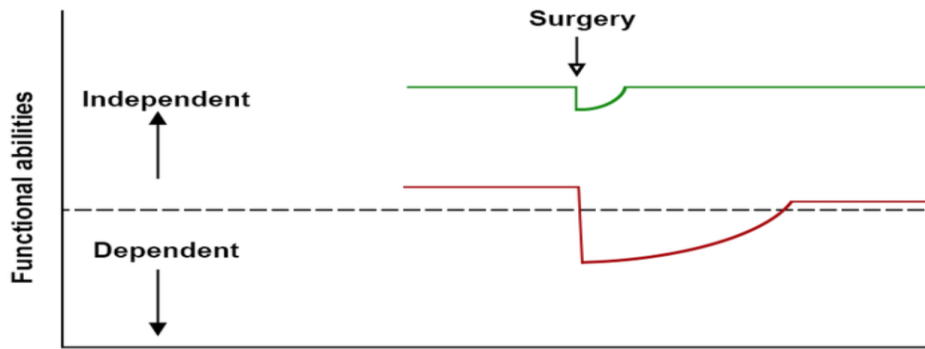


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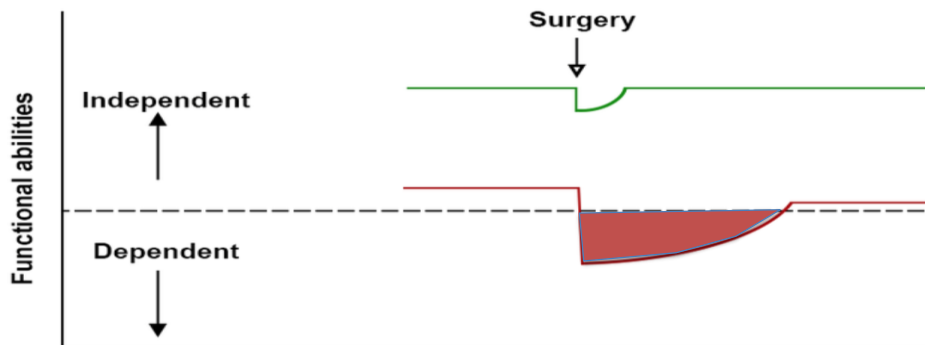


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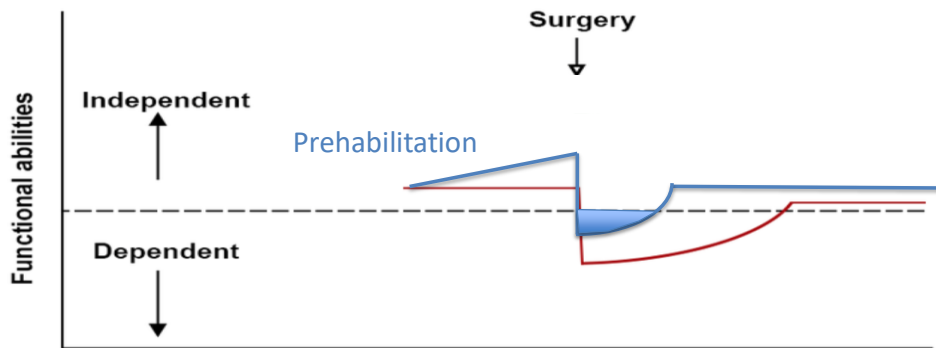


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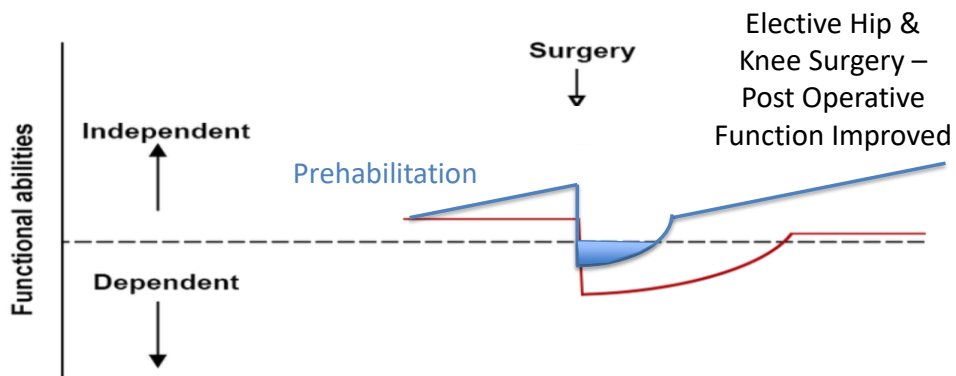


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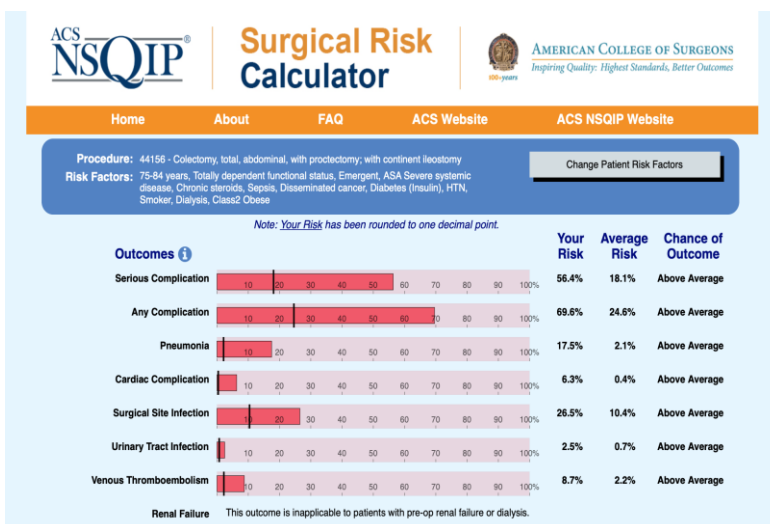
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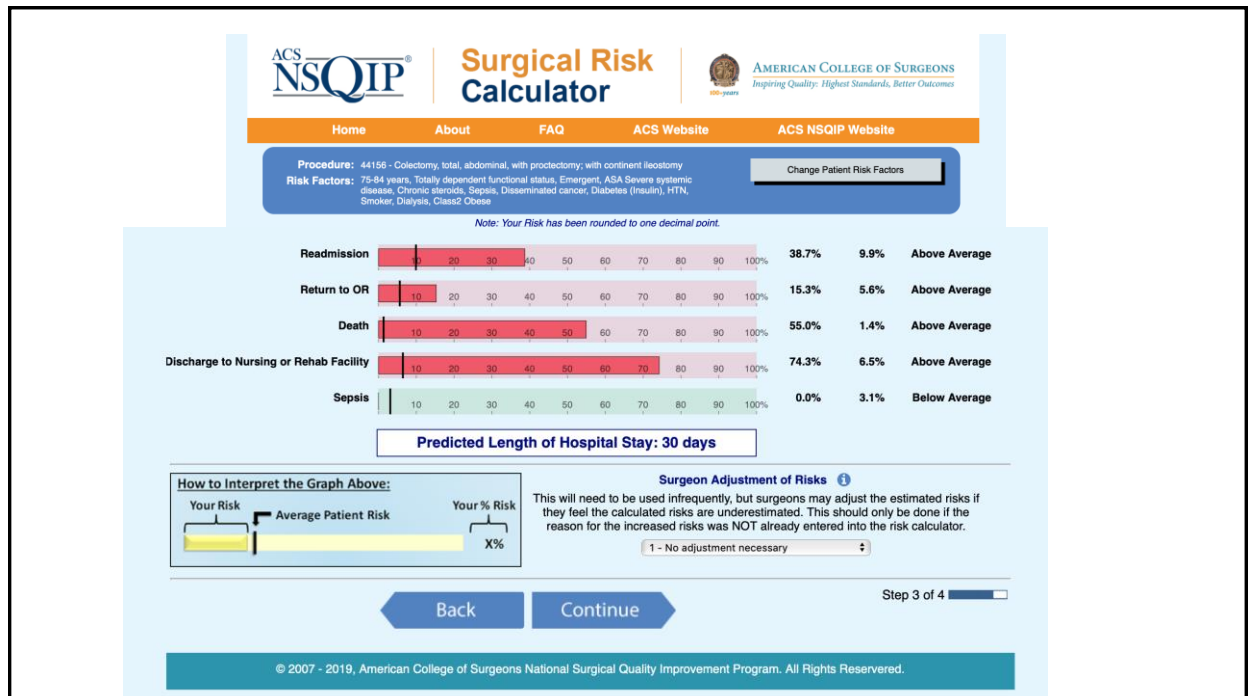
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Age Group 75-84 years	Diabetes Insulin
Sex Female	Hypertension requiring medication Yes
Functional Status Totally Dependent	Congestive Heart Failure in 30 days prior to surgery No
Emergency Case Yes	Dyspnea No
ASA Class Severe systemic disease	Current Smoker within 1 Year Yes
Steroid use for chronic condition Yes	History of Severe COPD No
Ascites within 30 days prior to surgery No	Dialysis Yes
Systemic Sepsis within 48 hours prior to surgery Sepsis	Acute Renal Failure No
Ventilator Dependent No	BMI Calculation:
Disseminated Cancer Yes	Height: 63 in / 160 cm
	Weight: 209 lb / 94 kg

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Commonest Postop Complications

- Surgical Site Infection
- Pulmonary – Infection / reintubation
- Sepsis
- Delirium
- Acute kidney Injury
- Cardiac – surprising low

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RESEARCH

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Incidence, outcome, and attributable resource use associated with pulmonary and cardiac complications after major small and large bowel procedures

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Results: Postoperative pulmonary complications (PPC) or postoperative cardiac complications (PCC) were present in 22% of cases; PPC alone was most common (19.0%), followed by PPC and PCC (1.8%) and PCC alone (1.2%). The incremental cost of PPC is large (\$25,498). In comparison, PCC alone only added \$7,307 to the total cost.

Conclusions: The current study demonstrates that postoperative pulmonary complications represent a significant source of morbidity and incremental cost after major small intestinal and colon surgery and have greater incidence and costs than cardiac complications alone. Therefore, strategies to reduce the incidence of these complications should be targeted as means of improving health and bending the cost curve in health care.

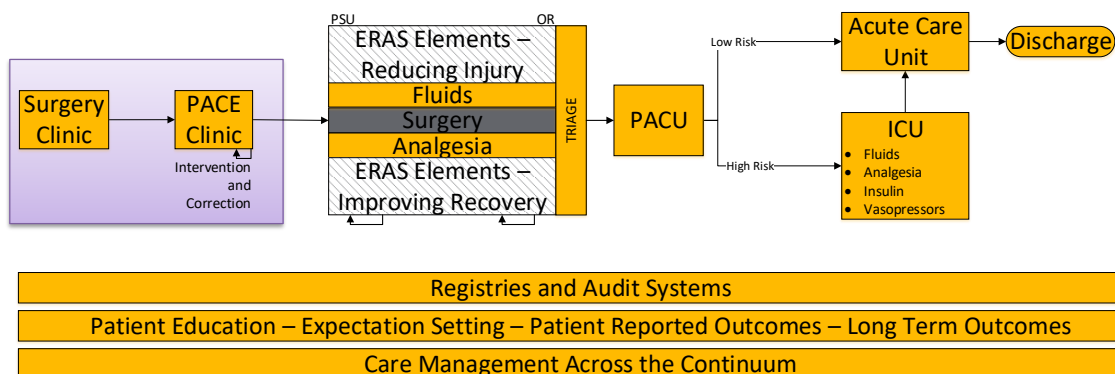
Post operative Pulmonary Complications – 19%

Post operative Cardiac Complications – 1.2%

Incremental Cost - \$25,498

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VCU ERAS Care Pathway



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Optimization Before Surgery

Pre-op Patient optimization	
Element	Parameters
Glycemic Management	Target blood glucose level – 140 – 180 Treat with insulin – 200+, attending review
Anemia	Hb > 13 → proceed to surgery Hb 10 – 12.9 → consider IV iron before surgery Hb 7 – 10 → IV iron infusion clinic, attending review Hb < 7 → Notify surgeon, IV iron clinic, consider transfusion, attending review
Smoking and alcohol cessation/reduction	Decrease usage prior to surgery; ideally, quit at least 4 weeks prior to surgery Smoking - measure compliance with Cotinine test if needed, consider inhaled steroids Refer to pulmonary clinic for respiratory function test
Incentive spirometry	Train patient on use Send patient home with incentive spirometer
Nutrition	If indicated, prescribe 5 days of immunonutrition
BMI	BMI > 40, STOP-BANG score and refer to attending
Carbohydrate loading	800 mL night before surgery 400 mL morning of surgery
Exercise	Give patient "Fit 4 Surgery" materials
Patient Education	Give patient "Smart 4 Surgery" materials and patient diary
Chronic Pain	If opioid intake exceeds 50 ME (morphine equivalents) refer to Chronic Pain Clinic
Discharge planning	Identify discharge location (SNF, etc.) and post-discharge support needs
Decolonization	Give decolonization kit (includes skin, oral and nasal) and instructions

The Big Five

1. Anemia
2. Glycemic Management
3. Nutrition/ Hydration / Carbohydrate Loading
4. Pulmonary
5. Chronic pain
 - Hard stops
 - Interventions

CHANGE OUTCOMES

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VCU Health PACE (Preoperative) Clinic

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Discharge planning	Identify discharge location (SNF, etc.) and post-discharge support needs Frailty Score if appropriate



PACE Staff



QI Implementation team
Clinical Effectiveness

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Screening – Vetter Questionnaire

Medical History Questionnaire (ADULT)

Patient label
(MRN, Date of Birth,
Gender, Clinic Date)

Heart or Blood Vessel Disease	Yes	No
1 Do you get breathless or get chest pain when climbing up 1 flight of stairs or walking 2 blocks on flat ground?		
2 Do you get breathless when you lie flat?		
3 Have you had a heart attack (MI) within the past 12 months?		
4 Have you felt dizzy or passed out because of a slow or fast heart beat?		
5 Ever had a heart murmur or heart valve problem?		
6 Do you have implanted devices in your heart (cardiac stents, heart valves, pacemaker/defibrillator, artificial heart or had a heart transplant)?		
7 Is your blood pressure often greater than 160/100 (either number)?		
8 Blood clots in leg or lungs (deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism)?		
9 Are you taking blood thinners now? (warfarin, eliquelut (apixan), effient (prasugrel), dabigatran (pradaxa), xarelto (rivaroxaban), apixaban (eliquis))		
Lung Disease		
10 Severe lung disease (COPD, frequent asthma attacks, cystic fibrosis)?		
11 Have you needed a stay in hospital on a ventilator more than 2 nights?		
12 Smoke more than 1 pack of cigarettes per day?		
13 Do you use home oxygen during the day or night?		
14 Do you have Obstructive Sleep Apnea, Pulmonary Hypertension or been prescribed CPAP or BiPAP devices?		
Diabetes Mellitus		
15 Are you diabetic?		
16 Do you take insulin?		
17 Is your morning blood sugar usually more than 250 mg/dl or HbA1c more than 8 within the past 6 months?		

Kidney & Liver Disease	Yes	No
18 Is your kidney function impaired or on dialysis?		
19 Do you have hepatitis, cirrhosis or liver failure or a liver transplant?		
21 Have you ever had problems with a blood transfusion, refuse to have a blood transfusion or usually need blood products for surgery?		
22 Do you have hemophilia, sickle cell disease or leukemia or blood cancer?		
Nervous System Disease		
23 Have you had a stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA), brain tumor or aneurysm or seizures?		
24 Do you have memory problems or Alzheimers or dementia?		
25 Parkinsonism or multiple sclerosis?		
26 Problems with your balance or need a wheel chair or walking aid?		
27 Do you normally live alone?		
28 Need someone to help with your daily living or feeding?		
Chronic Pain		
29 Take pain pills like oxycodone (oxycodone, percocet), morphine, hydromorphone (Dilaudid), methadone or buprenorphine (Suboxone)?		
Alcohol or Street Drugs		
30 Do you drink alcohol every day or most days?		
31 Do you take any street drugs?		
Anesthesia		
32 Do you have problems opening your mouth, moving your neck or had difficulties with intubation at a previous anesthetic?		
33 Have you or any of your family members had problems with anesthesia (aware during a general anesthetic, persistent weakness or numbness after an anesthetic, or high fever (Malignant Hyperthermia) after an anesthetic)?		
34 Are you allergic to latex?		
35 Do you have any other allergies that have led to severe reaction needing epinephrine injection or a stay in hospital?		

Thank-you!

Patient Label

Pre-operative Clinic
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Phone call or visit to pre-assessment unit
If Major surgery – always a visit so Optimization can be done

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Laboratory Tests

Test	ASA 1	ASA 2	ASA 3 or ASA 4
MINOR SURGERY (examples: excising skin lesion, draining breast abscess)			
Full blood count	Not routinely	Not routinely	Not routinely
Hemostasis	Not routinely	Not routinely	Not routinely
Kidney function	Not routinely	Not routinely	Consider in people at risk of Acute Kidney Injury
ECG	Not routinely	Not routinely	Consider if no ECG results available from past 12 months
Lung function/arterial blood gas	Not routinely	Not routinely	Not routinely
INTERMEDIATE SURGERY (examples: primary repair of inguinal hernia, tonsillectomy or knee arthroscopy)			
Full blood count	Not routinely	Not routinely	Consider for people with cardiovascular or renal disease or if any symptoms not recently investigated
Hemostasis	Not routinely	Not routinely	Consider in people with chronic liver disease • If people taking anticoagulants need modification of their treatment regimen, make an individualized plan in line with local guidance • If taking aspirin or low-dose aspirin, consider stopping on the day of surgery or 5-7 days prior to surgery depending on local guidance (see point of care testing)
Kidney function	Not routinely	Consider in people at risk of AKI	Yes
ECG	Not routinely	Consider for people with cardiovascular, renal or diabetes comorbidities	Yes
Lung function/arterial blood gas	Not routinely	Not routinely	Consider seeking advice from a senior anaesthetist as soon as possible after assessment for people who are ASA grade 3 or 4 due to known or suspected respiratory disease
MAJOR OR COMPLEX SURGERY (examples: total abdominal hysterectomy, endoscopic resection of prostate, lumbar discectomy, thyroidectomy, total joint replacement, lung operations, colonic resection, radical neck dissection)			
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Kidney function	Consider in people at risk of AKI	Yes	Yes
ECG	Consider for people aged over 40 or ECG over 12 months	Yes	Yes
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- Targeted labs, EKG and CXR according to:
- ASA of Patient
- Risk of Surgery
- Based on UK NICE Guidance
- 80% of complications are in the High risk patients

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Anticoagulants / Antiplatelets

GUIDELINES TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF SPINAL HEMATOMA FOR NEURAXIAL PROCEDURES			
ANTICOAGULANT	Minimum time between last dose of anticoagulant & repeat injection or catheter placement * longer in CR/CKD	Use of Antithrombotic Agents in Patients with Indwelling Neuraxial Catheters	Minimum time between repeat injection or catheter removal & next dose of anticoagulant
TRADITIONAL ANTICOAGULANTS			
Warfarin	INR ≤ 4, < 5 days after last INR	CONTRAINDICATED	2 hours
Heparin full dose IV	when aPTT < 40. Check after flushing 2 hours		
Heparin mini-dose (5000 Units) SQ BID	No contraindication	Indwelling catheter OK	1 hour
Heparin mini-dose (5000 Units) SQ TID	when aPTT < 40 or 6 hours after last dose		
Heparin full dose (10000 Units) SQ bid or TID	when aPTT < 40 or 6 hours after last dose		
Fondaparinux (Arixtra) 7.5 mg SQ qd	36-42 hours		6-12 hours
Fondaparinux (Arixtra) 15 mg SQ qd	CONTRAINDICATED	CONTRAINDICATED	24 hours
Enoxaparin (Lovenox) Full dose 1mg/kg SQ bid, 1.5mg/kg SQ qd	24 hours*		8-16 hours
Enoxaparin (Lovenox) Proneuralgic 1mg/kg SQ qd	12 hours*		
DIRECT THROMBIN INHIBITORS			
Bivalirudin (AnGIOBID)	Unknown unless QTc interval < 40 or aPTT < 40	CONTRAINDICATED with catheter in place	Unknown
Caprothrom (Bivalirudin)			
ORAL ANTIPLATELET AGENTS			
Aspirin/ASA	7 days	May be used. NO neuraxial procedure	2 hours
Clopidogrel (Plavix)	7 days	CONTRAINDICATED with catheter in place	2 hours
Ticagrelor (Brilinta)	7 days		
Prasugrel (Effient)	7 days		
Edoxtinib (Xarelto)	7 days		
GP IIb / IIIa INHIBITORS			
Abciximab (ReoPro)	24 hours	CONTRAINDICATED with catheter in place	2 hours
Eptifibatide (Integrilin)	24 hours		
Tirofiban (Aggrastat)	24 hours		
THROMBOLYTIC AGENTS			
Alteplase (tPA) Full dose for stroke, MI	10 days	CONTRAINDICATED with catheter in place	10 days
Alteplase (tPA) 5mg dose for catheter placement	May be given. No time restrictions. (maximum dose 5mg/24 hrs)		
NEW ORAL ANTICOAGULANTS			
Apixaban (Eliquis)	3 days	CONTRAINDICATED with catheter in place	
Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)	3 days		
Dabigatran (Pradaxa)	5 days		

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Adjust / stop at appropriate time for:

- Type of surgery
- If regional anesthesia
- Can be complicated in patients with Drug eluting stents
- Often need to discuss with primary cardiologist / physician

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NUTRITION

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American Society for Enhanced Recovery and Perioperative Quality Initiative Joint Consensus Statement on Nutrition Screening and Therapy Within a Surgical Enhanced Recovery Pathway

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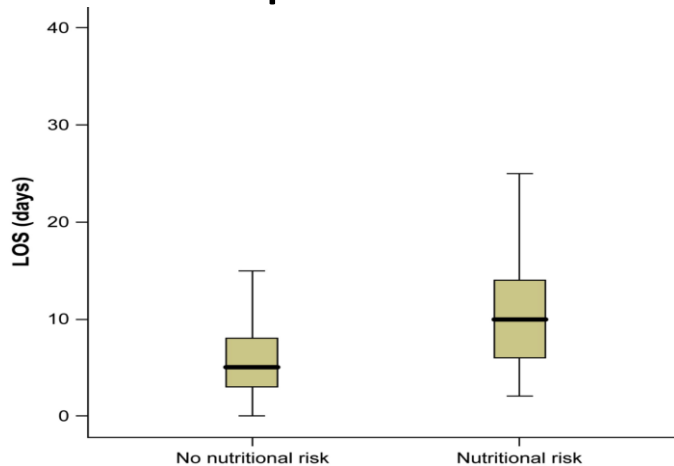
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Length of Stay – Impact of Nutritional Risk



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Perioperative Use of Arginine-supplemented Diets: A Systematic Review of the Evidence

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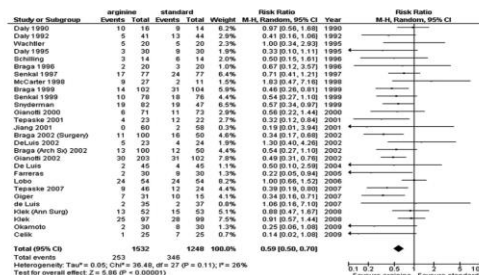


Figure 1. Effect of arginine-supplemented diets on infections. Events, number of patients with infections; Total, total number of patients in group; MH, Random, Mantel-Haenszel Random effects.

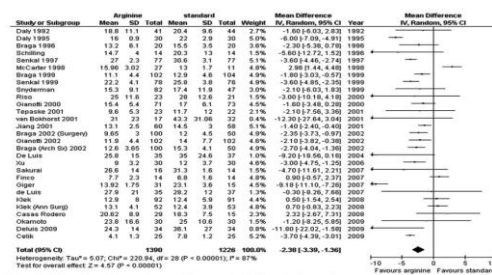


Figure 2. Effect of arginine-supplemented diets on hospital length of stay. Mean, mean hospital length of stay; SD, standard deviation; Total, total number of patients in group; IV, Random, inverse variance, random effects.

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Perioperative Nutrition: A High-Impact, Low-Risk, Low-Cost Intervention

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The **Perioperative Quality Initiative process** (described in the article) allows a pragmatic evidence-based approach for recommendations to help address **3 key issues currently impeding the introduction of a coordinated approach to perioperative nutrition**:

1. **A simple preoperative nutritional screening tool to trigger intervention;**
2. **Methods of providing nutritional support preoperatively; and**
3. **Optimizing postoperative nutrition.**

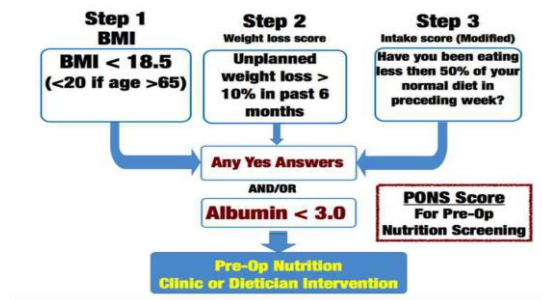
This article is a must-read for anyone involved in surgery and in perioperative services. The potential gain for patients by implementing a screening process and **giving timely preoperative nutritional supplements** that are continued through the operative and postoperative period is **one of the simplest, safest, and most cost-effective interventions to improve a surgical patient's outcome**. The challenge now is to ensure that all patients receive it. After all, as Brillat-Savarin wrote in 1825, "you are what you eat." ■

Recommendations - Screening

- We propose the PONS questions for clinic-based perioperative nutrition screening
- - Does the patient have a low BMI <18.5 kg/m² (<20 in >65 y of age)?
- - Has the patient experienced a weight loss >10% in past 6 mo?
- - Has the patient had a reduced oral intake by >50% in the past week? (and/or)
- - Does the patient have a preoperative serum albumin <3.0 g/dL?

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Recommendations - 2

- We recommend reaching an overall protein intake goal is more important than achieving a total calorie intake in the preoperative period with a recommended protein goal >1.2 g/kg/d.
- We recommend that patients who are screened as being at nutritional risk before major surgery receive preoperative ONSs for a period of at least 7 d. This may be achieved with either of the following:
 - - IMN formulas (containing arginine and fish oil)
 - - High-protein ONS (2–3 Å~ a day, minimum of 18 g protein/dose)

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Recommendations - 3

- In patients undergoing surgery who are considered to have minimal specific risk of aspiration, we encourage unrestricted access to solids for up to 8 h before anesthesia and clear fluids for oral intake up to 2 h before the induction of anesthesia.
- We recommend a preoperative carbohydrate drink containing at least 45 g of carbohydrate to improve insulin sensitivity (except in type I diabetics due to their insulin deficiency state). We suggest that complex carbohydrate (eg, maltodextrin) be used when available

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PULMONARY

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Pulmonary Optimization

- Incentive Spirometry for all
- Inspiratory muscle training
- COPD optimization
- Antibiotics / Steroids in severe chest disease
- Operate when weather good!



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Incentive Spirometry

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Your doctor has prescribed incentive spirometry. This is a breathing exercise designed to help you take long, deep breaths, such as when you yawn. The incentive spirometer shows you how well you are taking deep breaths and expanding your lungs. Because it makes you breathe deeply, it improves your ability to clear mucus from your lungs. It may also increase the amount of oxygen that gets deep into your lungs.

Taking long deep breaths using this device may help reverse or decrease the chance of developing breathing complications, such as pneumonia, following surgery.

You will be instructed in the PACE clinic on proper use of the device. The highest value obtained will become your post-operative goal. This will be marked with blue tape while in the PACE clinic.

Before You Begin

1. Sit on the edge of your bed, or all up as far as you can in bed. Try not to slouch.
2. Hold the incentive spirometer in an upright position.

Using the Incentive Spirometer

1. Breathe out (exhale) normally.
2. Place the mouthpiece in your mouth. Seal your lips around the mouthpiece.
3. Breathe in (inspire) slowly and deeply with your lips sealed tightly on the mouthpiece. Continue inhaling until your goal is reached. There is an indicator to show you how slowly you should inhale.
4. After you inspire as deeply as you can, hold your breath for at least 3 seconds.
5. Remove the mouthpiece from your mouth and breathe out normally.
6. Repeat steps one to five, 10 times per hour. Take your time. Take a few normal breaths between deep breaths.
7. Adjust the yellow marker to indicate your largest breath.
8. When you are finished with the 10 exercises, it is very important to take a deep breath and cough. You should cough 2 to 3 times. If you have pain while coughing, you may hold a pillow or rolled-up blanket against your incision site, and apply pressure as you cough.

When to Use Your Incentive Spirometer

You should use your incentive spirometer every hour while you are awake. Make sure that it is kept in a place where you can reach it. If you can't reach your goal at first, keep trying.

When to Call Your Doctor or Nurse

- Breathing too quickly may cause dizziness. Take your time so you don't get dizzy or light-headed. If you get dizzy or light-headed, stop and tell your nurse.

How to Use an Incentive Spirometer



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REVIEW ARTICLE

Inspiratory muscle training is effective to reduce postoperative pulmonary complications and length of hospital stay: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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ABSTRACT

Purpose: This study systematically review and meta-analyse the effectiveness of inspiratory muscle training (IMT) to reduce postoperative pulmonary complications (PPC) and length of hospital stay (LOS), both in the preoperative and/or postoperative periods of cardiac, pulmonary, and abdominal surgical patients. Sensitive analysis was performed to examine which patients benefit more from IMT according to methodological features (quality of studies and sample size), patient's characteristics (pulmonary risk stratification, age, and body mass index), type of surgery, period of training, and training protocols (training doses and level of supervision).

Methods: The literature search was made in the electronic databases PubMed®, EBSCO, Web of Science®, PEDro and Scopus®. Only randomized controlled trials were included. Data extraction, quality assessment and meta-analysis were performed.

Results: We included 17 randomized controlled trials in the systematic review, of which, 12 were included for the PPC meta-analysis and 11 for the LOS meta-analysis. IMT significantly reduced the risk of PPC (Risk Ratio (RR) = 0.50, 95%CI: 0.39, 0.64, $I^2 = 0.0\%$), and a decrease in LOS (Mean Difference = -1.41, 95%CI: -2.07, -0.75, $I^2 = 0.0\%$).

Conclusion: IMT is effective to reduce PPC and LOS in patients undergoing surgery.

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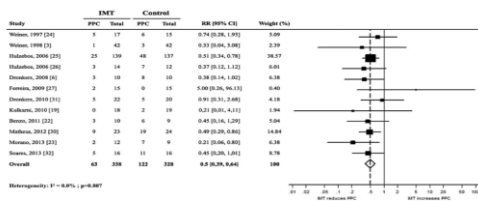


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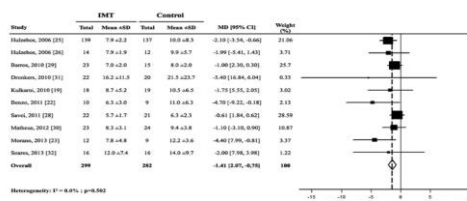


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Inspiratory Muscle Training – LOS reduction

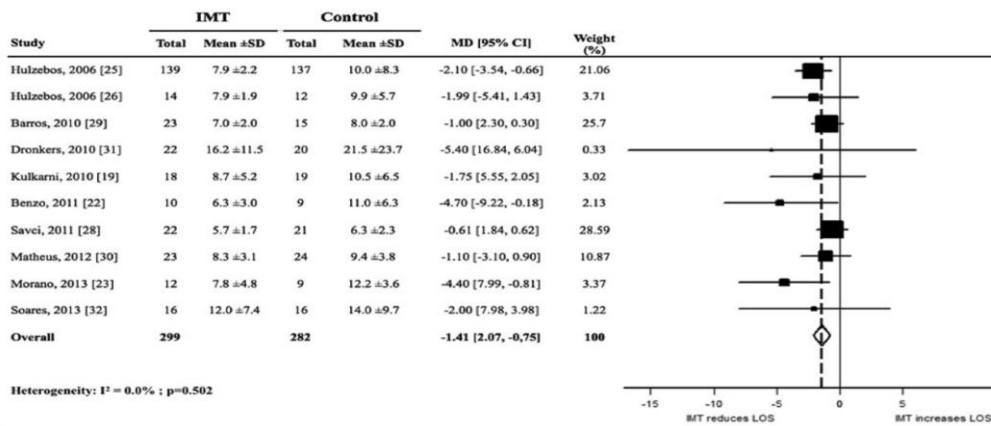


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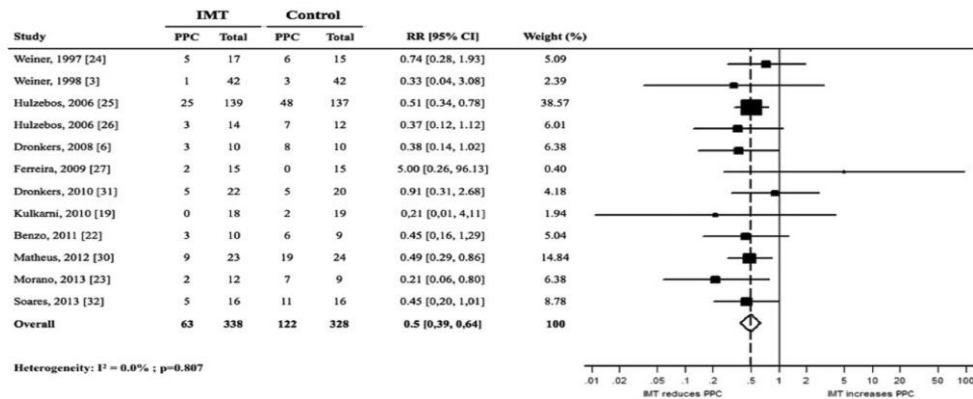


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► IMPLICATIONS FOR REHABILITATION

- Physiotherapy interventions with **inspiratory muscle training (IMT)** are effective to reduce postoperative pulmonary complications (PPC) and length of hospital stay (LOS) after major surgery, and **should start preoperatively**.
- Rehabilitation with IMT is beneficial at all ages and risk levels, but **older and high-risk patients benefit more, as well as pulmonary surgery patients**.
- **IMT is more effective if it is supervised**, and prescription target **at least two-week period**, sessions with **more than 15 minutes**, with imposed load increment, and adding other exercise modes.

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Support for Smoking Cessation

Stop Smoking before Surgery

In order to heal well after surgery, you need to stop smoking. Stopping at least 4 weeks before and up to 8 weeks after surgery will help your incision heal better and help prevent some lung and heart complications.

Impacts recovery

During your surgery, a surgeon will make one or more cuts (incisions) in order to perform your operation. The matter how big or small the incision your body then follows a healing process to return to normal.

When you smoke, many of those chemicals in the cigarette (carbon monoxide, nicotine and cyanide) cause your blood vessels to shrink, impair blood flow and limit the carriage of oxygen. This will cause your healing process to take longer.

Dressings (bandages, tape, gauze) absorb cigarette smoke. This makes it even harder for wounds to heal for anyone who lives in a home where someone smokes. Although your incision will still heal if you are smoking, it may take longer.

Smoking may lead to:

- Slower wound healing
- Stitches coming apart, increasing the risk of a scar forming (or getting bigger)
- Skin grafts don't heal well
- Blood clots forming, in or near, your wound
- Excess mucus in your lungs, making you more likely to wheeze or get a chest infection
- A longer and more expensive hospital stay

Additional Resources:

American Lung Association
freedomfromsmoking.org
 800.LUNG.US.A

Quit Now Virginia
QuitNow.net/Virginia
 800.QUIT.NOW
 855.DEJULO.YA

VCU Health

PACE Clinic

- Education – answer the question Why?
- Wound healing
- Chest infection
- Long term Cancer risk and Coronary / stroke risk
- Nicotine Patches
- Vapor
- Inhaled Steroids
- Bronchodilators

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GLYCEMIC MANAGEMENT

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Perioperative Glucose Control

- Patients affected by diabetes have **longer hospital stays**
- Poorly controlled diabetes and hyperglycemia in hospitalized patients is associated with **poor outcomes**: cardiac and non-cardiac surgery, acute MI, pneumonia, subarachnoid hemorrhage, blunt injury and transplant
- Hyperglycemia without a diagnosis of diabetes is **commonly untreated or undertreated** in the hospital setting
- **Acute illness, inconsistent caloric intake, changes from home medications,** and limitations regarding the timing of glucose monitoring and insulin administration are all **significant obstacles to managing inpatient hyperglycemia**.
- The **financial benefits** of glycemic control are significant in reducing direct hospital costs by reducing length of stay and in decreasing readmission rates

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Hyperglycemia is Common after Major Surgery

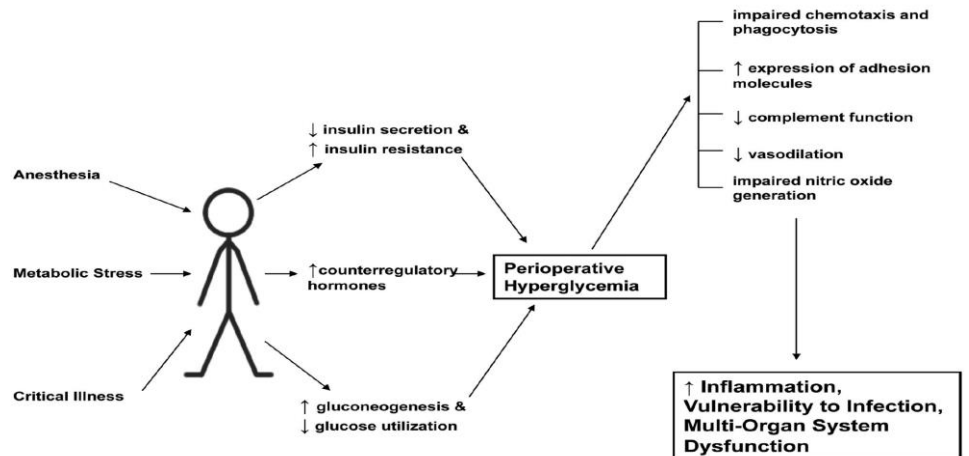


Fig. 1. Pathophysiology of hyperglycemia. Anesthesia, metabolic stress, and critical illness lead to metabolic derangements, resulting in hyperglycemia. Hyperglycemia is associated with increased inflammation, susceptibility to infection, and organ dysfunction.

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Preoperative Glycemic Management



- Hard stops for elective surgery
- HbA1c > 8.0 urgent
- HbA1c > 7.0 elective orthopedic
- Glucose > 250

Blood Glucose Levels

	Hypoglycemia			Excellent		Hyperglycemia			Diabetes					
HbA1c	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	.10	.11	.12	.13	.14			
Mean Blood mg/dL	50	80	115	150	180	215	250	280	315	350	380			
Glucose mmol/L	2.6	4.7	6.3	8.2	10.0	11.9	13.7	15.6	17.4	19.3	21.1			



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Perioperative Glucose Management



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Implementation

- Screening for all patients – surprising pick up rate in ‘non’ diabetics
- Need to have endocrine involvement
- Direct referral for access
- System to delay surgery according to type and urgency
- Fructosamine useful to indicate short term glucose control

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CHRONIC OPIOID USERS

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Reducing Perioperative Opioid Use

JAMA Surgery | Original Investigation

New Persistent Opioid Use After Minor and Major Surgical Procedures in US Adults

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- Opioid addiction after surgery 5.9%-6.5%
- Minor as well as major surgery
- Behavioral and Pain disorders are a risk factor
- Opioid addiction is now the commonest major complication after surgery



RESULTS A total of 36 177 patients met the inclusion criteria, with 29 068 (80.3%) receiving minor surgical procedures and 7109 (19.7%) receiving major procedures. The cohort had a mean (SD) age of 44.6 (11.9) years and was predominately female (23 913 [66.1%]) and white (26 091 [72.1%]). The rates of new persistent opioid use were similar between the 2 groups, ranging from 5.9% to 6.5%. By comparison, the incidence in the nonoperative control cohort was only 0.4%. Risk factors independently associated with new persistent opioid use included preoperative tobacco use (adjusted odds ratio [aOR], 1.35; 95% CI, 1.21-1.49), alcohol and substance abuse disorders (aOR, 1.34; 95% CI, 1.05-1.72), mood disorders (aOR, 1.15; 95% CI, 1.01-1.30), anxiety (aOR, 1.25; 95% CI, 1.10-1.42), and preoperative pain disorders (back pain: aOR, 1.57; 95% CI, 1.42-1.75; neck pain: aOR, 1.22; 95% CI, 1.07-1.39; arthritis: aOR, 1.56; 95% CI, 1.40-1.73; and centralized pain: aOR, 1.39; 95% CI, 1.26-1.54).

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE New persistent opioid use after surgery is common and is not significantly different between minor and major surgical procedures but rather associated with behavioral and pain disorders. This suggests its use is not due to surgical pain but addressable patient-level predictors. New persistent opioid use represents a common but previously underappreciated surgical complication that warrants increased awareness.

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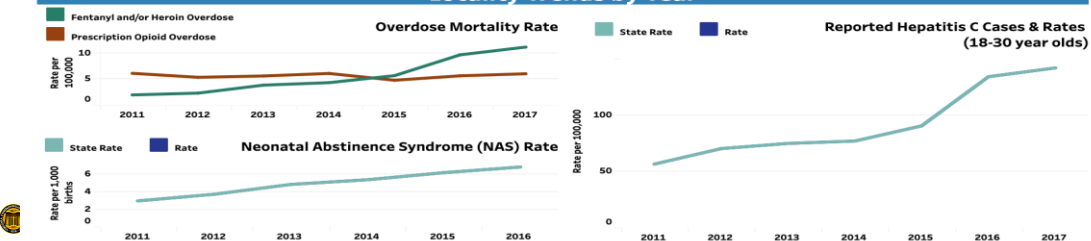


2017 Virginia State Summary

CI	Fentanyl and/or Heroin Overdose	Prescription Opioid Overdose	ED Heroin Overdose	ED Opioid Overdose	EMS Narcan	Reported Hepatitis C (18-30 year olds)	Diagnosed HIV
Pi	Deaths	Deaths	Visits	Visits	Administrations	New Cases	New Cases
Bi	938	507	1,586	8,578	4,533	2,141	894
	Mortality Rate	Mortality Rate	Visit Rate	Visit Rate	Administration Rate	New Case Rate	New Case Rate
	11.0	5.9	18.9	102.0	53.9	140.9	10.6

Rates are calculated as per 100,000 Virginia residents, except for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), which is calculated as per 1,000 live births.

Locality Trends by Year



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Perioperative Issues with Chronic Opioid Users

Affect

Engagement

Infections

IV access

Analgesia issues – higher dosing often needed, especially breakthrough pain

Behavioural issues affecting other patients

Drug seeking behaviour even after pain should be down regulated

Longer length of stay

Increased readmission rate

Increased costs

Higher likelihood of not getting renumeration for episode cost

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Implementation

Liase with Chronic Pain
Have referral system in place
Hard stops for elective surgery

Choose a MME dose (we choose 60) = morphine equivalents per day
Aim to reduce use prior to surgery

Suboxone – different approach
Aim to Half the dose before surgery, don't try and stop

Liase with Acute Pain Team so that on day of surgery:
Neuroaxial and truncal block are used
Ketamine, dexmedetomidine and lidocaine infusions can be used

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PeriOperative Quality Improvement POQI Group: Analgesia within a Colorectal Surgery ERP

CONSENSUS Open Access

American Society for Enhanced Recovery (ASER) and Perioperative Quality Initiative (POQI) joint consensus statement on optimal analgesia within an enhanced recovery pathway for colorectal surgery: part 1—from the preoperative period to PACU

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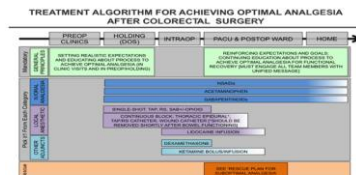


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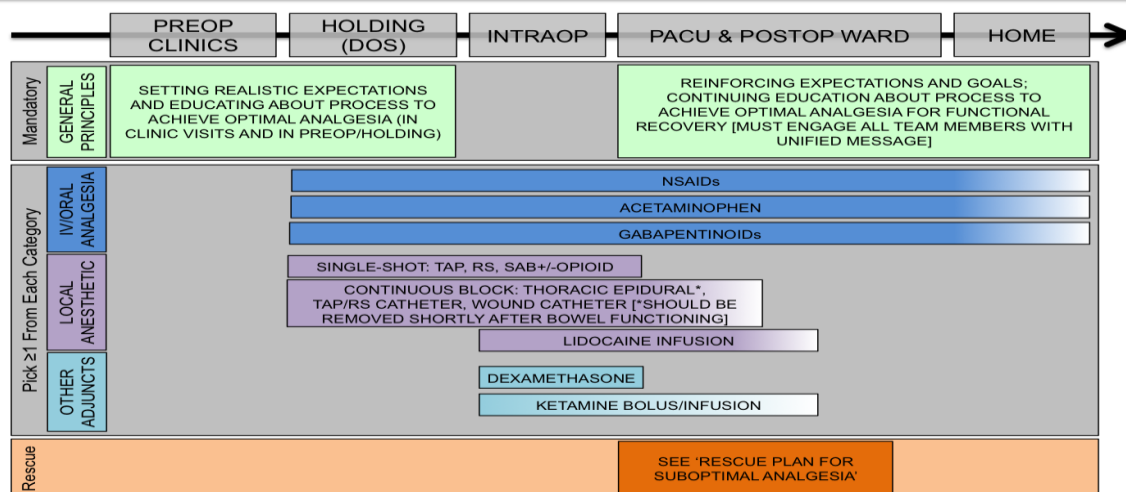
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TREATMENT ALGORITHM FOR ACHIEVING OPTIMAL ANALGESIA AFTER COLORECTAL SURGERY



ANEMIA

Anemia and Surgical Outcome

1. Data from large series now suggest that anemia is an independent risk associated with poor outcome in both cardiac and non-cardiac surgery.
2. Blood transfusion does not appear to ameliorate this risk, and in fact may increase the risk of postoperative complications and hospital length of stay.

Spahn DR. Anemia and patient blood management in hip and knee surgery: a systematic review of the literature. *Anesthesiology* 2010; 113: 482–95.

Musallam KM, Tamim HM, Richards T, et al. Preoperative anaemia and postoperative outcomes in non-cardiac surgery: a retrospective cohort study. *Lancet* 2011; 378: 1396–407.

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Anaemia

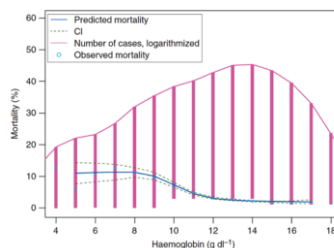
Present in around 1/3 of surgical patients
42% of women with Hb<12g/dl are iron deficient

Increases all complications

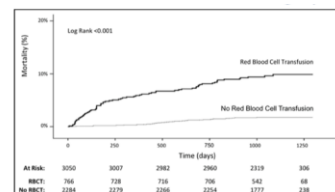
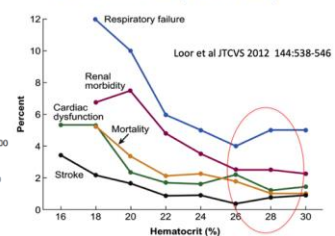
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Length of Stay
Blood Use
Hospital Costs

Blood Transfusion increases:

Sepsis – 10 fold increase
SSI
Cancer Recurrence
Life Expectancy – even non cancer



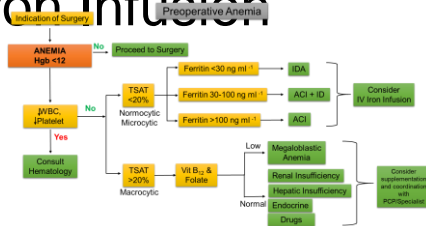
Composite graph summarizing the effects of intraoperative anemia on morbidity and mortality



The American Journal of Medicine 2016 129, 315-323.e2DOI: (10.1016/j.amjmed.2015.10.012)

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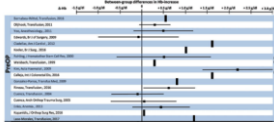
Anaemia – Preoperative Treatment with Iron Infusion



NARRATIVE REVIEW ARTICLE

Intravenous Iron for Treatment of Anemia in the 3 Perisurgical Phases: A Review and Analysis of the Current Literature

Frank Peters, MD,* Ines Ellermeier, PHARM,† and Andrea U. Steinbicker, MD, MPH*



Relative Risks



Blood Transfusion

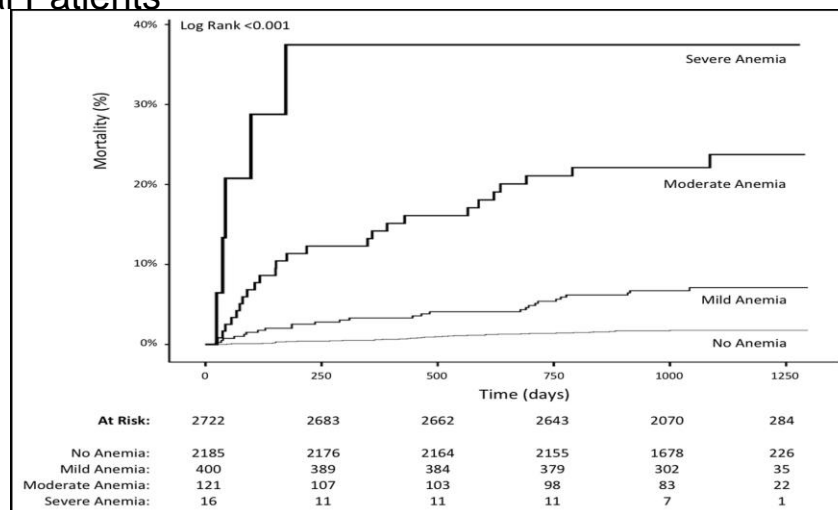
- Allergic reaction 1 in 333
- DHTR ~ 1 in 5400
- Increased risk of Sepsis/ SSI
- Poorer cancer survival
- Reduced life expectancy even in elective orthopedic surgery



Newer Iron Sucrose Infusions

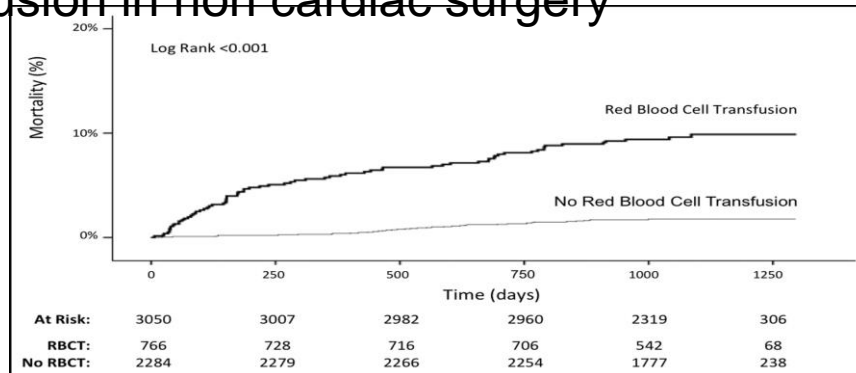
- Nanoparticle Reaction Common
- Anaphylaxis <10 in 1 000 000
- 1g a week improvement in Hb
- Overcomes Functional Iron Deficiency / Anemia of Chronic Disease

Impact of Anemia and Mortality in Non-cardiac Surgical Patients



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Association between mortality and red cell transfusion in non cardiac surgery



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Rationale – Why Optimize Preoperative Hb?

Anemia increases all cause risk for patients

Anemia increases costs and resource allocation

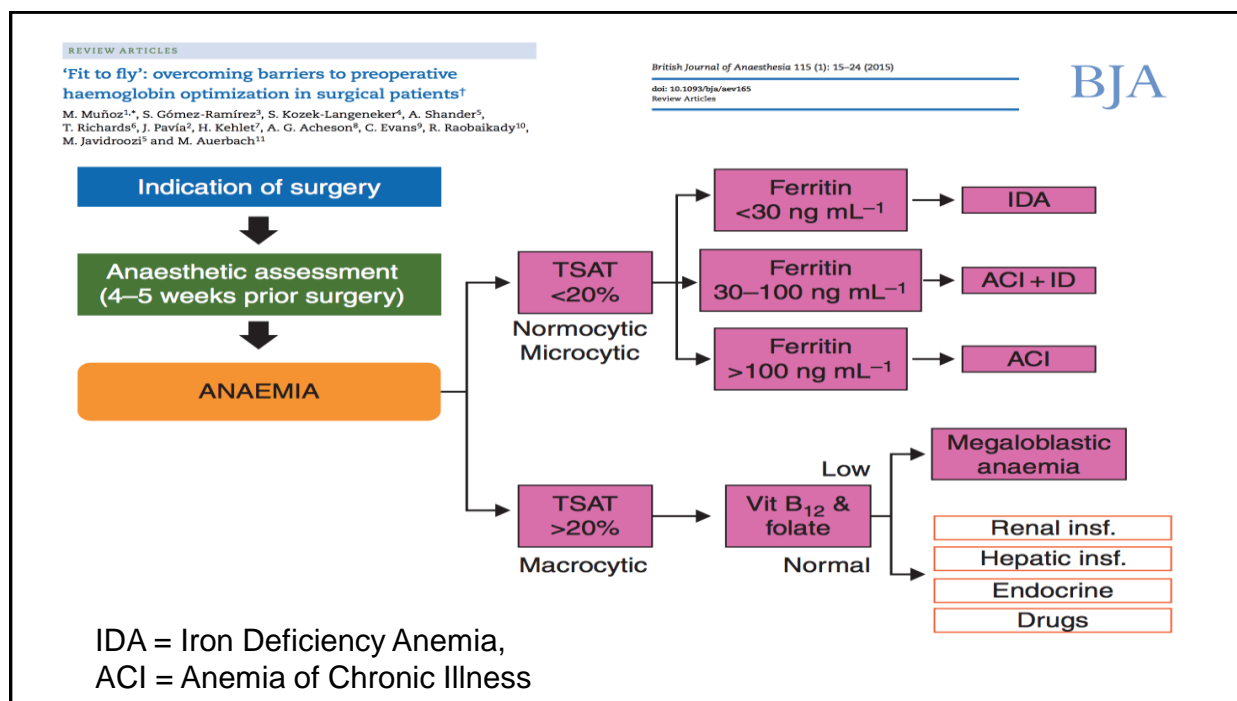
Blood transfusion does not fix this – downstream risks

An optimal Perioperative pathway screens and optimizes Hb and iron stores prior to surgery

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PREOPERATIVE SCREENING & OPTIMIZATION OF HEMOGLOBIN

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Which Lab Tests and when?

CBC – look at all cell lines (to exclude hematological issue)

Creat/ eGFR

Ferritin

Fe

TIBC

TSAT

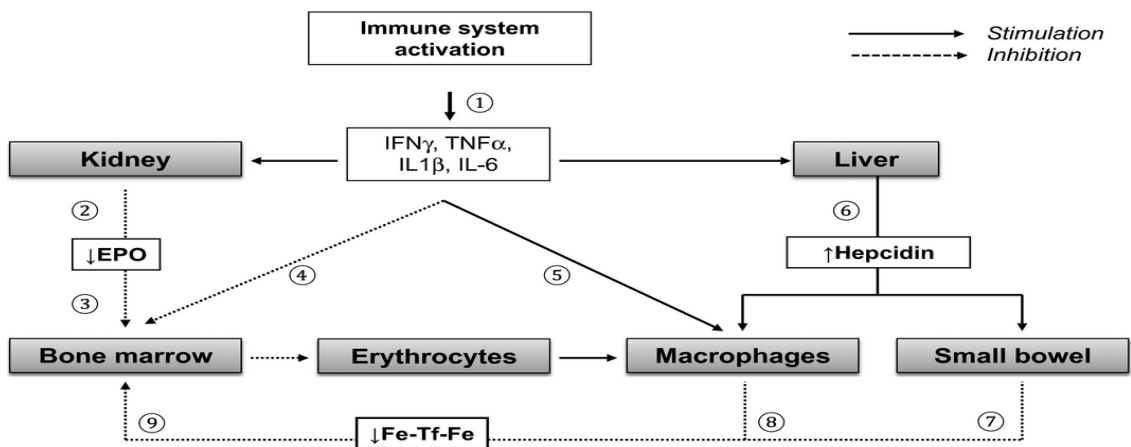
B12 / Folate

CRP

If Hb unknown - do we do them all in the first sitting? – or screen with a point of care test and then draw the labs after this?

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Anaemia of Chronic Disease



Anaesthesia

Volume 72, Issue 2, pages 233-247, 20 DEC 2016 DOI: 10.1111/anae.13773
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Anemia of Chronic Disease - Why Oral Iron May Not Work

Chronic disease can cause a state of **functional iron deficiency** leading to anemia.

The key iron regulatory protein hepcidin is activated in response to inflammation and inhibits absorption of iron from the gastrointestinal tract and reduces bioavailability of iron stores for red cell production in the marrow.

Although iron stores (predominantly ferritin) may be normal, the transport of iron either from the gastrointestinal tract or iron stores to the bone marrow is inhibited, leading to a state of 'functional' iron deficiency and subsequent anemia.

Since absorption from the gastrointestinal tract is blocked, increasing **oral iron intake is ineffective**

Munoz et al, Anaesthesia
2017. 72.233-247

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Intravenous Iron

Replenishes iron stores and increases Hb in anemia due to iron deficiency with or without inflammation

Dosing may be calculated from the baseline and target Hb and patient's body weight, adding 500 mg for iron stores

Low incidence of reactions

1000– 1500 mg is sufficient in most surgical patients

Given by slow infusion over less than 1 h in one sitting or in two – three divided doses over 2-3 weeks

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Calculating Iron Deficit

Iron Replacement (parenteral dosing) for Iron Deficiency [Share](#)

Input:

Age Factor ☒ Adult ≥ 33 lb (14.8)

☐ Child < 33 lb (12)

Weight

Hgb

Result:

Dose

Decimal Precision:

Formula

Notes

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$$\text{Dose} = 0.3 * \text{Weight} * (100 - (\text{Hgb} * 100) / \text{AgeFactor})$$

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Intravenous Iron Preparations –

Chertow et al. *Nephrol Dial Transplant* (2006) 21: 276–82
doi:10.1093/ndt/gfi253

Table 1. Major ADEs by intravenous iron preparation, 2001 through 2003

ADE	Ferlecit® (n = 11 973 800)	Dexferrum® (n = 2 563 000)	InFed® (n = 6 690 000)	Venofer® (n = 8 837 000)	OR Dexferrum® vs InFed®	OR Ferlecit® vs InFed®	OR Venofer® vs InFed®	OR Venofer® vs Ferlecit®
Death	3	2	5	1	1.0 (0.2–4.6)	0.3 (0.1–1.3)	0.2 (0.1–1.0)	0.5 (0.1–3.2)
Cardiac arrest	3	8	5	0	4.2 (1.4–12)	0.3 (0.1–1.3)	0.0 (0.0–0.6)	0.0 (0.0–1.7)
Coma	1	13	6	4	5.7 (2.2–14)	0.1 (0.0–0.6)	0.5 (0.2–1.7)	5.4 (0.8–36)
Anaphylactoid reaction	4	6	6	0	2.6 (0.9–7.7)	0.4 (0.1–1.3)	0.0 (0.0–0.5)	0.0 (0.0–1.3)
Dyspnea ^a	9	44	28	10	4.1 (2.6–6.6)	0.2 (0.1–0.4)	0.3 (0.1–0.5)	0.9 (0.3–2.4)
Allergic reaction ^b	23	22	25	18	2.4 (1.4–4.2)	0.5 (0.3–0.9)	0.5 (0.3–1.0)	0.9 (0.5–1.8)
Abdominal pain	10	2	3	5	1.7 (0.3–8.7)	1.8 (0.5–6.3)	1.3 (0.3–4.8)	0.7 (0.2–1.9)
Back pain	7	28	8	4	9.1 (4.2–20)	0.5 (0.2–1.3)	0.3 (0.1–1.0)	0.6 (0.2–2.1)
Chest pain	8	32	16	9	5.2 (2.9–9.4)	0.3 (0.1–0.6)	0.4 (0.2–0.9)	1.5 (0.5–3.5)
Hypotension	20	26	12	12	5.7 (2.9–11)	0.9 (0.4–1.8)	0.8 (0.3–1.7)	0.8 (0.4–1.6)
Nausea	11	8	10	10	2.1 (0.9–5.1)	0.5 (0.2–1.2)	0.8 (0.3–1.8)	1.5 (0.6–3.6)
Vomiting	13	6	7	3	2.4 (0.8–6.3)	1.0 (0.4–2.5)	0.3 (0.1–1.2)	0.3 (0.1–1.1)
Sweating	4	15	4	3	9.8 (3.4–28)	0.4 (0.1–1.7)	0.6 (0.1–2.3)	1.3 (0.3–5.9)
Total	232	331	269	175	3.2 (2.7–3.8)	0.5 (0.4–0.6)	0.5 (0.4–0.6)	1.0 (0.8–1.2)
Life-threatening	11	29	22	5	3.4 (2.0–5.9)	0.3 (0.1–0.7)	0.2 (0.1–0.4)	0.6 (0.2–1.7)

Abbreviations: ADE, adverse drug event.

The absolute rates of life-threatening ADEs were:

0.6 per million for Venofer,

0.9 per million for Ferlecit,

3.3 per million for InFed

11.3 per million for Dexferrum

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Medications iron sucrose 300 mg, Injectable, IV, once, Pharmacy to mix dose <= 100mg in 100ml NaCl 0.9%; dose > 100mg...

Details for iron sucrose

Details Order Comments Offset Details Diagnoses

Order details

Dose [300]
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Usage Guide
Dosage Form [Injectable]
Route of Administration [IV]
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Requested Start Date/Time

Detail values
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lidocaine-prilocaine topical (lidocaine-prilocaine 2.5%-2.5% topical) 5 g, Cream, Topical, once, PRN Needle procedure, At intended site of IV access, Give first dose: May apply up to 5 g per procedure (up to 2.5 g x 2 sites if needed) to a MAX daily dose of 20 g.

Select appropriate order sentence(s) only if the patient has experienced reaction(s) with previous administration(s) or the medication routinely causes infusion related reaction(s)

Use the following diphenhydramine order for PO dosing:

diphenhydramine Select an order sentence

Use the following diphenhydramine order for IV dosing:

diphenhydramine Select an order sentence

acetaminophen Select an order sentence

methylPREDNISolone Select an order sentence

Select one appropriate order sentence for each medication in this section

Use the following diphenhydramine order for PO dosing:

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Relative Risks



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Cost Benefit of IV Iron versus Oral Iron

Colorectal Surgery - Direct and indirect costs for acquisition and administration of iron product and RBC concentrates as well as hospitalization costs, were included in the cost model.

Ferric carboxymaltose reduced hospital stay by 2.3 days

Iron sucrose reduced hospital stay by 2.6 days

(compared with oral iron)

Cost savings of £ 437 (485€ , \$532) and £ 245 (274€ , \$300) per patient, respectively.

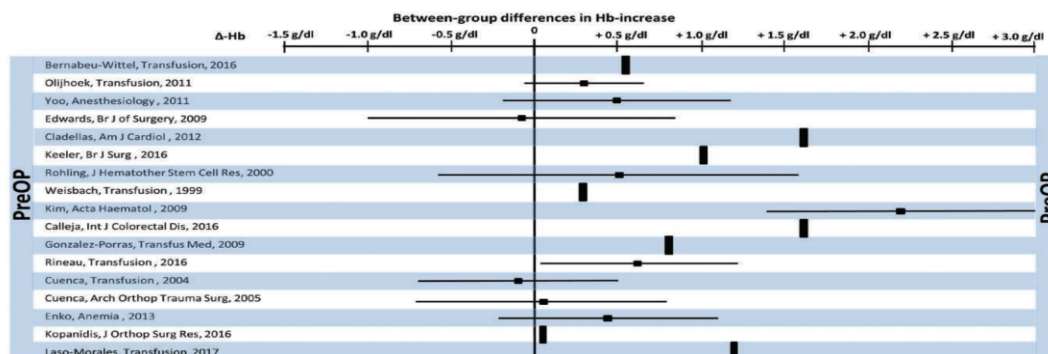
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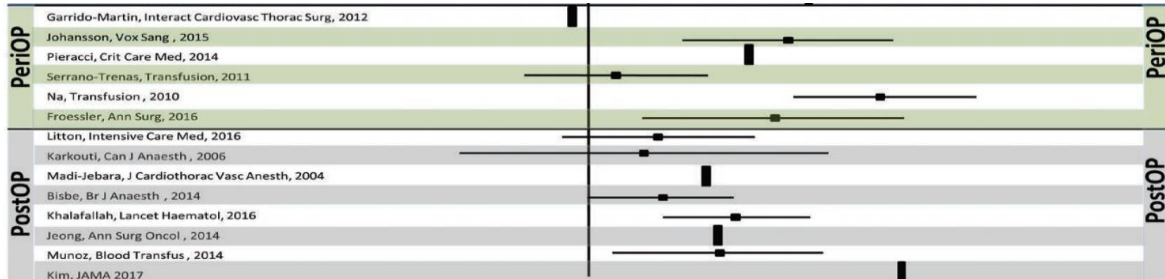
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What level of Hb is Threshold for Transfusion?

This effectively fixes your 'target preoperative Hb' in urgent cases

Tolerate Hb 7.0 to 9.0 g/dl (ASA Guidelines)

Individualized: Cardiac and Respiratory Patients – higher target

? Elderly should have higher target

Rate of change of Hb – ie bleeding also a significant factor in giving blood

However evidence supports maintaining HCT >28-30% to minimize complications

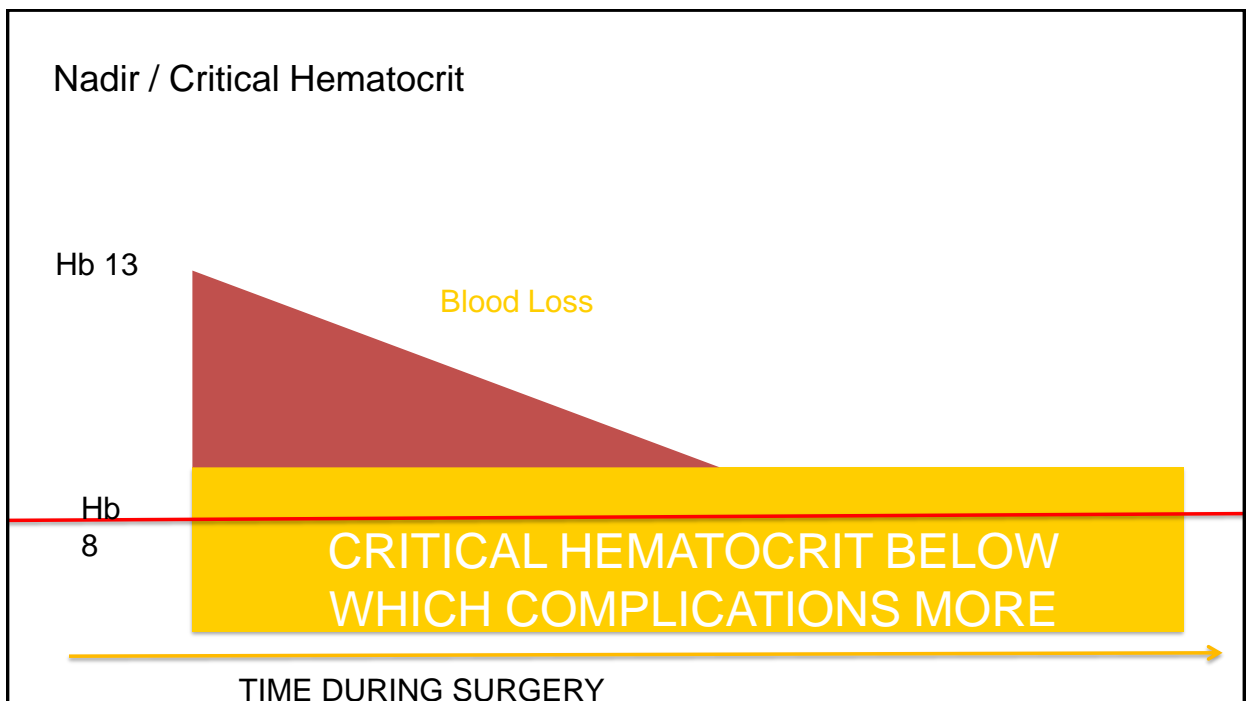
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Which preoperative Hb target?

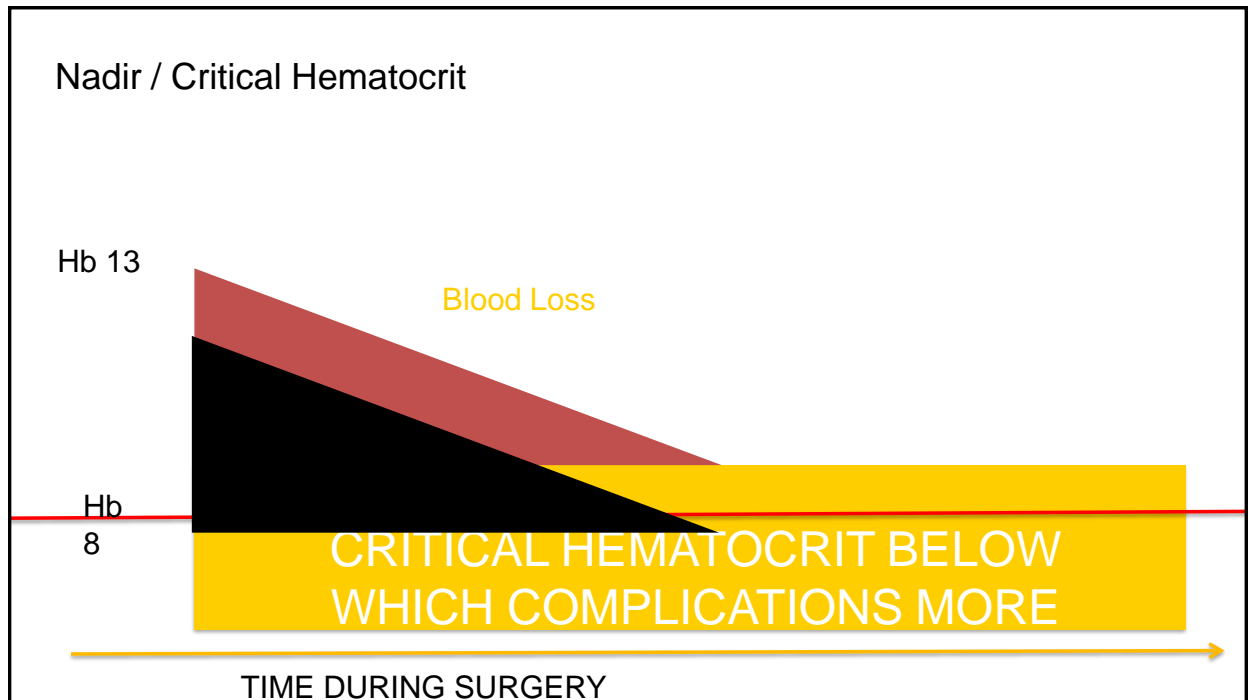
1. Elective Surgery – Hard stops for normal Hb
 2. Urgent Surgery - individualize
- Work out blood volume on ideal body weight
 Work out predicted blood loss
 Work out likely nadir hematocrit for patient to get complications
 Calculate necessary starting Hb to not hit nadir hematocrit if average blood loss occurs
 Preoperative ongoing blood loss? How fast?

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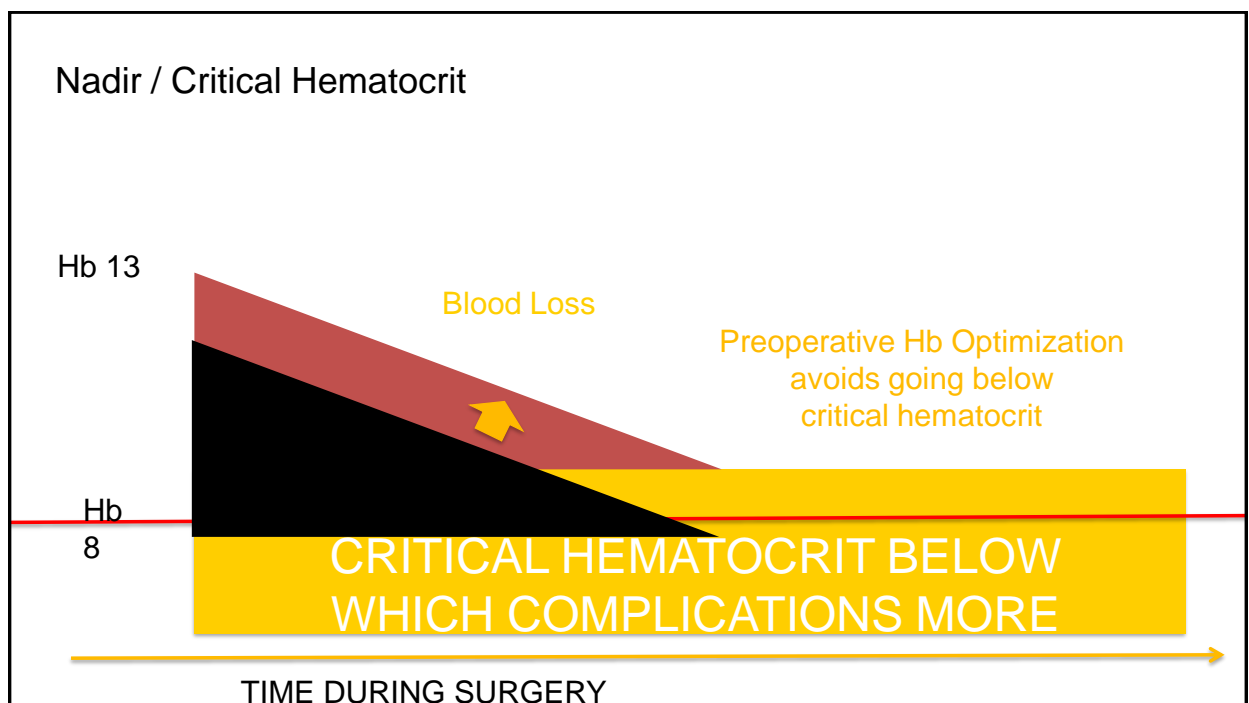
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Anemia Clinic - Practical Tips

Run in conjunction with Preoperative Anesthesia Clinic – other optimization opportunities

Screening – do not just rely on ferritin

Fe; TIBC; TSAT all needed

Need to exclude cause of anemia – cancer until proved otherwise

Hematological and internal medicine 'buy in'

Referral process for difficult diagnosis

Oral supplements (Iron, Folate, B12)

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Anemia Clinic - Practical Tips

Infusion clinic – set up powerplan for IV Iron

Ideally 1 infusion but may need 2 or 3

? Need to measure efficacy – CBC

Liaise with Infusion Clinics who give chemotherapy – allows IV iron infusion to be given in satellite sites

Close liaison with surgeon for urgent cases or where blood loss is ongoing

Expect around 1g per week rise in Hb

Need to have a means of logging patients for iron therapy – virtual clinic

Funding – Medicare v Insured

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Preoperative Information



Patient Video Education Room



Information and Bag to take home

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What to tell the Surgeons

Optimization Timeline

Category	Elective Surgery	Urgent Surgery	Notes
Nutrition supplement	5 – 7 days minimum	5 days	Prescribed by PACE for patients at risk or who score
Opioid tolerance	7 – 14 days	Try to get patient to reduce opioid intake by 20%	Suboxone buprenorphine naltrexone all need specialist advice PACE will refer to Dr. Chapman at NOW; May be needed to reduce dependency and cut opioids by 20%. Advice may be email or clinic visit
Hb 10 – 12 IV iron infusions <i>Follow PACE Anemia Algorithm</i>	10 – 14 days Allows for 2 infusions	1 infusion as soon as logistically possible; more if timescale permits	Elective surgeries: End Stage Renal Failure needs EPO as well; PACE will refer to renal physician for action; unexplained anemia may need referral to Dr. Fang Urgent surgeries: continue IV iron infusion post-operatively
Hb 8 – <10 IV iron infusions <i>Follow PACE Anemia Algorithm</i>	14 – 21 days Allows for 2 – 3 infusions	1 infusion if possible; more if timescale permits	Urgent surgeries: • Continue IV iron infusion post-operatively • If Hb < 8 admit for blood transfusion (discussion between PACE and surgeon)
Exercise	7 days minimum 28 days ideal	Encourage up to day of surgery as tolerated	• Aerobic to target cardiopulmonary fitness. Resistance Exercise helpful. Diet important. • Data shows 1 week provides improvement and a plateau after 4 weeks
Glycemic management			Elective surgeries: Ideal Hb A1c < 7.5 Urgent surgeries: If glucose is unstable, refer Hb A1c > 8 to endocrine team
Oral carbohydrate preload	1 day - Evening before and morning of surgery	1 day - Evening before and morning of surgery	

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Summary

1. Enhanced Recovery after Surgery (ERAS) Pathways require preoperative assessment and optimization of modifiable risk factors
2. In the USA the most important of which are:
 - Anemia
 - Nutrition
 - Glycemic control
 - Chronic Opioid use
 - Pulmonary

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