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Minimizing Blood Loss: TXA, Cell Saver and other Strategies



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Blood Transfusion

- Infectious risk (known versus unknown)
- ↑ site infection
- Transfusion reaction
- Lung injury, circulatory problems
- Jehovah Witness

How Much Blood Can We Lose?

- Difficult to know?
 - Physiologic rsponses beginning as high as Hgb 9-10g/dl depending on comorbidities, age, volume status and medications
 - Animal studies EKG changes with Hgb<5g/dl

Jehovah Witness

- Mortality
 ⁺ Hgb < 6
- 54% mortality Hgb 2.1-3.0
- 100% mortality Hgb 1.1-2
- Personal Pt blind at Hgb 6.?





Two Scenarios

- Trauma- Acute blood loss
- Surgery- ability to preoperatively plan



Hemostatic Resuscitation



Coagulopathy

- Hypothermia
- ↓ Ca² (blood citrate)
- Acidotic

Lethal Triad – hemorrhage, coagulopathy, inflamatory/metabolic

Coagulopathy & Trauma

By the time of arrival at the ED, 28% (2,994 of 10,790) of trauma patients had a detectable coagulopathy that was associated with poor outcome (MacLeod et al., 2003)

INR vs Mortality 1st 24 hrs in STICU



P = 0.02, ROC = 0.71

Patients > 10 U PRBCs 97 Patients over 51 Months ending January 03 (2:1 ratio) Age = 39 ± 2 , 61% Male Gender ISS = 28 ± 1, 73 % Blunt Mechanism ED Base Deficit = 10 ± 0.3 ED INR = 1.8 ± 0.2 67 % Survival, ICU Stay = 13 ± 1 days



Blood/FFP/Cryo/Plts 1:1 ratio !



Thromboelastography – measures the profile of clotting
Used to transfuse what is needed vs just 1:1 ratio

Methods (3)

- 1) Reduce further loss- pressure, embolization, acute hypervolumetric hemodilution (ie fluids)
- 2) Correct coagulopathy enhance hemostasis based on labs

• Txa Tranexamic Acid – antifibrinolytic that competively binds to lysine sites on fibrin clots impairing fibrin lysis 1gr iv q6

Correct Coagulopathy cont.

- TXA side effects-nausea diarrhea, stomach pain or discomfort, chills, fevers, severe headaches, back or joint pain-↓blood loss and bleeding mortality
- Vit K 10mg po/iv (warfarin pts, †INR can take 4-8 hrs to reverse)

- Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (PCC) – multiple products unactivated 4 factor 25-50U/kg with Vit K
 - Octaplex no human alb JW

Methods cont. 3) Improve RBC product

- Iron dextran 1gr iv
- Folate 1mg po/iv/im/sq daily
- Cyanocobalamin 1000µg iv/im/sq depending on the etiology B12 deficiency
- EPO epoetin alfa 300U/kg
- HBOC- Hgb oxygen carriers ?myocardial ischemia

Intraoperative Techniques
Positioning- elevation of extremity or free belly prone

- Hemodilution
- Hypotensive anesthesia SBP 80-90 MAP50-65- 30% reduction in blood loss
- Ventilation- hypercapnia and †intrathoracic pressure- † blood loss

Intraoperative Techniques cont

- Neuroaxial or local anesthesia- blocks
- Cell saver (expected 500cc blood loss) morbid obesity, revisions, liver disease (cryprecipitate)
- Hemostatic products (fibrin glue, thrombin sealants, etc)- rarely
 ?infections

Intraoperative Techniques cont

- Aquamantys- Bipolar, anterior THA \$50 for the hospital \$3200 for patient
- Total Blood Volume = actual body weight x 70ml/kg, gender differences, ideal body weight
- No proof but don't want to lose more than a blood volume





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- 33yo MVA
- Fixed >3 months ago my well known trauma surgeon trained at shock trauma and in Atlanta
- Both column fixed through an II
- Poorly reduced anterior and posterior column







Approach

- II remove hardware, osteotomy of anterior column, and release anterior column
- EIF posterior column ostotomy and release, anatomical reduction of the joint and fixation























Hyperextention, ER, Adduction

Posterior cortex

Case #1

Greater Troch

Hip hyperextended and adduction with external rotation allows delivery of proximal femur for femoral broaching

Hook behind femur





Broach insertion easily accomplished through anterior incision.



