

Blood transfusion



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Topic modules

1. Blood bank practices
2. Indication to blood transfusion
3. Complication
4. Alternative strategies for management of blood loss during surgery

Blood bank practices

1. Human red cell membrane : least 300 different antigens
2. fortunately, only the ABO and the Rh systems are important in the majority of blood transfusions

3. History

Hct.

Infection : Hepatitis B,C syphilis HIV-1,2
HTLV-I,II

Blood blank practices

#Crossmatching (50 min)

- 2) Confirms ABO and Rh typing
- 3) Detects antibodies to the other blood group systems
- 4) Detects antibodies in low titers or those that do not agglutinate easily

Blood blank practices

Antibody screen : Indirect Coombs test
(45 mins)

the subject serum + red cells

(antigenic composition) ----- red cell agglutination

Type&screen

Emergency transfusion

Type and screen vs Type and crossmatch

T&S -determines ABO and Rh status and the presence of most commonly encountered antibodies – risk of adverse rxn is 1:1000

-takes about 5 mins

T&C -determines ABO and Rh status as well as adverse rxn to even low incidence antigens – risk of rxn is 1:10,000

-takes about 45 mins

· Type and screen vs Type and crossmatch

T&S:

Type O red cells are mixed with pt serum Antibody screen

T&C

Type O red cells are mixed with pt serum Antibody screen

Donor red cells are then mixed with the pt's serum
to determine possible incompatibility

Blood blank practices

All units – RBC @ PRC 1unit (250 ml
Hct.70%)

--platelet@ 1 unit (50-70 ml, stored at
20-24c for 5 days)

--plasma @ FFP

--cryoprecipitate @ high conc. Of
factor VII, fibrinogen

Intraoperative transfusion practices

1. PRC

Ideal for patients requiring red cells but not volume replacement
Only one – Increase O₂ carrying capacity

AGE	BLOOD VOLUME
Neonates	
Premature	95 ml/kg
Full-term	85 ml/kg
Infants	80 ml/kg
Adults	
Men	75 ml/kg
Women	65 ml/kg

Allowable blood loss = $EBV * (Hct_{\text{ตั้งต้น}} - Hct_{\text{ที่ยอมรับได้}}) / Hct_{\text{เฉลี่ย}}$

Hct. 30% not magic number

Jehovah" s witness

Practice guideline

\$\$ case series : reports of Jehovah witness;
some may tolerate very low Hb < 6-8 g/dl in
the perioperative period without an increase
in mortality

Practice guideline

- \$\$ In healthy, normovolemic individual, tissue oxygenation is maintained and anemia tolerated at Hct as low as 18-25%(Hb 6-8gm%)
- \$\$ RBC transfusion is rarely indicated when Hb > 10 g/dl and is almost always indicated when Hb < 6 g/dl

Intraoperative transfusion practices

2. **FFP** (initial therapeutic dose : 10-15 ml/kg)

isolated factor deficiencies

reverse warfarin therapy

correction of coagulopathy associated with liver disease

used in patients who are received massive blood transfusion
with microvascular bleeding

Complications (PATCH) Platelets – dec, Potassium – inc., ARDS,
Acidosis, Temp dec., Citrate intoxication, Hepatiti

>1 BV/ 24 HR > 50 % BV within 3 hrs > 150 ml/min

antithrombin III deficiency

TTP (Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura)

Do not use for volume

Intraoperative transfusion practices

3. PLATELETS

- **thrombocytopenia or dysfunction platelets in the presence bleeding
- * prophylactic : plt.counts below 10,000-20,000
- * prophylactic preoperative : plt.counts below 50,000
- *Microvascular bleeding in surgical patient with platelets < 50,000
- *Neuro/ ocular surgery > 75,000

Intraoperative transfusion practices

3. PLATELETS

*Massive transfusion with microvascular bleeding with platelets < 100,000

2 BVs = 50,000

*Qualitative dysfunction with microvascular bleeding (may be > 100,000)

Intraoperative transfusion practices

3. PLATELETS

50 ml: $0.5- 0.6 \times 10^9$ platelets (some RBC's and WBC's)

Single donor apheresis OR

Random donor (x 6)

Intraoperative transfusion practices

4. CRYOPRECIPITATE

10 ml: fibrinogen (150-250 mg),
VIII (80-145 U),
fibronectin, XIII

1U/ 10kg ↑ fibrinogen 50 mg/dL (usually a 6- pack)

Hypofibrinogenemia (congenital or acquired)

Microvascular bleeding with massive BT (fibrinogen < 80-100mg/dL)
2 BVs = < 100 mg/dL

Bleeding patients with vWD (or unresponsive to DDAVP)

Alternative strategies for management of blood loss during surgery

- 1) Autologous transfusion
- 2) Blood salvage & refusion
- 3) Normovolemic hemodilution





“Blood is still the best possible thing to have in our veins” - Woody Allen

Blood transfusion is a lot like marriage.

It should not be entered upon lightly, unadvisedly or wantonly, or more often than is absolutely necessary” - Beal

TRANSFUSION REACTIONS

- is any unfavorable transfusion-related event occurring in a patient during or after transfusion of blood components



TRANSFUSION REACTIONS

@RBC's !

- Nonhemolytic 1-5 % transfusions

Causes -Physical or chemical destruction of blood: freezing, heating, hemolytic drug
-solution added to blood
-Bacterial contamination

: fever, chills, urticaria

– Slow transfusion, diphenhydramine , antipyretic for fever

- Hemolytic

– Immediate: ABO incompatibility (1/ 12-33,000) with fatality (1/ 500-800,000)

Majority are group O patients receiving type A, B or AB blood

Complement activation, RBC lysis, free Hb (+ direct Coombs Ab test)

Acute Hemolytic Transfusion Reaction

Pathophysiology

Ab (in recipient serum) + Ag (on RBC donor)



- Neuroendocrine responses
- Complement Activation
- Coagulation Activation
- Cytokines Effects



Acute hemolytic transfusion reaction

Acute Hemolytic Transfusion Reactions

- ❖ Acute onset within minutes or 1-2 hours after transfuse incompatible blood
- ❖ Most common cause is ABO-incompatible transfusion

Signs and Symptoms of AHTR

- Chills , fever
- Facial flushing
- Hypotension
- Renal failure
- DIC
- Chest pain
- Dyspnea
- Generalized bleeding
- Hemoglobinemia
- Hemoglobinuria
- Shock
- Nausea
- Vomitting
- Back pain
- Pain along infusion vein

- Anesthesia: hypotension, urticaria, abnormal bleeding
- Stop infusion, blood and urine to blood bank, coagulation screen (urine/plasma Hb, haptoglobin)
- Fluid therapy and osmotic diuresis
- Alkalinization of urine (increase solubility of Hb degradation products)
- Correct bleeding, Rx. DIC

Laboratory investigation for AHTR

- sample from blood bag → Repeat ABO, Rh, Ab screening
- Patient sample
 - Pre Tx sample → Repeat ABO, Rh, Ab screening
 - Post Tx sample → Repeat ABO, Rh, Ab screening, DAT,
→ CBC, UA, Bilirubin, BUN, Cr,
Coagulation screening
- Repeat compatibility test
 - Pre Tx sample & Donor unit
 - Post Tx sample & Donor unit

- Delayed: (extravascular immune) 1/ 5-10,000
Hemolysis 1-2 weeks after transfusion (reappearance of Ab against donor Ag from previous exposure)
Fever, anemia, jaundice

- Alloimmunization
Recipient produces Ab's against RBC membrane Ag
Related to future delayed hemolytic reactions and difficulty crossmatching

@WBC's!

- Europe: All products leukodepleted
- USA: Initial FDA recommendation now reversed pending objective data (NOT ↓ length of stay for ↑ expense)
- Febrile reactions
 - Recipient Ab reacts with donor Ag, stimulates pyrogens (1-2 % transfusions)
 - 20 - 30% of platelet transfusions
 - Slow transfusion, antipyretic, meperidine for shivering