

Blood Component Therapy in Perioperative Critically Ill Patients

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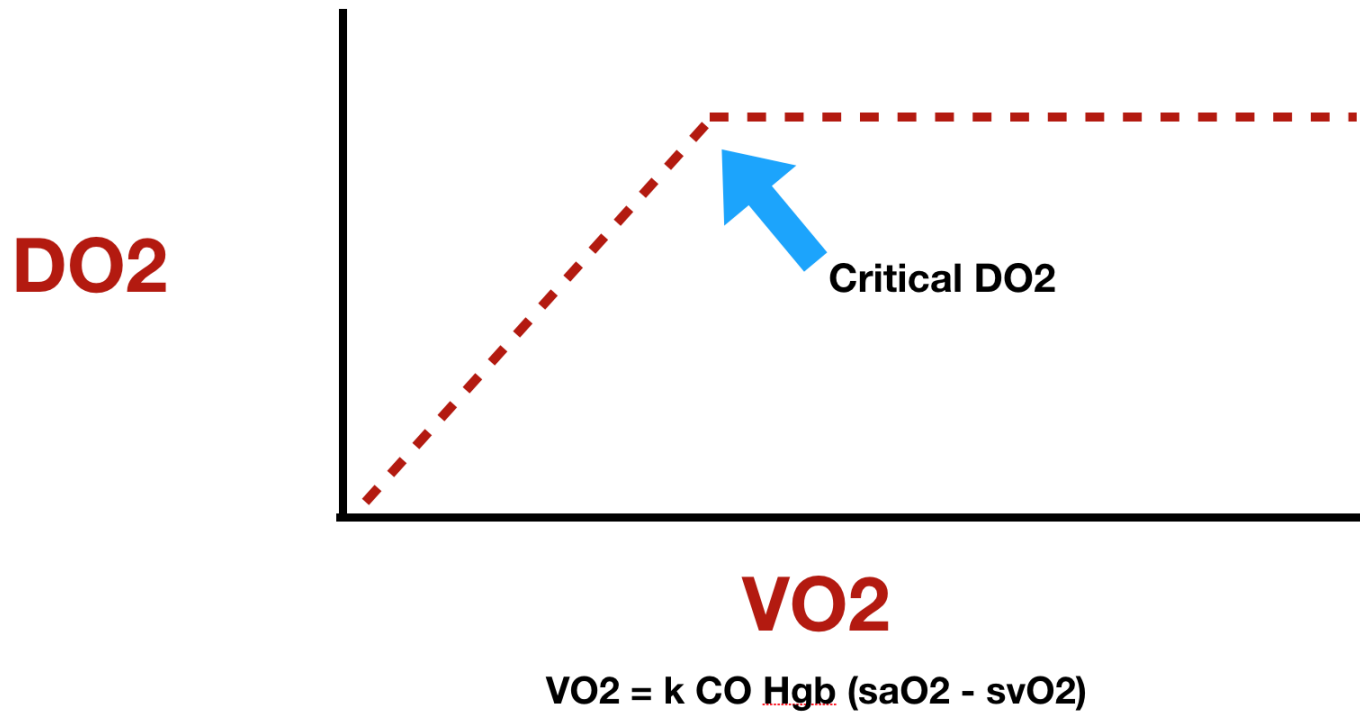


The blood is the life

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$$\text{DO}_2 = 1.36 \times \text{CO} \times \text{Hgb} \times \text{saO}_2 + 0.003 \text{ paO}_2$$



In “normals”

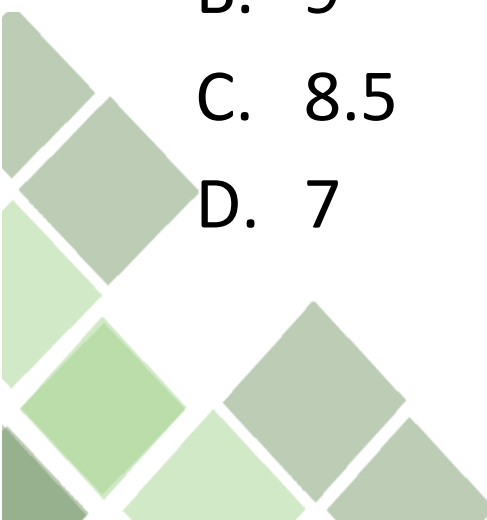
- ASA recommends Hgb > 6
- At Hgb <5.3 (Hct <16%)
 - Human cognitive function decreases, but is rapidly reversible by RBC transfusion





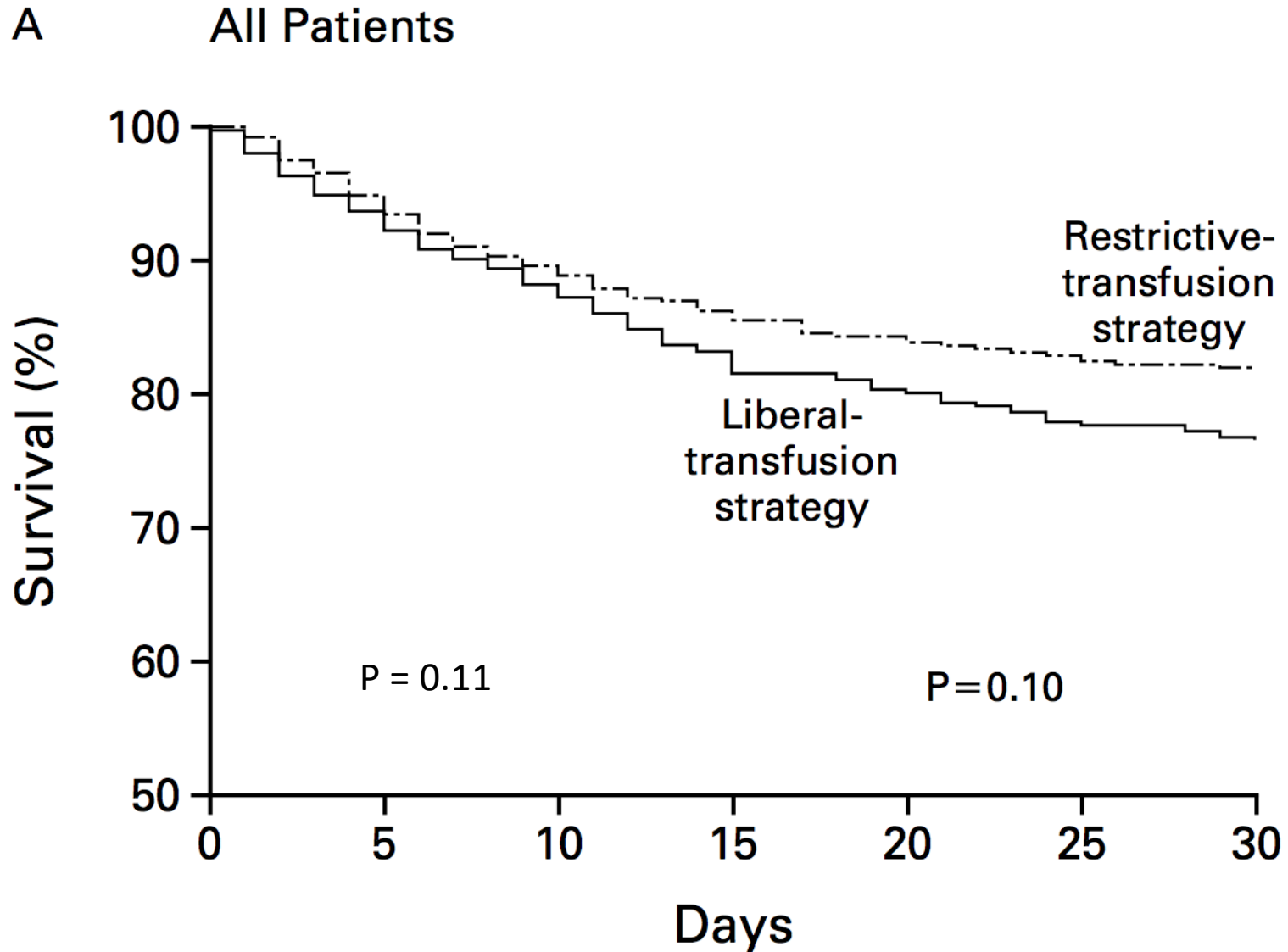
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 - D. 7
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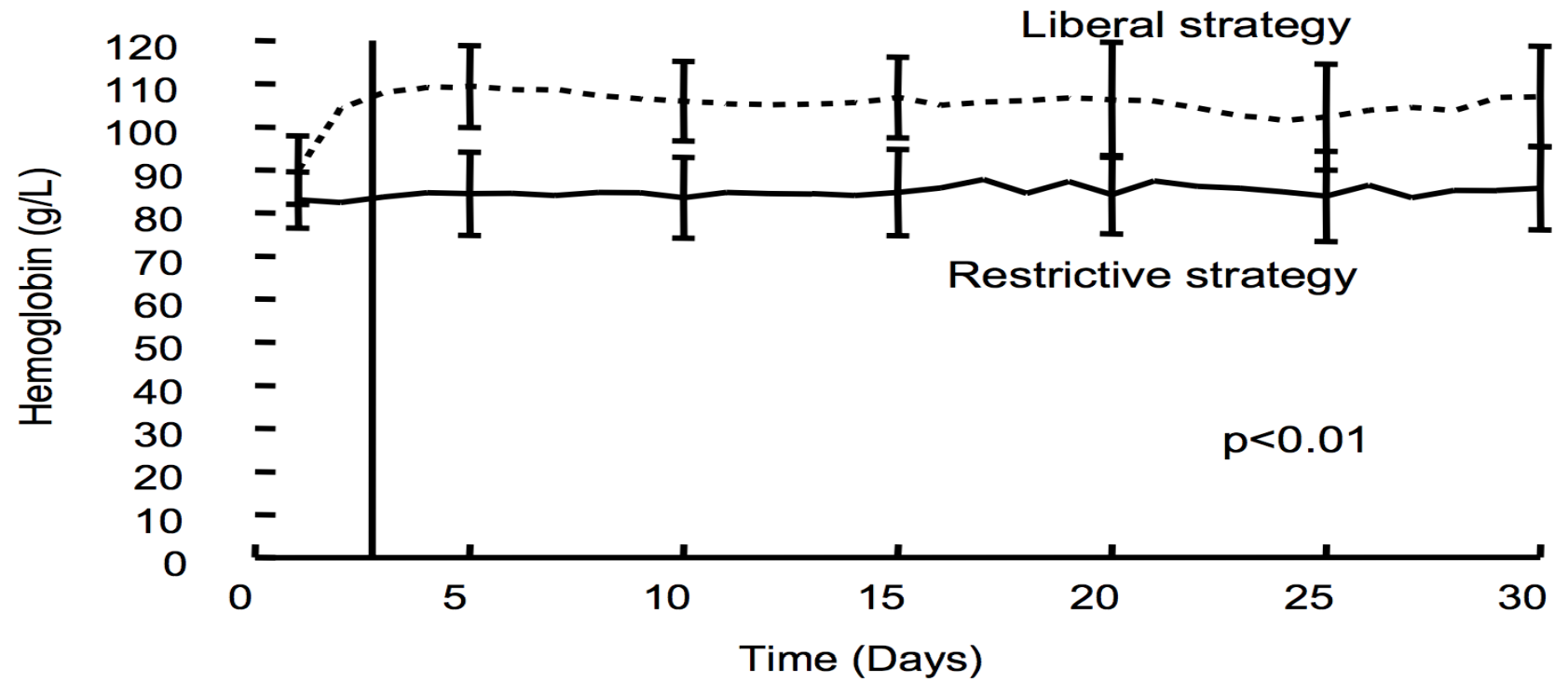
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Hebert et al, NEJM 1999



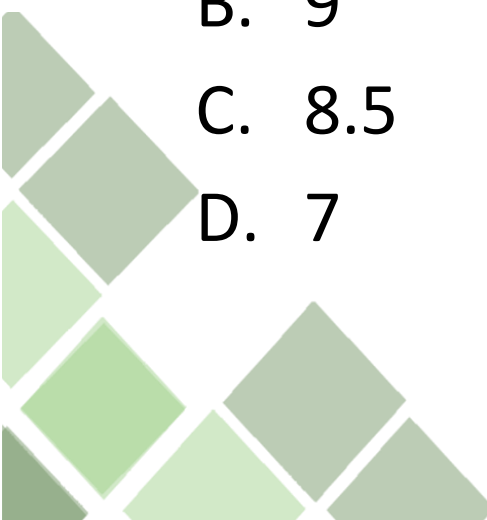
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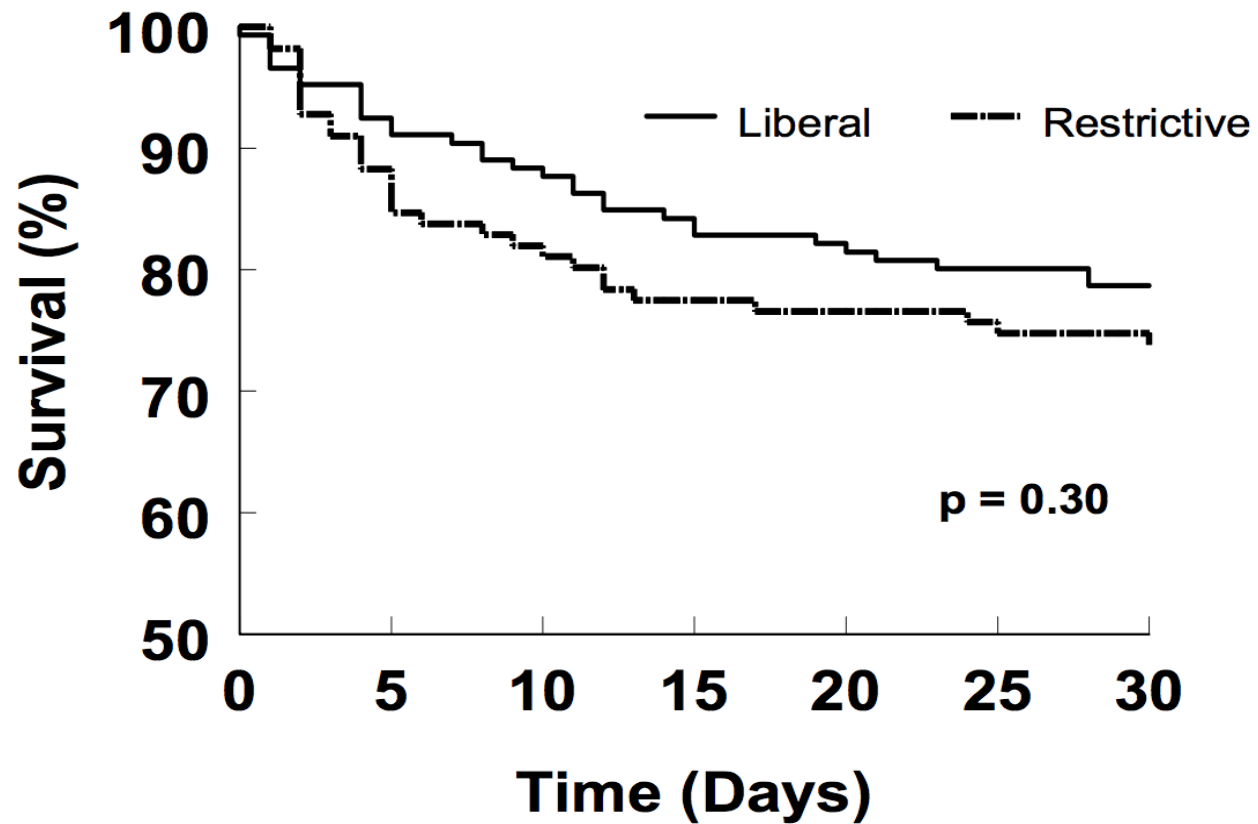
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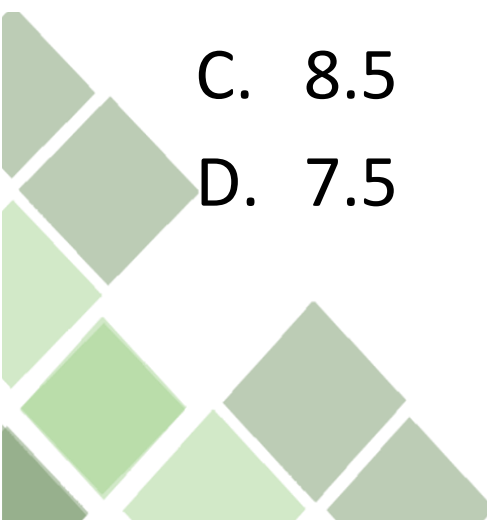
Patients with Ischemic Heart Disease (n=257)





A 45M undergoes emergent CABG. Anemia is noted on CBC.

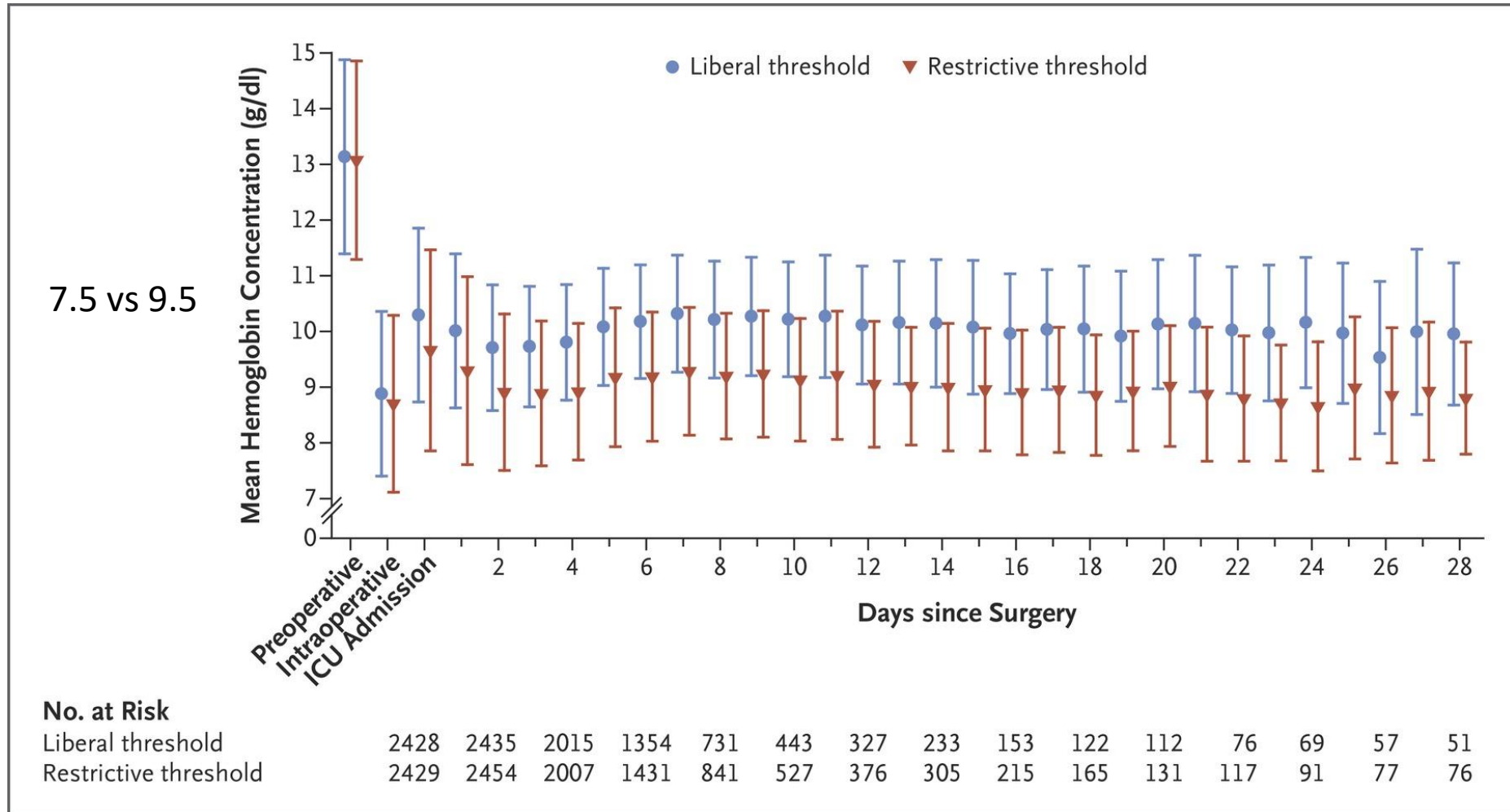
What is an appropriate Hgb target?

- A. 11
 - B. 9.5
 - C. 8.5
 - D. 7.5
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TRICS III Trial

Mazer et al, NEJM 2017

Euroscore ≥ 6 , not LVAD and not heart transplants



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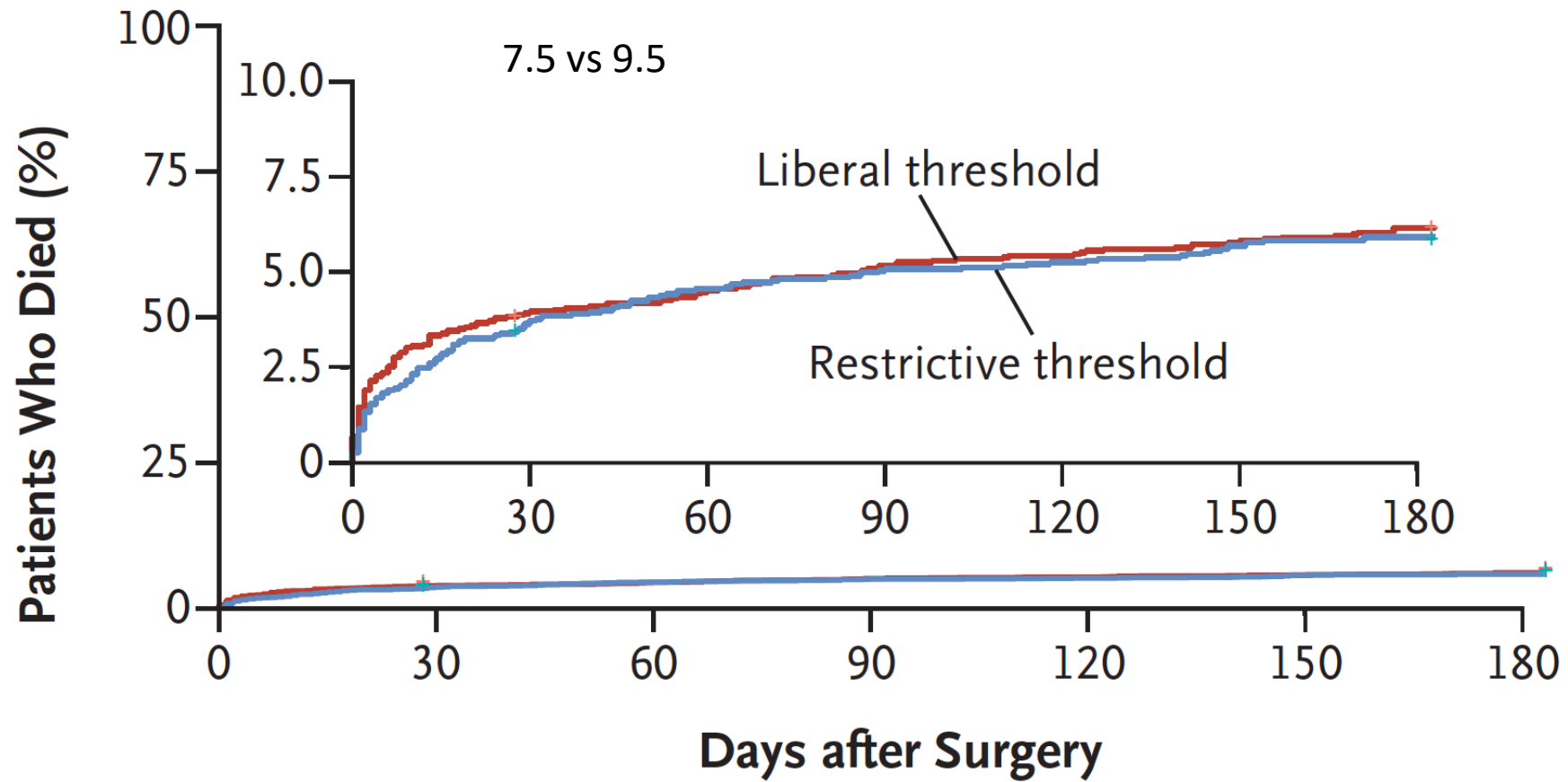
Table 3. Primary and Secondary Outcomes in the Per-Protocol Population.

Characteristic	Restrictive Threshold (N = 2430)	Liberal Threshold (N = 2430)	Odds Ratio or Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
Primary outcome			
Composite-outcome event — no./total no. (%)	276/2428 (11.4)	303/2429 (12.5)	0.90 (0.76–1.07)
Death — no./total no. (%)	74/2427 (3.0)	87/2429 (3.6)	0.85 (0.62–1.16)
Stroke — no./total no. (%)	45/2428 (1.9)	49/2429 (2.0)	0.92 (0.61–1.38)
Myocardial infarction — no./total no. (%)	144/2428 (5.9)	144/2429 (5.9)	1.00 (0.79–1.27)
New-onset renal failure with dialysis — no./total no. (%)	61/2428 (2.5)	72/2429 (3.0)	0.84 (0.60–1.19)



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Which patient subgroup will benefit from whole blood?

- A. All critically ill patients
- B. All critically ill surgical patients
- C. Patients that require massive transfusion
- D. Nobody

Whole Blood Vs Packed RBCs

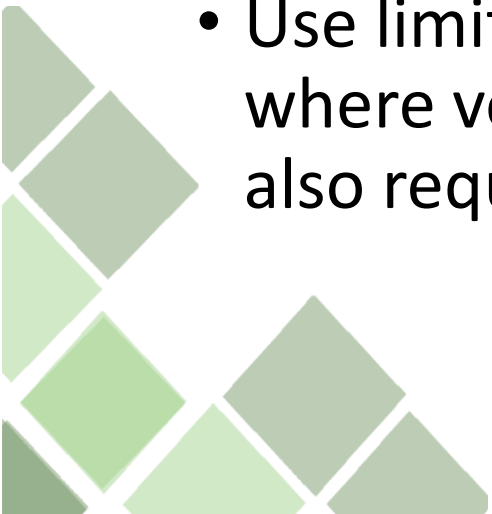


Whole Blood

- Blood + plasma
- Deficient in coagulation factors, high levels of K^+ , ammonia, and H^+
- Use limited to acute blood loss, where volume resuscitation is also required

Packed RBCs

- Blood with plasma removed
- No clotting factors
- Use in chronic anemia, where circulatory overload is likely



What patient subset most likely will require the Massive Transfusion Protocol?

- A. Trauma patients
- B. Cardiac surgery
- C. Solid organ transplantation
- D. Obstetric hemorrhage

Patients requiring “ultra-massive transfusion”

Dzik et al, Transfusion 2016

- Solid organ transplantation (21%)
- Cardiac or vascular surgery (16%)
- General surgery (11.5%)
- Trauma (11.5%)
- Medical disease (6%)
- Obstetric hemorrhage (1%)

Hypovolemic Shock

PARAMETER	CLASS I	CLASS II (MILD)	CLASS III (MODERATE)	CLASS IV (SEVERE)
Approximate blood loss	<15%	15-30%	31-40%	>40%
Heart rate	↔	↔/↑	↑	↑/↑↑
Blood pressure	↔	↔	↔/↓	↓
Pulse pressure	↔	↓	↓	↓
Respiratory rate	↔	↔	↔/↑	↑
Urine output	↔	↔	↓	↓↓
Glasgow Coma Scale score	↔	↔	↓	↓
Base deficit ^a	0 to -2 mEq/L	-2 to -6 mEq/L	-6 to -10 mEq/L	-10 mEq/L or less
Need for blood products	Monitor	Possible	Yes	Massive Transfusion Protocol

^a Base excess is the quantity of base (HCO_3^- , in mEq/L) that is above or below the normal range in the body. A negative number is called a base deficit and indicates metabolic acidosis.

Data from: Mutschler A, Nienaber U, Brockamp T, et al. A critical reappraisal of the ATLS classification of hypovolaemic shock: does it really reflect clinical reality? *Resuscitation* 2013,84:309-313.

Massive Transfusion



- Whole blood volume (or more) is replaced over 24 hrs, ~10 units of RBCs within 24 hrs
- Or, 50% blood volume replaced over 3 hrs
- Latest recommendation is for RBCs, FFPs and platelets to be given at 1:1:1 (less deaths from bleeding but unchanged overall mortality, compared to 1:1:2 RBCs)



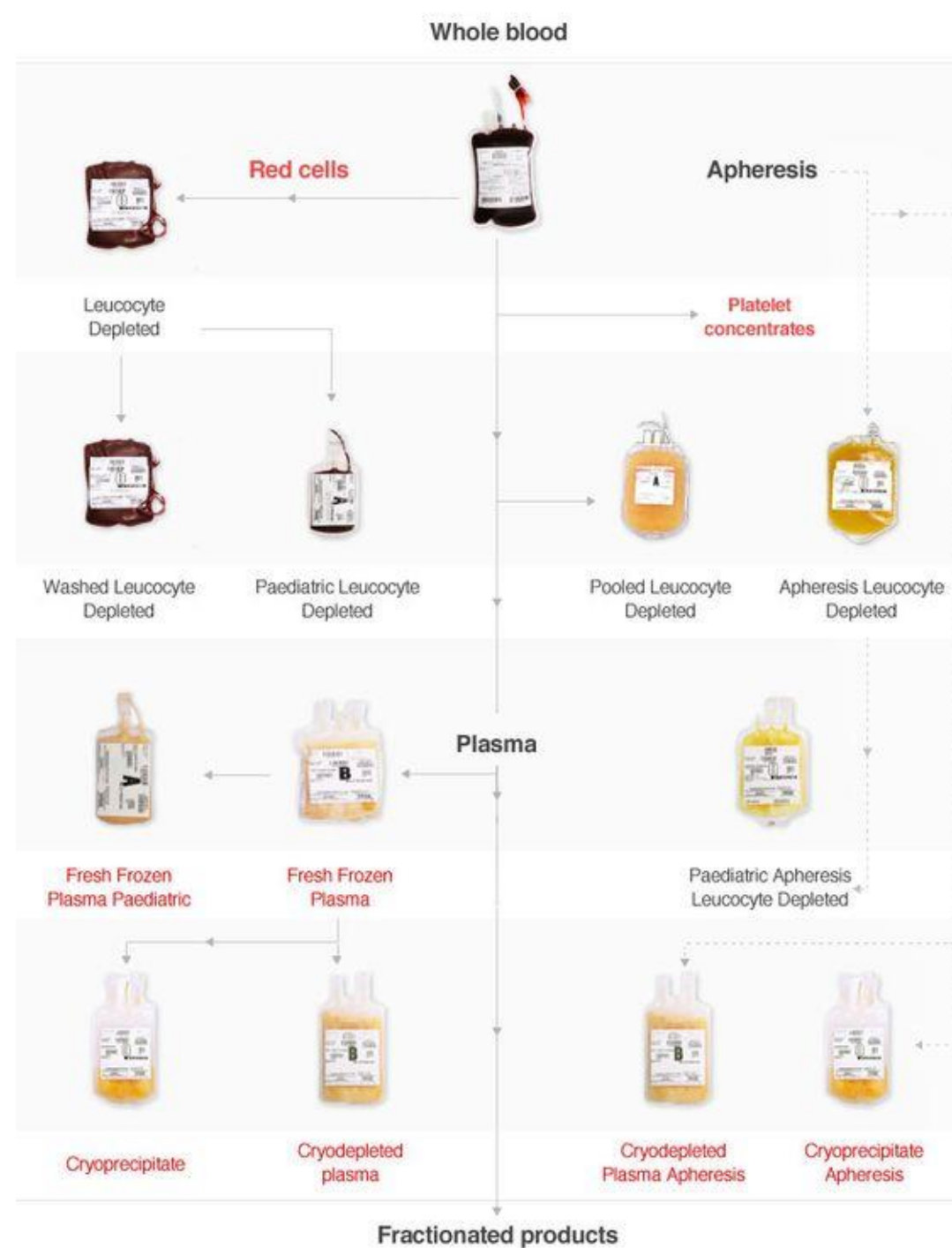
Beware Transfusion Complications



- Hemolytic reactions
- Febrile reactions
- Infections
- Immunosuppression
- Metabolic alkalosis
- Hyperkalemia
- Hypocalcemia
- Fluid overload
- Transfusion-related acute lung injury



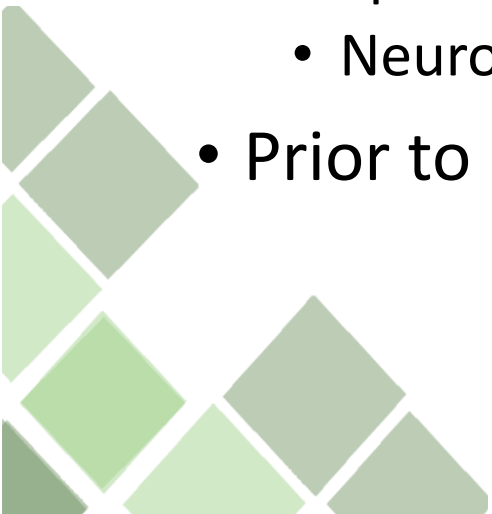
Other Blood Components



Indications for plasma (FFP)




- Active bleeding in the presence of known/suspected coagulopathy
- Massive transfusion of RBCs
- Prior to HIGH risk invasive procedures:
 - Thoracic
 - Abdominal
 - Spinal
 - Neurologic
- Prior to LOW risk procedures when coagulopathy is severe (index >2)



Indications for 4F-Prothrombin Complex



Recombinant technology or pooled factors from 1000s of donors

- Hypertherapeutic warfarin in presence of bleeding
 - NOAC-associated bleeding
 - Emergency invasive procedures required with therapeutic warfarin
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Indications for Cryoprecipitate



- Specific deficiencies of: von Willebrand factor, VIII, XIII, fibrinogen:
- DIC
- Some cases of peripartum bleeding



Indications for Platelets



- Platelets < 10
- Platelets < 50 with active bleeding, planned invasive procedures or a qualitative platelet disorder
- Platelets <100 with neurosurgical procedures, CNS injury, multisystem trauma, or require an intrathecal anesthetic catheter
- Normal platelets, actively bleeding with qualitative platelet dysfxn: chronic antiplatelets, congenital platelet disorders, uremia
- Special cases: HIT, TTP



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A patient has a Hgb of 10, saO₂ of 99% and a cardiac output of 7 L/min. What is the DO₂?


- A. ~545 ml/min
- B. ~745 ml/min
- C. ~945 ml/min
- D. ~1145 ml/min

Which cardiac surgery patient was excluded from the TRICS III trial?

- A. LVAD insertion
- B. CABG
- C. OPCAB
- D. MV replacement




What is the transfusion threshold for a patient who has just undergone CABG?

- A. 10
 - B. 8.5
 - C. 7.5**
 - D. 7.0
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What is/are potential complication(s) of large volume pRBC transfusions?

- A. Metabolic alkalosis
- B. Hyperkalemia
- C. Hypocalcemia
- D. All of the above



A polytrauma patient is admitted, with an SBP of 75, HR 130, obtunded. Emergency surgery is planned. What is the appropriate management?

- A. pRBCs, platelets and plasma at 1:1:1 ratio
 - B. pRBCs only
 - C. Cryoprecipitate
 - D. Check labs and correct coagulopathy as needed
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