

A study of average requirement of blood in different common surgical procedures

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Abstract

Introduction: The evaluation of blood transfusion is a fascinating story, ranging from mysticism and pseudo science to present day rational therapy. The therapeutic benefits of blood have been recognized for centuries, however blood transfusion as we know it today, is of comparatively recent vintage. The history is enhanced by the role of a variety of personages who became famous in other areas, both medical and non-medical, yet all of whom played a role in the dramatic story of transfusion. The event that first kindled interest in blood transfusion was the description of circulation of blood by William Harvey in 1613 which was subsequently published in his *de motu cardis* in 1628. This occasioned considerable speculation regarding the possibility of blood transfusion. **Aims and Objectives:** To study average requirements of blood in different common surgical procedures. **Methodology:** The present series is a study of three hundred and nineteen patients admitted in Krishna hospital, Karad and undergone different surgical procedures during the period of two years. (Oct. 97-Sept. 99). All the patients undergoing surgery for whom a preoperative cross-match was requested are included in this study. About 18 different procedures from general surgery, oncosurgery are included in this series. **Result:** Maximum transfusion is Required for Splenectomy, Oesophagectomy. The maximum Transfusion Probability was observed in Oesophagectomy, Spleenectomy elective. Spleenectomy emergency (100%), Small and large bowel resection. (Elective) Small and large bowel resection. (Emergency) (87.5% and 85.1%). The TI maximum was found in Splenectomy Elective (3.1). CT ratio was highest in 0-5 age group. **Conclusion:** In Major surgical Procedures routinely requiring blood transfusion, Maximum Surgical Blood Order Scheme (MBOS) should be calculated and followed since this gives a margin of 50% over the average blood lost replacement thus safety margin in cases of unexpected haemorrhage.

Keywords: Average Blood Requirement, Transfusion Probability, Transfusion Index.

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any beneficial effect but it increases the chances of transmission of diseases which are transmitted through blood.^{4,5,6} A C/T ratio of >2.5 is suggestive of less than 40% of cross matched blood is transfused and denote over ordering.^{7,8,9,10} The transfusion index (Ti) signifies the appropriateness of no of units ordered.¹¹ Friedman et al¹² addressed this nagging problem associated with surgical blood use, and excessive preoperative cross matching.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

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surgery for whom a preoperative cross-match was requested are included in this study. About 18 different procedures from general surgery, oncosurgery are included in this series. The cases were studied according to a definite plan outlined in this special Performa, which includes. Pretransfusion test

For donor blood

ABO grouping and Rh grouping: ABO grouping must be determined by forward (cell grouping), reserve (serum grouping) grouping. Red cells are tested with Anti A, Anti B and Anti AB and serum are tested with group A, B and O cells. Rh grouping must be determine using D serum. If D should be tested for D^U phenotype by indirect anticoagulant test D^U positive units must be labeled as D positive. All donor blood should be tested for presence of clinically significant unexpected antibodies. A sample of donor serum should be tested for VDRL, HbsAg. HIV, HCV.

RESULTS

Table 1: Transfusion profile

Sr. No.	Procedure	Patient Transfused	Patients Cross-Matched	Units Transfused	Average (Ti)	Range (Units)
1	Oesophagectomy .	11	11	29	2.6	2-3
2	Spleenectomy Elective .	8	8	25	3.1	2-4
3	Splenectomy Emergency.	9	9	19	2.1	1-3
4	Small and Large Bowel Resection . (Elective)	14	16	19	1.3	0-2
5	Small and Large Bowel Resection. (Emergency)	23	27	31	1.3	0-4
6	Nephrectomy.	4	9	7	1.7	0-2
7	Pylolithotomy – Uretrolithotomy.	2	12	2	1.0	0-1
8	Turp	9	36	9	1.0	0-1
9	Thyroidectomy.	3	12	4	1.3	0-2
10	Du Perforation Closure.	10	49	12	1.2	0-2
11	Intra Abdominal Soft Tissue Tumour Excision.	7	9	15	2.1	0-4
12	Colostomy/Colostomy Closure.	2	12	2	1.0	0-1
13	Mrm.	12	21	13	1.08	0-2
14	Surgery On Oral Malignancy.	21	27	35	1.6	0-3
15	Incisional Hernia	1	5	1	1.0	0-1
16	Cholecystectomy.	2	6	2	1.0	0.1
17	Cholecystectomy C- Cbd Exploration.	6	6	7	1.16	0.3
18	Biliary Entric By Pass.	6	6	11	1.83	1.3
Total		150	281	243	1.62	

Table 2: Transfused Probability

No of unites transfused

$$\% T = \frac{\text{No of unites transfused}}{\text{No of units cross matched}} \times 100$$

No of units cross matched

Sr. No	Procedure	Patients Tran-Sfused	Patients Gross-Matched	% T
1	Oesophagectomy.	11	11	100
2	Spleenectomy Elective.	8	8	100
3	Splenectomy Emergency.	9	9	100
4	Small and Large Bowel Resection. (Elective)	14	16	87.5
5	Small and Large Bowel Resection. (Emergency)	23	27	85.1

6	Nephrectomy.	4	9	44.4
7	Pylolithotomy – Uretrolithotomy .	2	12	16.6
8	Turp	9	36	25.0
9	Thyroidectomy .	3	12	8.33
10	Du Perforation Closure.	10	49	20.4
11	Intra Abdominal Soft Tissutumour Excision	7	9	77.7
12	Colostomy/Colostomy Closure.	2	12	16.6
13	Mrm.	12	21	57.1
14	Surgery On Oral Malignancy.	21	27	77.7
15	Incisional Hernia	1	5	20.0
16	Cholecystectomy.	2	6	33.3
17	Cholecystectomy C- Cbd Exploration.	6	6	100
18	Biliary Enteric By Pass.	6	6	100

Table 3:

Transfusion Index (Ti) = No of units transfused

Sr. No	Procedure	Units Tran-Sfused	No of units patients matched		Ti
			Patients	Cross Matched	
1	Oesophagectomy.	29	11		2.6
2	Spleenectomy Elective.	25	8		3.1
3	Spleenectomy Emergency.	19	9		2.1
4	Small and Large Bowel Resection. (Elective)	19	16		1.2
5	Small and Large Bowel Resection. (Emergency)	31	27		1.14
6	Nephrectomy.	7	9		0.8
7	Pylolithotomy – Uretrolithotomy	2	12		0.16
8	Turp	9	36		0.25
9	Thyroidectomy.	4	12		0.33
10	Du Perforation Closure.	12	49		0.24
11	Intra Abdominal Soft Tissue Tumour Excision.	15	9		1.66
12	Colostomy/Colostomy Closure.	2	12		0.16
13	Mrm.	13	21		0.6
14	Surgery On Oral Malignancy.	35	27		1.29
15	Incisional Hernia	1	5		0.20
16	Cholecystectomy.	2	6		0.3
17	Cholecystectomy C- Cbd Exploration.	7	6		1.16
18	Biliary Enteric By Pass.	11	6		1.83

Table 4: Distributions of patients as per percentage of blood lost

Sr. No.	Percentage blod loss	No. of patients	percentage	Blood crossmatched		Blood transfused		Average	CT ratio	% T	Ti
				Patients	Units	Patients	Units				
1	0-5	122	38.2	92	127	16	19	1.1	6.6	17.3	0.2
2	5.1 – 10	92	28.8	86	126	38	44	1.15	2.8	44.1	0.5
3	10.1 -15	51	15.9	49	67	42	60	1.4	1.1	85.7	1.2
4	15.1 -20	16	5.0	15	36	14	27	1.9	1.3	93.3	1.8
5	20.1 -25	11	3.4	10	27	10	23	2.3	1.07	100	2.3
6	25.1 -30	8	2.5	8	20	8	19	2.37	1.05	100	2.37
7	30.1 -35	7	2.1	7	7	7	17	2.4	1.0	100	2.4
8	35.1 -40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	40.1 -45	0.9	0.9	3	10	3	9	3.0	1.1	100	3.0
10	> 45	2.5	2.5	8	27	8	26	3.25	1.03	100	3.25

DISCUSSION

The Table No. 1 describes the transfusion profile of this study. In this table for all 18 different procedures number of patient's cross-merged, number of patients transfused and number of units transfused is noted. The average (Ti)

is calculated for each procedure by dividing units transfused by number of patient's transfusesd. It gives amount of or number of units transfused per patient who has received transfusion for the particular procedure. Range of unit transfused for each procedure is noted. In

procedure like thyroidectomy, closure of duodenal ulcer perforation, transurethral resection of prostate (TURP) cholecystectomy, pylolithotomy and uretrolithotomy, incisional hernia repair and colostomy or closure of colostomy, very few patients received blood transfusion as compared to the number of patients cross-matched and for these procedure the average blood transfusion is also low. That is one unit of blood per transfused patient. The range of units of blood transfused is between 0 to 2. While for procedure like oesophagectomy, spleenectomy elective and emergency, small and large bowel resection elective and emergency, nephrectomy; modified radical mastectomy, surgery for oral malignancy, intrabdominal soft tissue tumour excision, biliary entric bypass and cholecystectomy with CBD exploration the average is above 1 units of blood transfusion per transfused patient. Elective spleenectomy has a maximum average of 3.1 units of blood followed by oesophagectomy with 2.6 units of blood. For oesophagectomy it is 2 to 3 units and for biliary entric bypass between 1 to 3 units and so on. Over all 150 patients received transfusion of 243 units of blood with average of 1.62 units of blood for each transfused patient. The overall range was between 0 to 4 units of blood transfusion. Maximum surgical blood requirement of 1.95 for small and large bowel resection in this study also matches with MSBOS of 1.8 in study by Napier (1985)¹³. This table no.1 gives the overall idea about transfusion pattern and the average (TI) calculated for each procedure is used afterwards for calculation Maximum Surgical Blood Order Schedule (MSBOS) for the procedures which shows significant blood usage. To overcome the drawbacks of the cross match to transfusion ratio (C/T ratio) other indicators are introduced. These indicators were Transfusion Probability and Transfusion Index. We have considered all these indicators together to get to conclusion whether the blood utilization for given procedure awe significant or there is over ordering of blood. Table No. V is prepared to show the Transfusion probability (%T) for the procedure studied. The transfusion probability (%T) was first suggested by mead et al in 1980 as a indicator of significant blood usage .The transfusion probability is the probability with which the cross-mached patient receives blood transfusion. The transfusion probability is calculated by dividing number of patients received transfusion by of patients for whom preoperative cross match was done for a particular procedure or disease. The transfusion probability of more than 30 % is considered to be indicative of significant blood usage, that is more than 30 % of patient who are matched for given procedure received transfusion. In our study procedures like oesophagectomy, spleenectomy (elective or emergency), biliary entric bypass and cholecystectomy with CBD exploration had transfusion

probability of 100 %. This shows that for these procedures, each cross-mached patient has received blood transfusion of at least one unit of blood intraoperatively. Whlie other procedures like small and large bowel resection, nephrectomy, intra-abdominal soft tissue tumour excision, modified radical mastectomy and surgery for oral malignancy have a transfusion probability of more than 30% which is significant in term of intraoperative blood usage. The ramaining procedure like pylolithotomy and uretholithotomy, transurethral resection of prostate, closure of duodenal ulcer performance, colostomy or colostomy closure, Incisinal hernia repair have a transfusion probability of less than 30% denoting insignificant blood usage for these procedures. Cholecystectomy has a transfusion probability of 33.3%, which is just above the lower unit of 30% so it is considered to be insignificant, blood use. The above three indicators namely cross-match transfusion ratio, transfusion probability and transfusion index is calculated according to percentage of blood loss. Table No.4 is prepared so that 10 groups are made according to percentage of blood loss. Under each group, number of patients, the cross match and transfusion pattern is noted. The cross-match and transfusion pattern consists of blood cross-matched in terms of patients and units cross-matched and blood transfused in terms of patients and units transfused. The average, C/T ratio, transfusion probability and transfusion index calculated using the same formulae, which were used for the procedure wise study. The percentage of blood loss is calculated for each patient for patient for each procedure. The total blood volume of that patient is calculated using the physiological formula.

Blood volume = weight in kg. X 75 for female

Blood volume = weight in kg. X66 for male

The total blood loss is estimated by taking subjective analysis by anesthetist of intraoperative blood loss and finally percentage of blood loss calculated by using the formula.

$$\text{Percentage of blood loss} = \frac{\text{Blood loss}}{\text{Total blood volume}} \times 100$$

The Table No.4 gives all detailed information about the using the percentage of blood loss. For group 1 and 2 all the three transfusion indicators are showing insignificant blood usage except for transfusion probability for 2 which is 44.4%. All other groups are showing significant blood usage as indicated by all these indicators. The transmission probability is 100% for all patients who had blood loss of more than 20% of their total blood volume. Patente with above 20% of blood loss received blood transfusion.

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