

Point of Care Coagulation Tests

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Variability in Transfusion Practice

TRANSFUSION PRACTICE

The ongoing variability in blood transfusion practices in cardiac surgery

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Despite widespread availability of clinical practice guidelines the variability in transfusion practice both within and between institutions is profound and has changed little over the last 20 years.

Do transfusion guidelines influence clinical practice?

bjh Guideline

Guidelines on the management of massive blood loss

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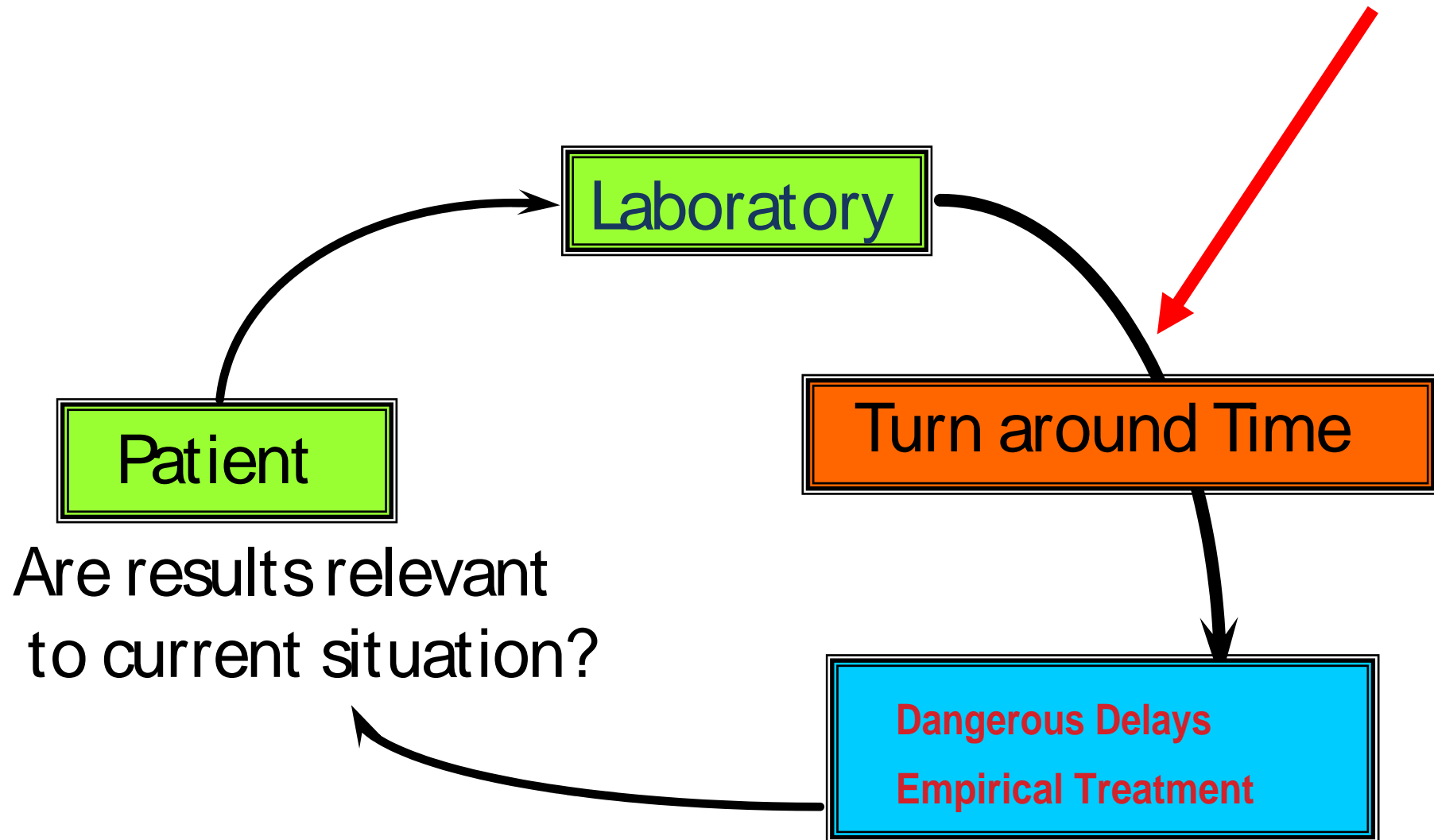


Request laboratory investigations

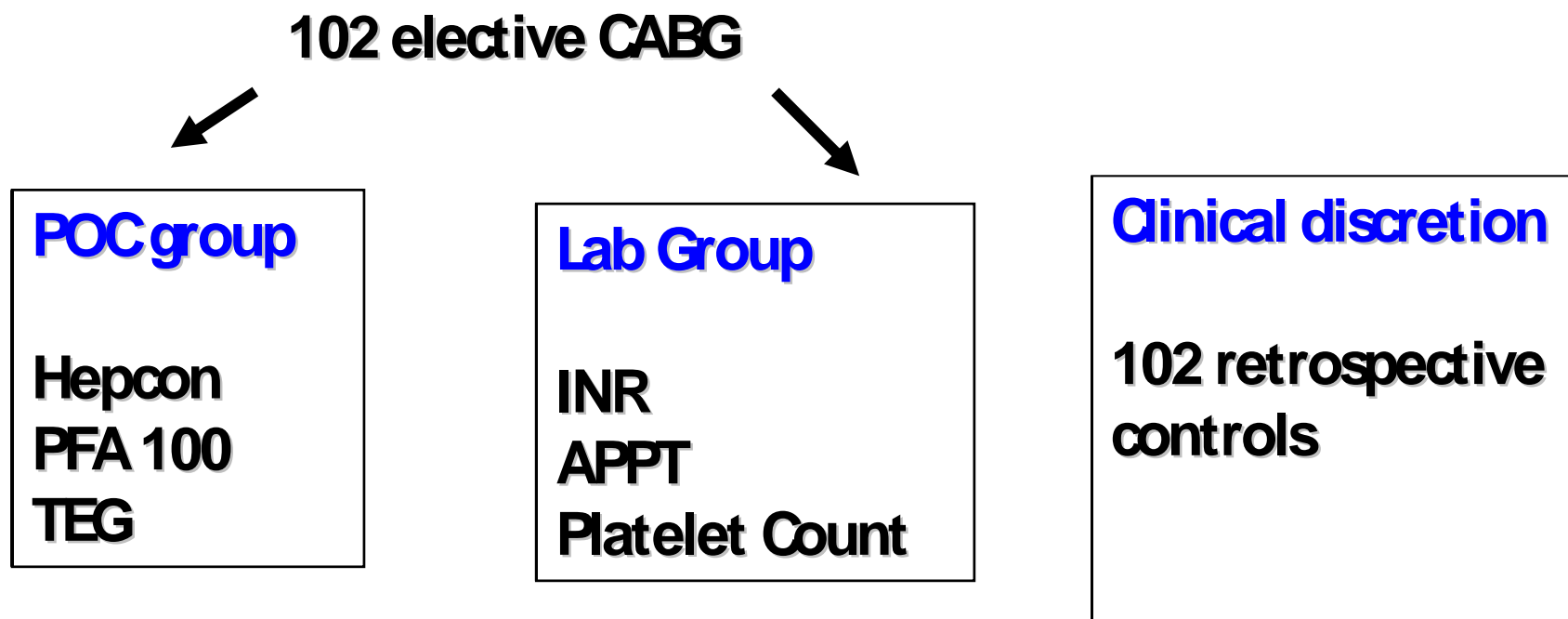
FBC, PT, APTT, Thrombin time, Fibrinogen (Clauss method); blood bank sample, biochemical profile, blood gases and pulse oximetry
Ensure correct sample identification
Repeat tests after blood component infusion

Results may be affected by colloid infusion
Ensure correct patient identification
May need to give components before results available

Laboratory Based Tests: The Bleeding Patient



Is Clinical Discretion Okay?



Avidan M,S et al 2004 BJA 92 (2); 178-176

Clinical Discretion

Table 3 Blood components received. The table shows the number of patients (%) in each group that received transfusions. LAG=laboratory-guided algorithm; POC=point of care; CD=clinician discretion

Blood component	LAG group (n=51)	POC group (n=51)	CD group (n=108)	<i>P</i> (χ^2 test)
Packed red blood cells	35 (69)	34 (68)	92 (85)	0.01
Fresh frozen plasma	0	2 (4)	16 (15)	0.003
Platelets	1 (2)	2 (4)	14 (13)	0.02

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Modern Coagulation Management

“Transfusion of coagulation products should be guided by POC tests that assess haemostatic function in a timely and accurate fashion”

Society of Thoracic Surgeons & Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists.
Ann Thorac Surg 2007,83:S27-86

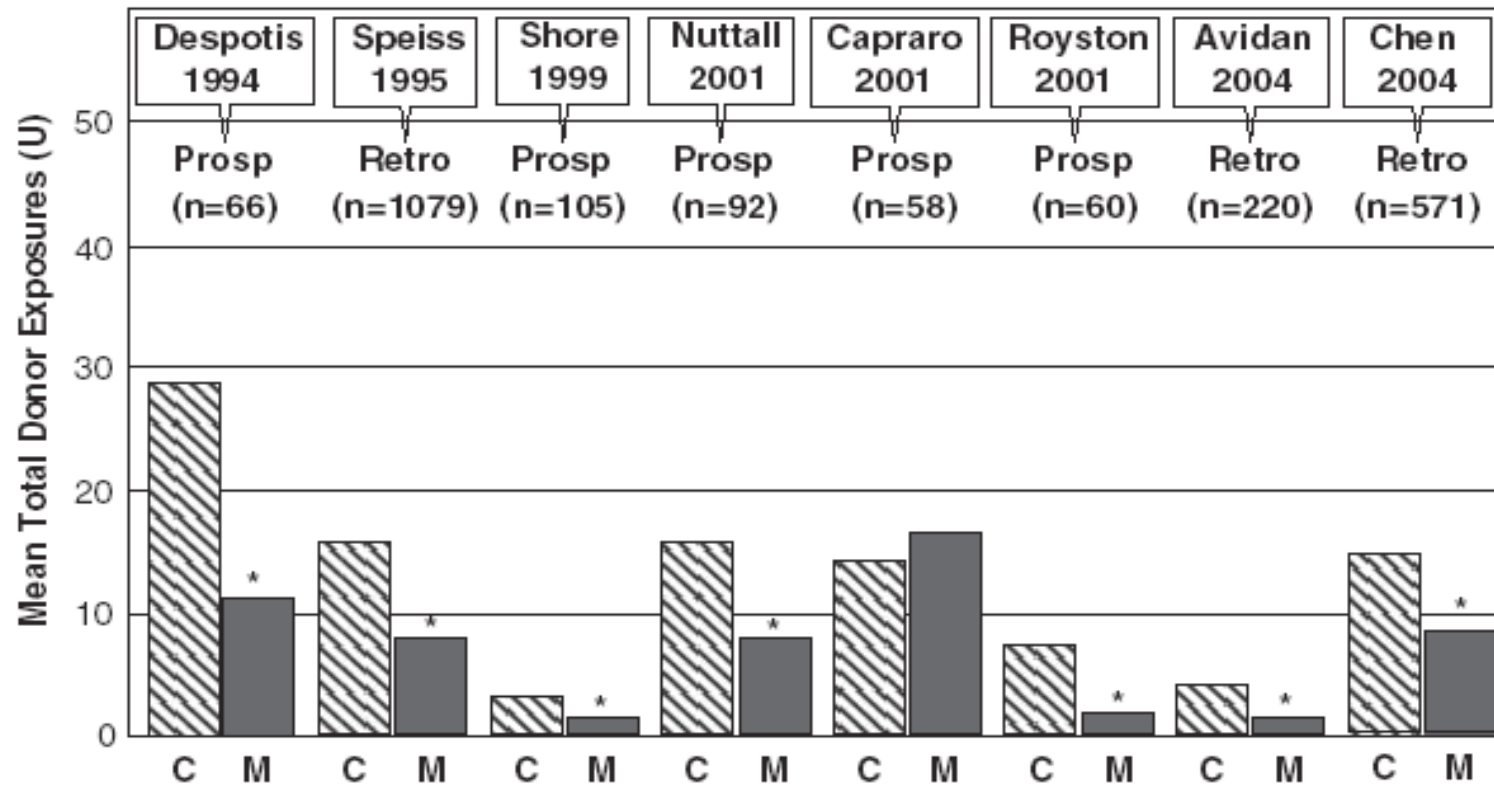
Active, Personalized and Balanced Coagulation Management Saves Lives in Patients with Massive Bleeding

Editorial: *Anesthesiology* 2010;113:1016-8

Michael Ganter & Donat Spahn

Goal directed, targeted, individualised haemostatic therapy

Impact of POCT on Transfusion

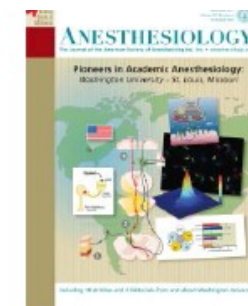


Despotis 2007 European J Anaesthesiology,24: 15 -36

Anesthesiology 2011; 115:1179-91

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Coagulation Management in Cardiovascular Surgery

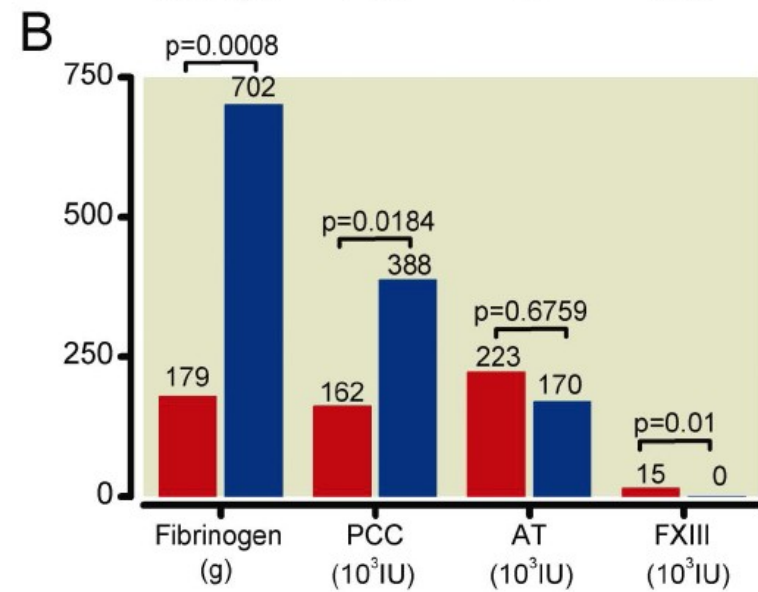
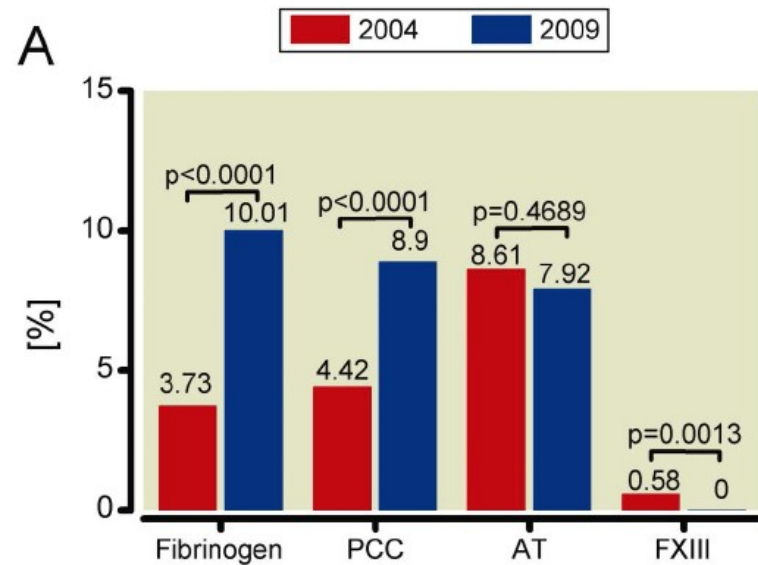
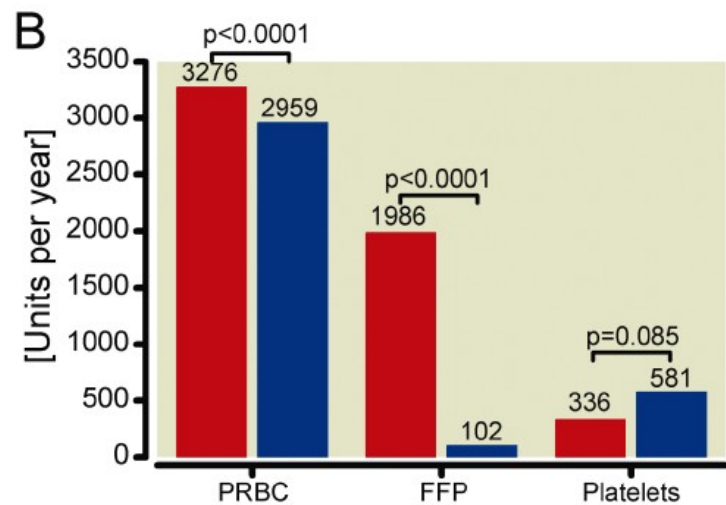
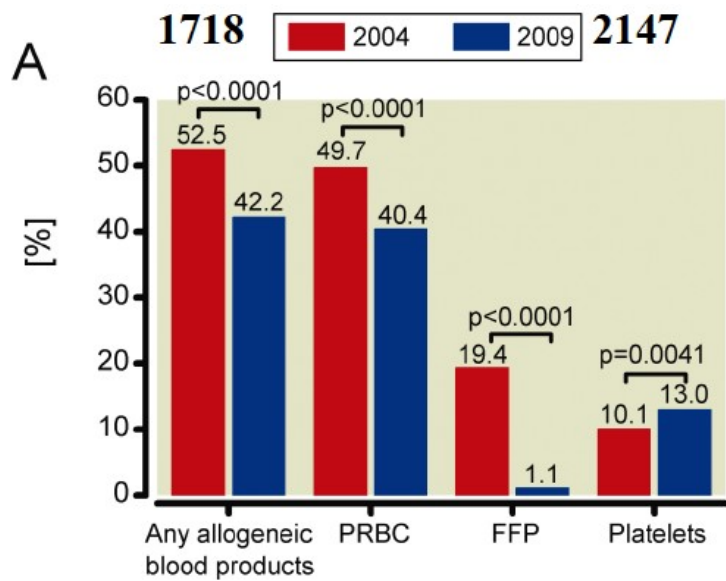


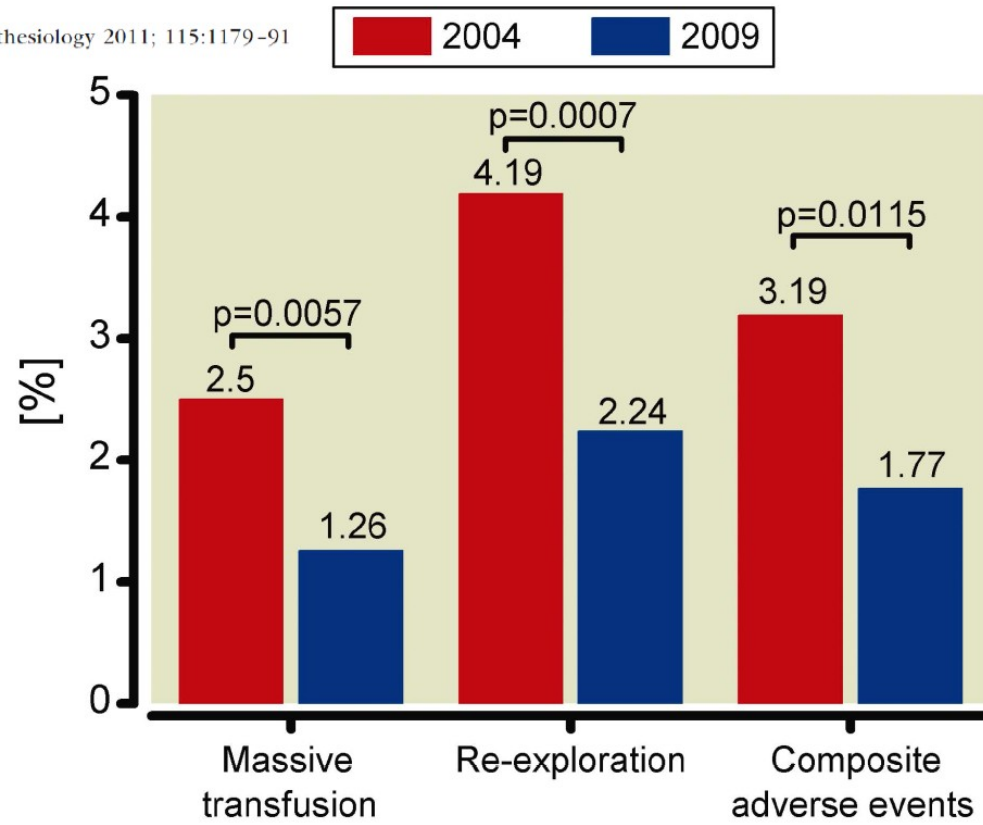
First-line Therapy with Coagulation Factor Concentrates Combined with Point-of-Care Coagulation Testing Is Associated with Decreased Allogeneic Blood Transfusion in Cardiovascular Surgery

A Retrospective, Single-center Cohort Study

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Methods: In a retrospective cohort study including 3,865 patients, we analyzed the incidence of intraoperative allogeneic blood transfusions (primary endpoints) before and after algorithm implementation.





Point-of-Care Testing

A Prospective, Randomized Clinical Trial of Efficacy in Coagulopathic Cardiac Surgery Patients

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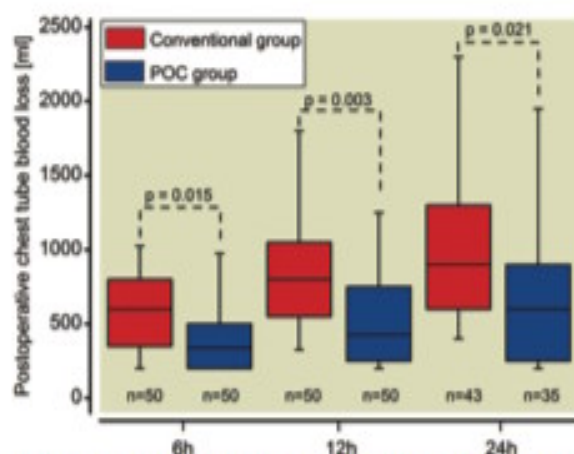


Fig. 3. Postoperative chest tube blood loss. POC = point-of-care.

Table 6. Cumulative Costs of Transfused Allogenic Blood Products, Hemostatic Therapy (Including Coagulation Factor Concentrates), and Costs of Performed POC Analyses

	Conventional Group	POC Group
Allogenic blood products	—	—
Packed erythrocytes [72 €/U]	18,648	13,176
FFP [0.162 €/g]	13,530	4,665
PC [231 €/U]	28,755	15,123
Other hemostatic therapy	—	—
Desmopressin [3.3 €/μg]	3,128	3,412
Fibrinogen [233 €/g]	35,882	27,727
PCC [114 €/600 IU]	10,944	6,726
rVIIa [2,784 €/240 kIU]	44,544	5,568
Total blood products and hemostatic therapy	155,431	76,397
Expendable materials	—	—
POC Diagnostics	—	—
ROTEM®	—	4,093
Multiplate®	—	2,427
Cumulative [€]	155,431	82,917
Mean costs per patient [€]	3,109	1,658

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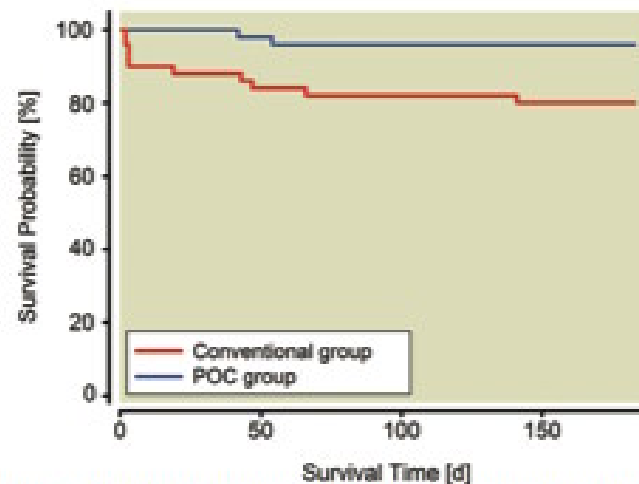


Fig. 4. Kaplan-Meier curve demonstrating survival by type of performed coagulation management during the 6-month follow-up period. POC = point-of-care.

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Detecting, managing and monitoring haemostasis: viscoelastometric point-of-care testing (ROTEM, TEG and Sonoclot systems)

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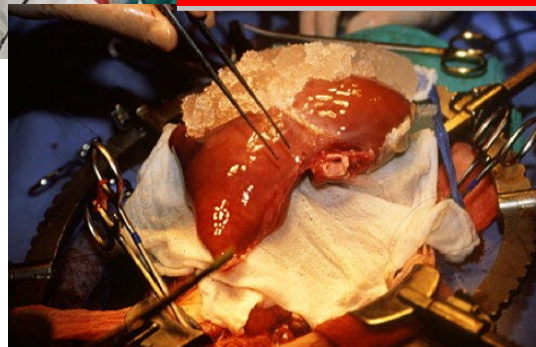


Massive Transfusion



Trauma

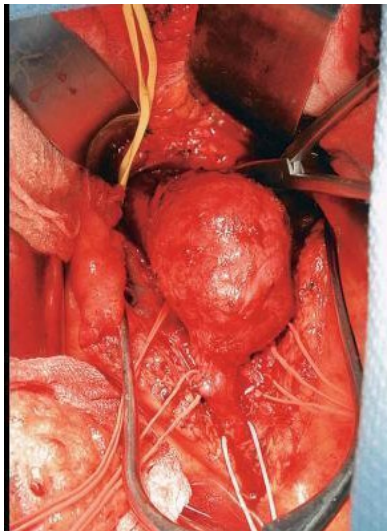
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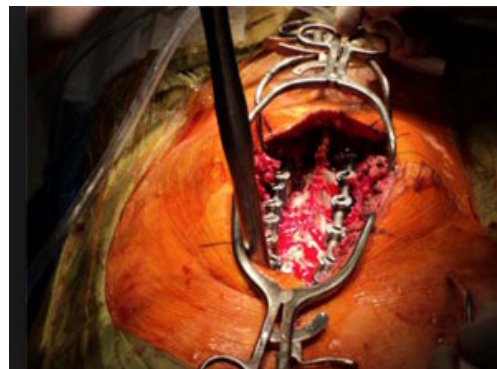
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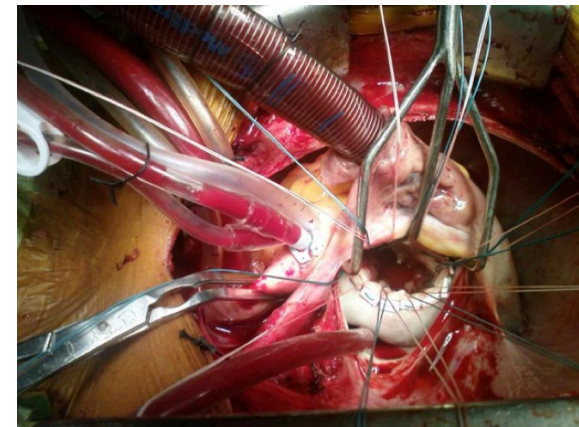
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Spinal Surgery



Cardiac surgery

The Bleeding Patient

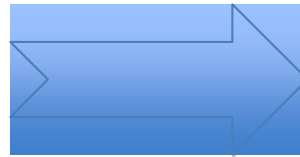
Adequate Thrombin Generation

Coagulation factors > 30%
Platelets > 50,000

Adequate Fibrinogen

Critical level: >1.0 g/dl
Recent work suggest > 1.5 or 2g
Obstetric haemorrhage > 2g

Inhibit excessive
fibrinolysis



Adequate clot
formation



Stop excessive
clot dissolution

Tranexamic Acid



Hypothermia, Acidosis



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REVIEW

Fibrinogen as a therapeutic target for bleeding: a review of critical levels and replacement therapy

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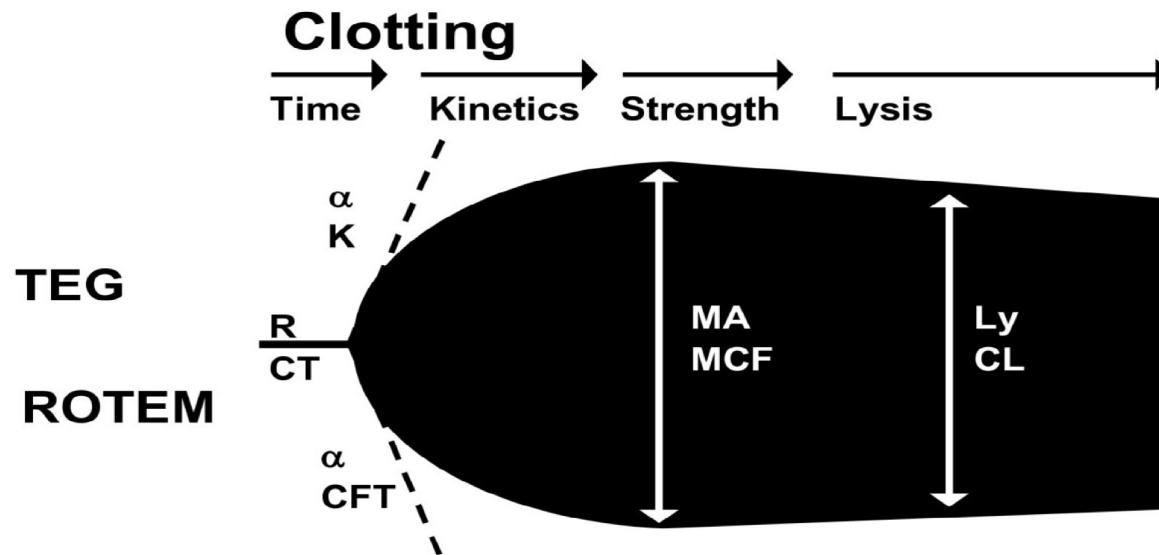


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Viscoelastic POC tests of Coagulation

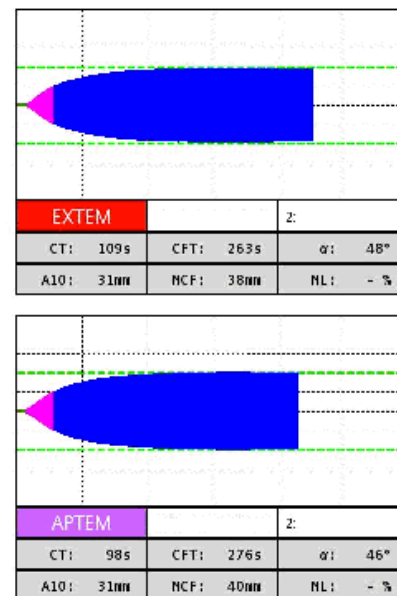
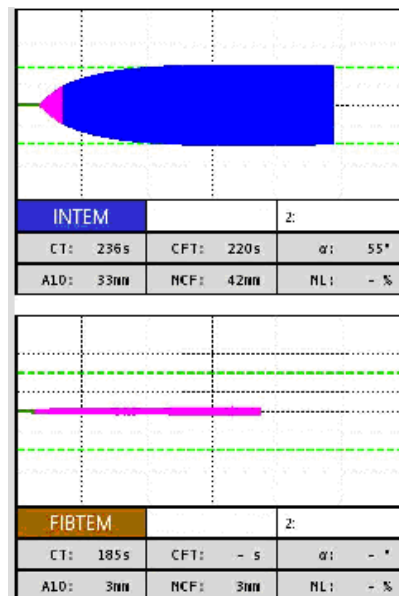
Schematic of TEG/ ROTEM parameters



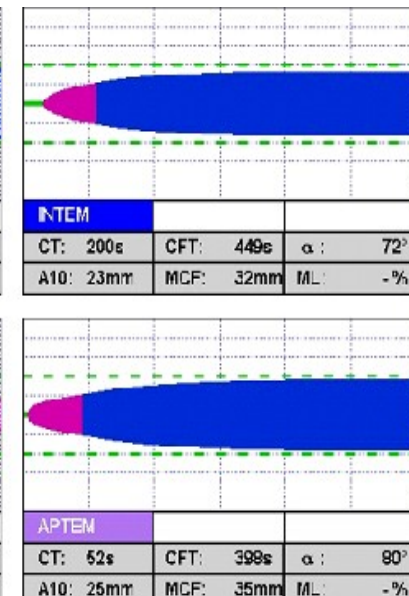
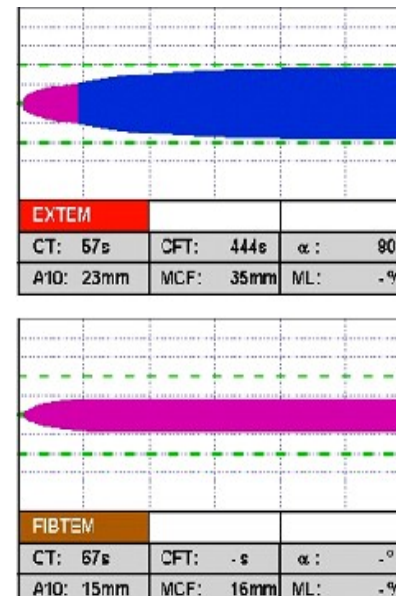
What information do we need ?

- 1: Is clot forming & how rapidly? **Clotting factor levels & anticoagulants:** R/CT
- 2: How strong is the clot? **Platelets & Fibrinogen:** MA/MCF
- 3: Is it stable? **Fibrinolysis :** CL

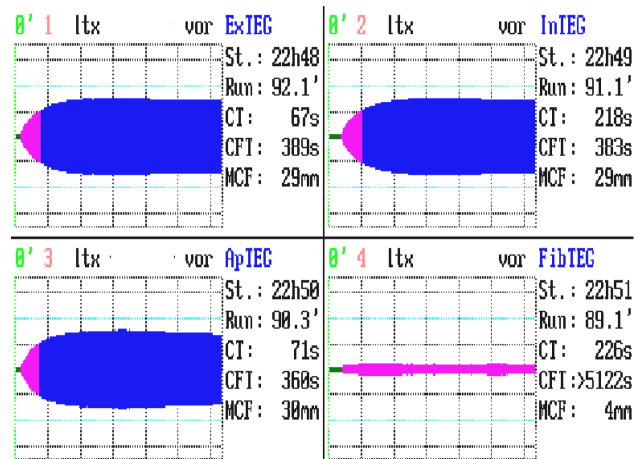
Reduced MA/MCF Low fibrinogen



Reduced MA/MCF Thrombocytopenia

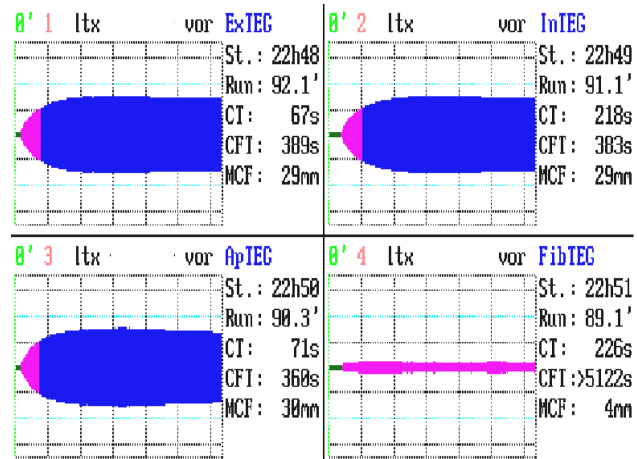


Monitoring the efficacy of treatment intervention

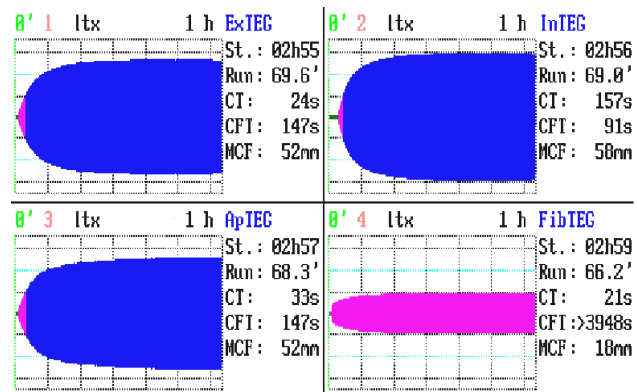


A: Low fibrinogen
Reduced MCF and FibTEM

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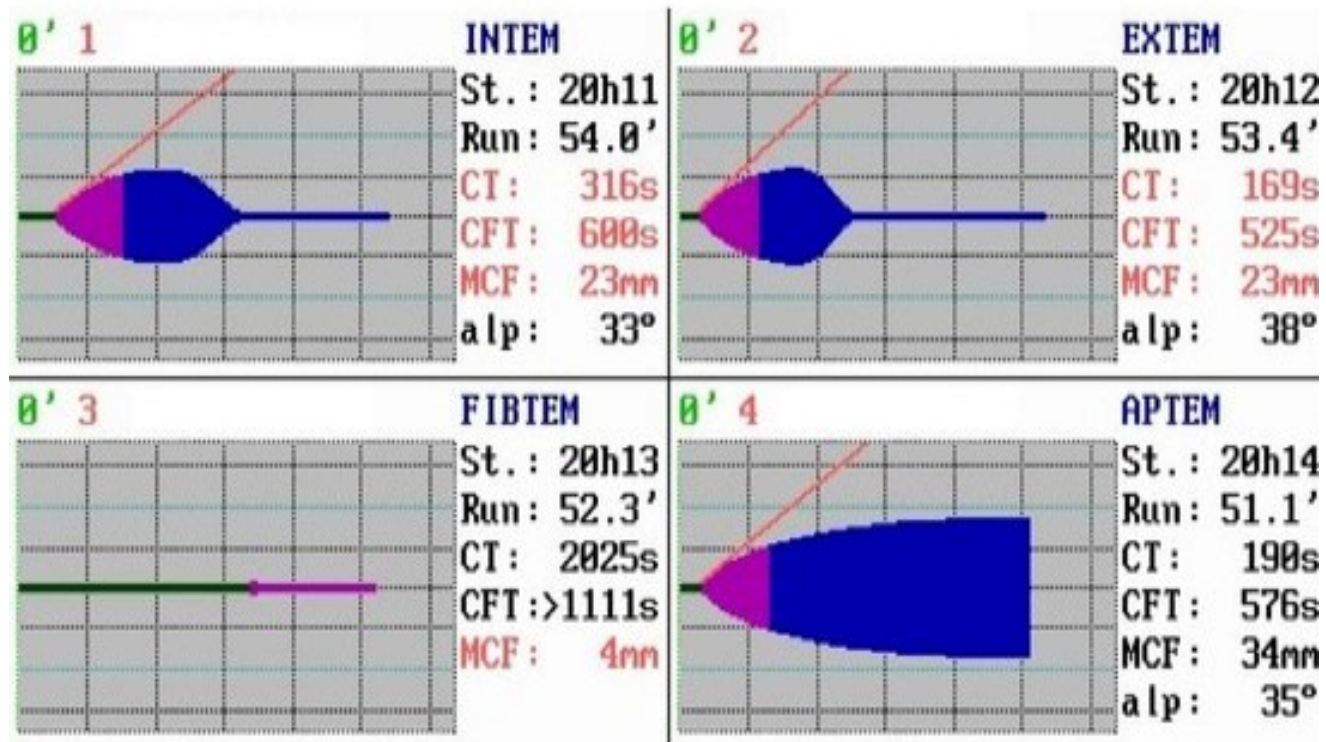
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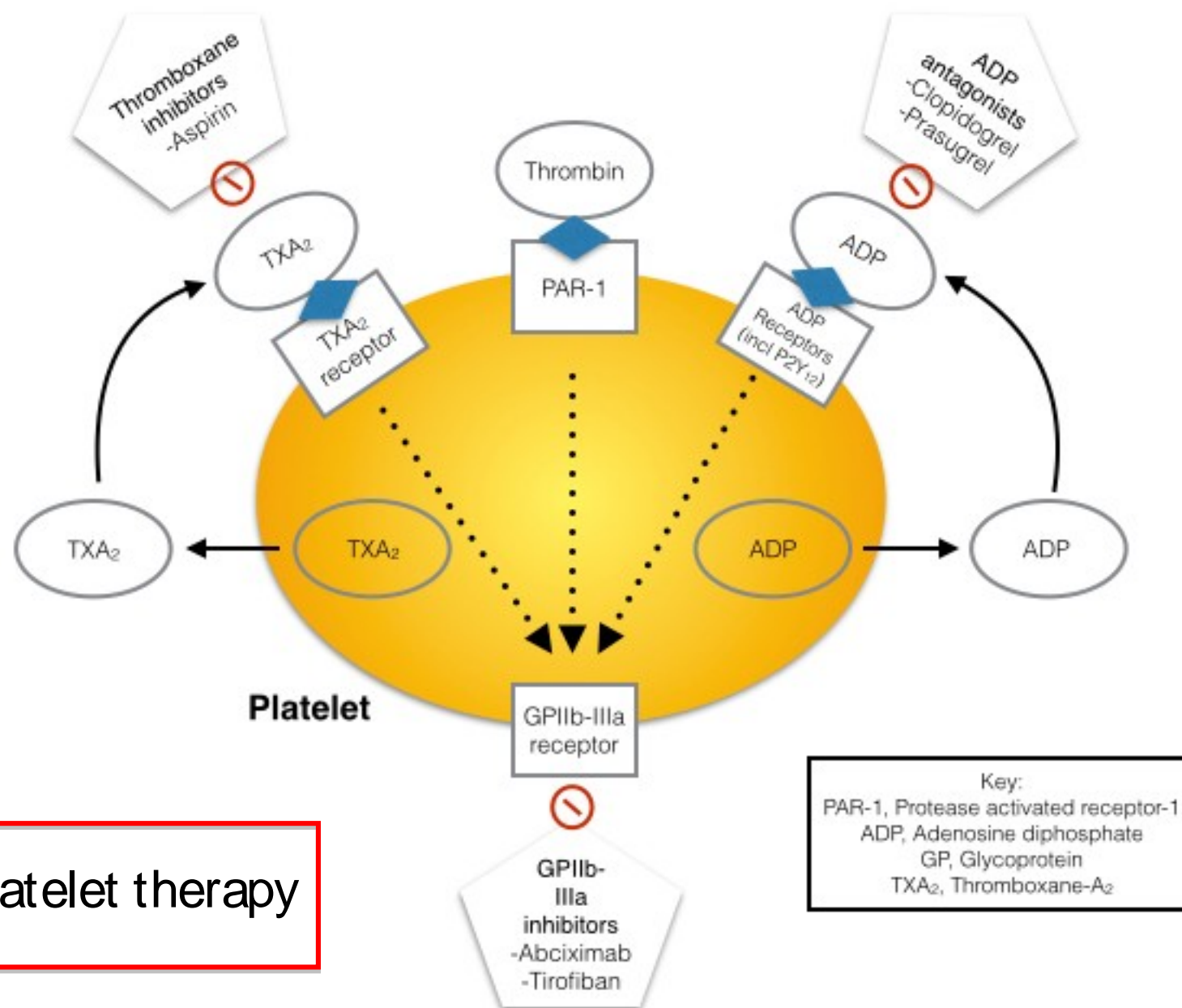


B: After treatment with
fibrinogen concentrate
Normal MCF & Normal FibTEM

Severe Trauma

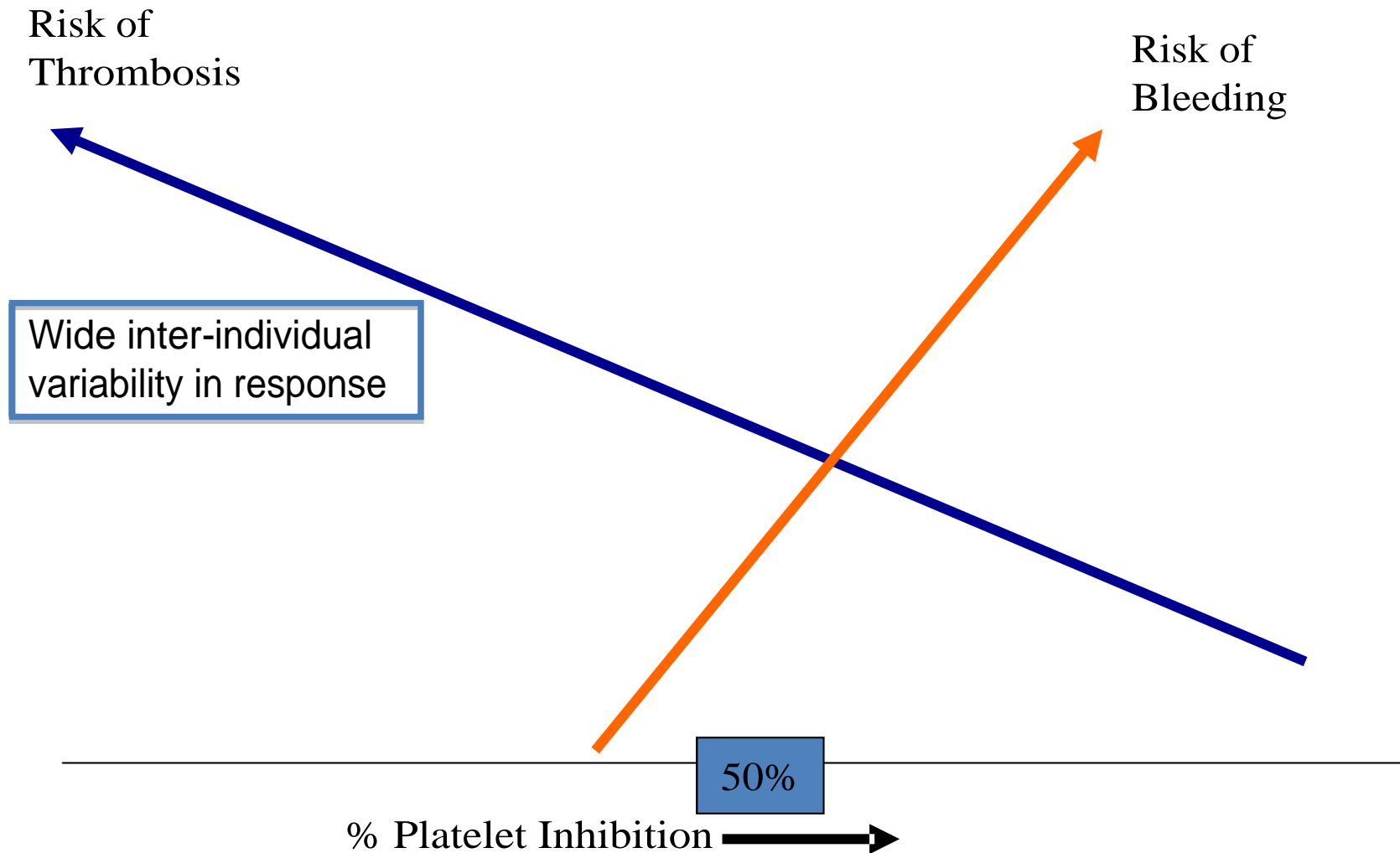
Hypofibrinolysis & Hypofibrinogenaemia



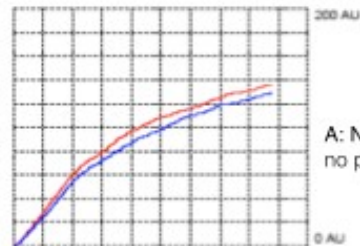


Anti-platelet therapy

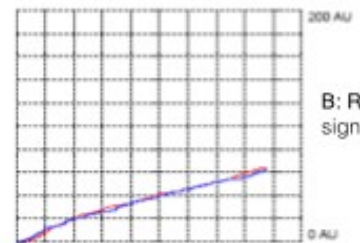
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Multiple electrode platelet aggregometry: Multiplate®



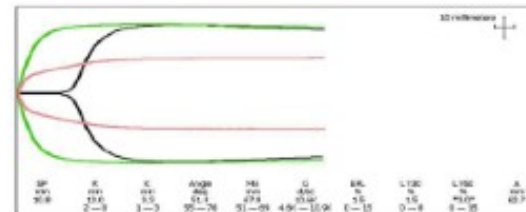
A: Normal response to agonist:
no platelet inhibition



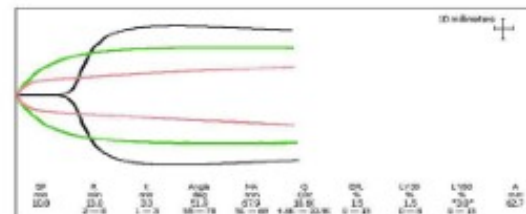
B: Reduced response to agonist:
significant platelet inhibition

Key
AU, Aggregation Units

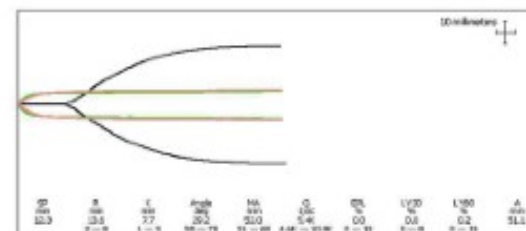
Thromboelastography® Platelet Mapping



A: No platelet inhibition
Maximum Amplitude (MA) on
Adenosine Diphosphate (ADP)
stimulation (green trace) the same as
MA on Kaolin (black trace)



B: Partial platelet inhibition (40%)
ADP MA (green) less than kaolin MA (black)



C: Complete platelet inhibition
ADP MA (green) the same as Fibrin (pink trace)
and no demonstrable platelet activation with
ADP



Consensus recommendations for using the Multiplate® for platelet function monitoring before cardiac surgery

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Perform ADPtest and TRAPtest in Hirudin sample tubes

Pre-OP			Post-OP	
ADPtest Result [U]	Interpretation	Action		
AUC >50	Platelets normal	No platelets required	Heparin reversed Significant bleeding post protamine ?***	Bleeding unlikely to be due to platelet dysfunction. Consider other causes. Consider retesting.
AUC 30–50	Some evidence of platelet inhibition	Reserve/ order platelets*		→ Transfuse platelets
AUC <30	Platelet severely inhibited transfusion likely to be required.	Consider postponing operation**/ Order platelets		→ Transfuse platelets

IF TRAPtest result is low, retest before interpreting. If still low consider cause of platelet dysfunction.

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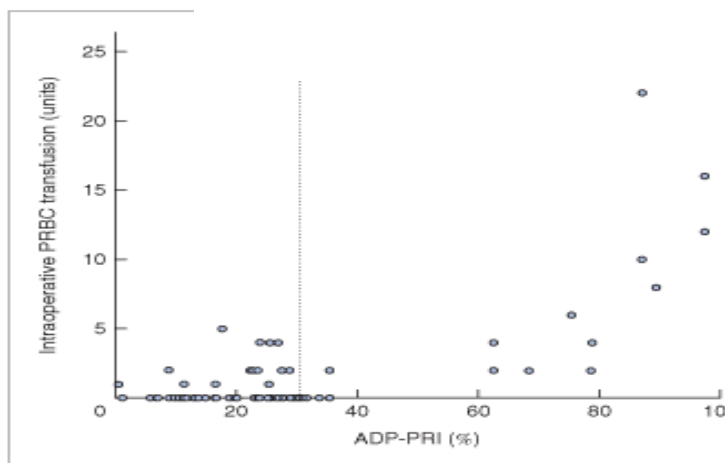
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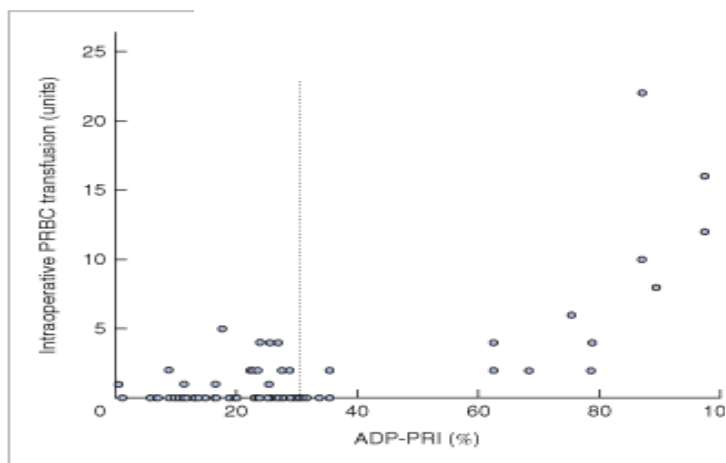
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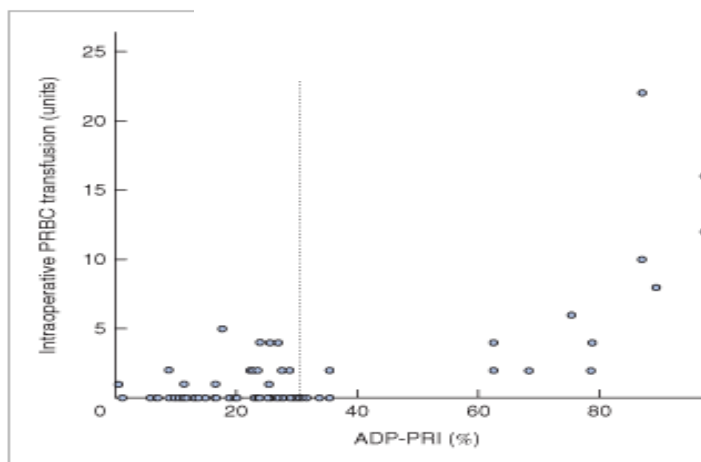
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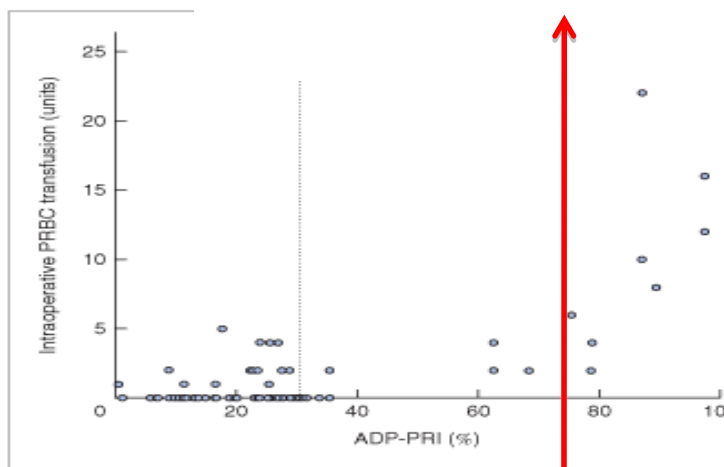
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Scientist

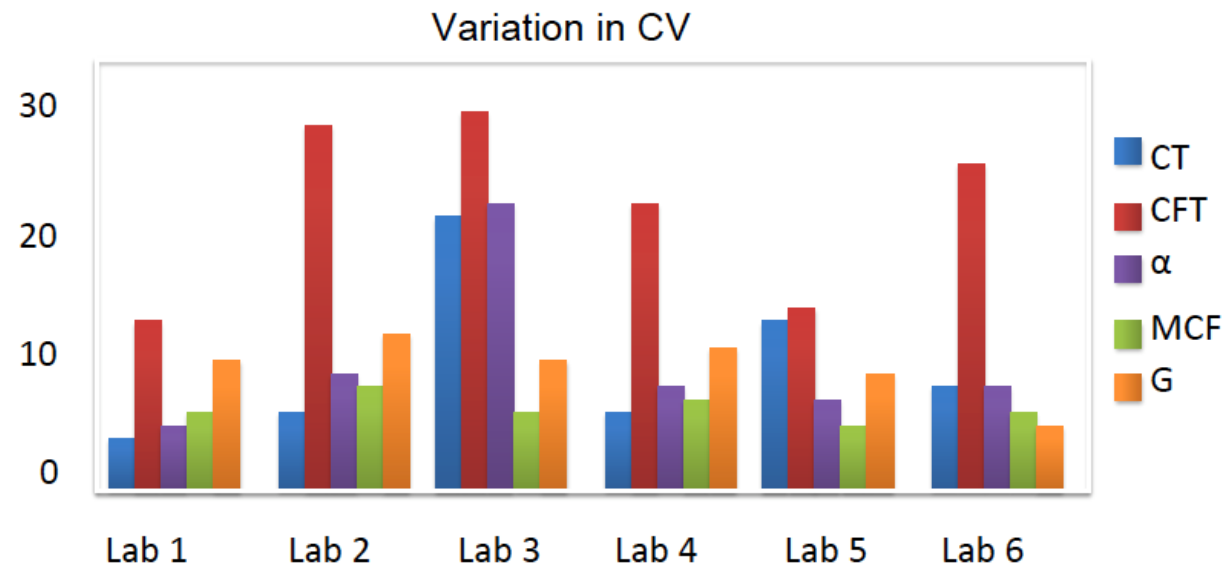
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Skilled Laboratory
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Skilled Anaesthetist

Point of Care Equipment must have
Quality Assurance & SOP
Trained & competent operatives

International TEG-ROTEM working group







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Original Articles

Interoperator and Intraoperator Variability of Whole Blood Coagulation Assays: A Comparison of Thromboelastography and Rotational Thromboelastometry

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Getting Started

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This generic business case framework can be used to form the basis of your organisation's funding bid to introduce TE. The text may be adapted to suit local requirements.

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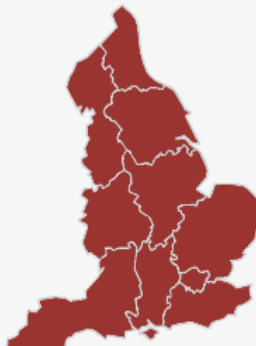
This policy has been written to support the implementation of TE in a Trust and may be adapted to meet local needs.

Education and Training

[Factsheet 1: Sample collection](#) (pdf 132KB)

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Algorithms based on simple POCT improve transfusion decision making

- ACT, INR, Platelet count
- Patients receive fewer transfusions of FFP & platelets
- Use of algorithms result in greater use of specific types of blood components
- More directed therapy may correct haemostatic defect more effectively with decreased bleeding on ITU

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Point of Care Coagulation Monitoring

FBC
Platelet
count

Test Results in
< 5 minutes

INR
PT
ACT

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- 1: Reduces unnecessary & inappropriate transfusions
 - 2: Improves compliance with transfusion guidelines

Conclusion: POC Coagulation testing

Requires education programmes and competency training of all staff using the equipment

Quality assurance and maintenance

Forms part of permanent patient record

Integral part of PBM

Facilitates rapid assessment & optimisation of coagulopathy

Focused delivery of appropriate products

Reduces transfusion requirements

Improves patient outcomes

Reduces hospital costs