


INDICATIONS FOR USING BLOOD PRODUCTS IN CARDIAC SURGERIES

COAGULATION DISORDER IN POST CARDIAC SURGERIES

EXCESSIVE BLEEDING MEANS

1. Chest tube drainage $> 10\text{ml/kg}$ in first hour after operation
2. Chest tube drainage $> 20\text{ ml/kg}$ in first 3 hour after operation
3. Any sudden  of 300 ml/hr or greater after minimal initial drainage

BLEEDING PATIENT IN CARDIAC SURGERY

1. PATIENT FACTORS

MEDICAL HISTORY (ASPIRIN,...)

CONCURRENT SYS. DIS. (UREMIA,...)

SYSTEMIC FIBRINOLYSIS (STREPTOKINASE)

BLEEDING PATIENT IN CARDIAC SURGERY

2. INSULT OF C.P.B.

(C.P.B. ITSELF ACT TO IMPAIR HEMOSTASIS MORE THAN PATIENT FACTORS)

ACTIVATE FIBRINOSIS

IMPAIRS PLATELETS

AFFECT COAGULATION FACTORS

HYPOTHERMIA : ALSO AFFECT HEMOSTASIS AS WELL

TABLE
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Antihemostatic Effects of Hypothermia

<i>Hemostatic Component</i>	<i>Effect of Hypothermia</i>
Factors	Increased anti-factor Xa activity; heparan? Slows enzymes of the coagulation cascade
Platelets	Splanchnic sequestration Partial activation
Fibrinolysis	Enhanced
Endothelium	Tissue factor release

**FIRST OF ALL DIFFERENTIATE
COAGULOPHATY FROM
BLEEDING DUE TO SURGERY**

**TABLE
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**Ways to Prevent Excessive Bleeding in Decreasing
Order of Importance**

<i>Intervention^b</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
Ligatures	Repair all vascular trespass
Neutralize	Heparin fully neutralized
Blood pressure	Avoid hypertension after aortotomy
Suction	Limit cardiectomy suction
Drugs	Cease platelet-inhibiting drugs in advance
Preoperative	Diagnose and treat first
Oxygenator	Membrane oxygenators for long cases
ϵ -Aminocaproic acid (EACA)	Antifibrinolytic prophylaxis
Temperature	Rewarm sufficiently
Go	Act with deliberate speed (tardiness begets bleeding)
Intravenous	Limit fluids, hemoconcentrate, and diurese
Extracorporeal circuit	Minimize volume

^aThese maneuvers do not all apply to the treatment of excessive bleeding after operation.

^bThe entries in this column form a mnemonic device: the initial letters of each entry, when rearranged, form the words STOP BLEEDING.

**TABLE
35.10**

**Treatment Plan for Excessive Bleeding After
Cardiac Surgery**

<i>Action</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Indication</i>
Rule out surgical cause	—	No oozing at puncture sites; chest radiograph
More protamine	0.5–1 mg/kg	ACT > 150 seconds or aPTT > 1.5 times control
Warm the patient	—	“Core” temperature < 35° C
Apply PEEP ^a	5–10 cm H ₂ O	—
Desmopressin	0.3 µg/kg IV	Prolonged bleeding time
Aminocaproic acid	50 mg/kg, then 25 mg/kg/hr	Increased D-dimer or teardrop- shaped TEG tracing
Tranexamic acid	10 mg/kg, then 1 mg/kg/hr	Increased D-dimer or teardrop- shaped TEG tracing
Platelet transfusion	1 U/10 kg	Platelet count < 100,000/mm ³
Fresh frozen plasma	15 mL/kg	PT or aPTT > 1.5 times control
Cryoprecipitate	1 U/4 kg	Fibrinogen < 1 g/L or 100 mg/dL
Fibrinogen	2 g	Fibrinogen < 100 mg/dL

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PREVENTION OF BLEEDING IN CARDIAC SURGERIES

1. Preoperative factors : existing dis. of hemostasis must be identified and treated (uremia - hepatic failure,...)
2. Physical factors : Limiting craniotomy suction use:
hypothermia - Incomplete surgical hemostasis - Membrane oxygenator better than bubble - Small priming volume is better - Removal of platelet rich plasma at the induction anesthesia - Shorter C.P.B. is better

PREVENTION OF BLEEDING IN CARDIAC SURGERIES

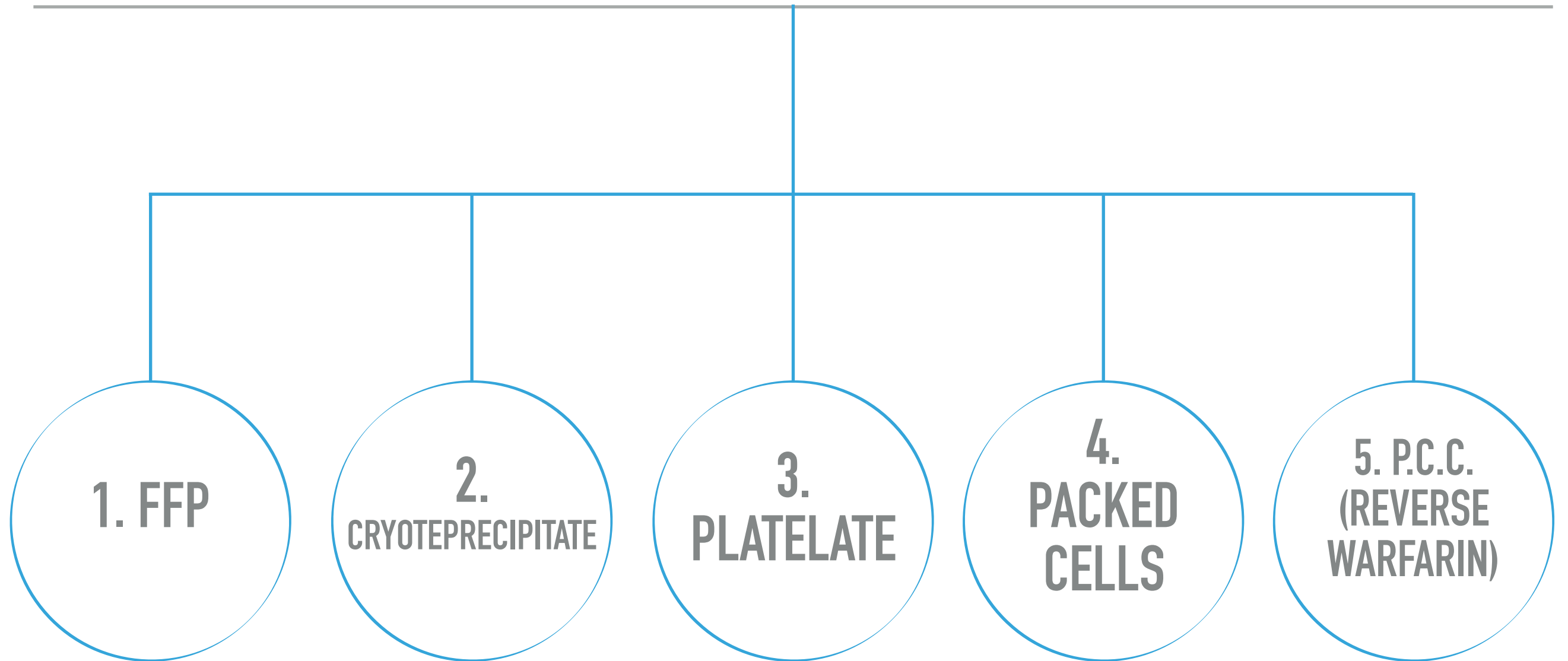
3. Pharmacologic factors:

- A. Heparin and protamine factors: too little heparin and protamine and too excessive make problems
- B. Desmopressin → an analog of vasopressin releases coagulation system mediators from vascular endothelium → F VIII activity ↑ (2-20 fold) and after 30'- 90' (maximal effect) - F XII ↑, VWF ↑ -optimal dose 0.3 -/kg (IV - SC - intranasal are all acceptable) - use in uremia , cirrhosis , aspirin therapy and some surgeries (cardiac - spine) is useful
- C. Synthetic antifibrinolytics (EACA , Tranexmaic acid)
- D. Aprotinin (inhibits a host ↓ protease e trypsin - plasmin , ...)

MANAGEMENT OF THE BLEEDING PATIENT

IT SHOULD BE STATED THAT THERE ARE NO
DATA TO SUPPORT USE OF COAGULATION
PRODUCTS AS A PROPHYLACTIC METHOD
TO “REDUCE BLEEDING”

STANDARD BLOOD PRODUCTS FOR C.V. TEAM



**THE RISKS OF TRANSFUSION HAVE
SHIFTED FROM VIRAL TRANSMISSION TO
TRANSFUSION – RELATED ACUTE LUNGE
INJURY (T.R.A.L.I.) AND
IMUNOSUPPRESION**

**F.F.B. AND PLATELET
CARRY A HIGH RISK OF
T.R.A.L. I**

**1%–8% CARDIAC SURGERY
PATIENTS GET T.R.A.I.L.
FROM TRANSFUSION**

**25% – 50% OF PATIENTS AFTER
CARDIAC SURGERY RECEIVE
F.F.P. WITHOUT ANY BENEFIT**

In the presence of incomplete data, the ASA's 2015 updated practice guidelines offer these recommendations:¹¹⁶

1. Transfusion is rarely indicated when the Hb concentration is more than 10 g/dL and is almost always indicated when it is less than 6 g/dL, especially when the anemia is acute.
2. A restrictive transfusion strategy (Hb <8 g/dL) should be employed to reduce the patient's transfusion requirements and decrease the potential harmful effects of transfusions.
3. Multimodal protocols and algorithms should be employed to reduce intraoperative blood loss and transfusion requirements. These pathways include point-of-care testing to direct care.
4. The use of a single Hb trigger for all patients and other approaches that fail to consider all important physiologic and surgical factors affecting oxygenation is not recommended.
5. When appropriate, intraoperative and postoperative blood recovery, acute normovolemic hemodilution (ANH), and measures to decrease blood loss (i.e., deliberate hypotension and pharmacologic drugs) may be beneficial.

Indications for the use of platelets are somewhat difficult to define. The most recent guidelines published in 2015 by the ASA Task Force on Perioperative Blood Management¹¹⁶ provide the following recommendations regarding management for platelet transfusions:

1. Monitor platelet count, except in situations of massive transfusion.
2. Monitor platelet function, if available.
3. Consider use of desmopressin in patients with excessive bleeding or suspected platelet dysfunction.
4. Platelet transfusion may be indicated despite an adequate platelet count if there is known or suspected platelet dysfunction (e.g., cardiopulmonary bypass, bleeding, recent use of antiplatelet therapy, congenital platelet dysfunction).
5. Prophylactic platelet transfusion is rarely indicated in surgical or obstetric patients when the platelet count is greater than $100 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ and is usually indicated when the platelet count is less than $50 \times 10^9/\text{L}$. The determination of whether patients with intermediate platelet counts ($50\text{--}100 \times 10^9/\text{L}$) require therapy should be based on the patient's risk for bleeding.

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In 2015 the ASA Task Force recommended the following guidelines regarding the administration of FFP:

1. Prior to the administration of FFP, coagulation studies should be obtained when feasible.
2. For the correction of coagulopathy when the international normalized ratio (INR) is greater than 2, in the absence of heparin.
3. For the correction of coagulopathy due to coagulation deficiencies in patients transfused with more than one blood volume (approximately 70 mL/kg) when coagulation studies cannot be easily or quickly obtained.
4. Replacement of known coagulation factor deficiencies with associated bleeding, disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC), or both, when specific components are not available.
5. Reversal of warfarin anticoagulation when severe bleeding is present and prothrombin complex concentrations are not available.

According to the 2015 ASA Task Force on Perioperative Blood Management,¹¹⁶ transfusion of cryoprecipitate is rarely indicated when the fibrinogen levels are greater than 150 mg/dL in nonobstetric patients. The following indications were provided regarding the administration of cryoprecipitate:

1. When testing of fibrinogen activity reveals evidence for fibrinolysis
2. When fibrinogen concentrations are less than 80 to 100 mg/dL in patients experiencing excessive bleeding
3. Obstetrical patients who are experiencing excessive bleeding despite a measured fibrinogen concentration greater than 150 mg/dL
4. In patients undergoing massive transfusion when the timely assessment of fibrinogen concentrations cannot be determined
5. In patients with congenital fibrinogen deficiencies and when possible, in consultation with the patient's hematologist
6. In bleeding patients with von Willebrand disease types 1 and 2A who fail to respond to desmopressin or vWF/FVIII concentrates (or if not available)
7. In bleeding patients with von Willebrand disease types 2B, 2M, 2N, and 3 who fail to respond to vWF/FVIII concentrates (or if concentrates are not available)

The End

