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# Iron therapy in Surgery Practice - when and where?. Experience from the European leaders

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- Roche Anemia 2009
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# Iron therapy in Surgery

When? and Where?



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Iron therapy in Surgery

# But, first of all, WHY?

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Blood transfusion is an essential part of modern health care. Used correctly, it can save life and improve health. However, as with any therapeutic intervention, it **may result in acute or delayed complications** and carries the risk of transmission of infectious agents.

It is necessary to **reduce the unnecessary transfusions**. This can be achieved through the appropriate clinical use of blood, avoiding the needs for transfusion and **use of alternatives to transfusion**.

The commitment of the health authorities, health care providers and clinicians are important in **prevention**, **early diagnosis and treatment** of diseases/ conditions that could lead to the need for blood transfusion.

http://www.who.int/bloodsafety/clinical\_use/en/



#### Manual of Optimal Blood Use Project 2010 Optimal Blood Use

Support for safe, clinically effective and efficient use of blood in Europe

2010 www.optimalblooduse.eu

The outcome, **optimal use** of blood is defined as: *The safe, clinically effective and efficient use of donated human blood* 

Safe: No adverse reactions or infections Clinically effective: Benefits the patient Efficient: No unnecessary transfusions.

Transfusion at the time the patient needs it



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# WHY must treat anaemia with Iron therapy in Surgery ?



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# **Preoperative Anaemia Incidence**

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**Figure 1. Percentage of persons considered anemic according to age and sex.** NHANES III, phases 1 and 2, 1988 to 1994.



Jack M. Guralnik, Richard S. Eisenstaedt, Luigi Ferrucci, Harvey G. Klein, and Richard C. Woodman Blood. 2004;104:2263-2268



# **Preoperative Anaemia Incidence**

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#### Preoperative Hematocrit Levels and Postoperative Outcomes in Older Patients Undergoing Noncardiac Surgery Wen-Chih WU et al. JAMA 2007; 297: 2481 – 2488

**Setting and Patients** A total of 310 311 veterans aged 65 years or older who underwent major noncardiac surgery between 1997 and 2004 in 132 Veterans' Affairs medical centers across the United States.

		-	Haematocrit < 39%		
	Procedure	Patients (n)	n	%	
	General surgery	106 340	45 478	42.8	
	Urology	59 157	21 408	36.2	
	Orthopaedics	57 636	25 131	43.6	
	Periferic vascular	47 734	24 865	52.1	
	Thoracic	14 051	6 780	48.3	
GIEMSA	Others	25 393	9 308	36.7	
	Overall	310 311	132 970	42.8	



# **Preoperative Anaemia Incidence**

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# Preoperative anaemia and postoperative outcomes in non-cardiac surgery: a retrospective cohort study

Khaled M Musallam, Hani M Tamim, Toby Richards, Donat R Spahn, Frits R Rosendaal, Aida Habbal, Mohammad Khreiss, Fadi S Dahdaleh, Kaivan Khavandi , Pierre M Sfeir, Assaad Soweid, Jamal J Hoballah, Ali T Taher, Faek R Jamali

Lancet 2011; 378: 1396-407

Anaemia*	Patients N (%)	Mortality OR (IC 95%)	Morbidity** OR (IC 95%)11.35 (1.30 - 1.40)1.31 (1.26 - 1.36)	
Non-anaemic	158196 (69.4)	1	1	
Anaemic	69229 ( <b>30.4</b> )	<b>1.42</b> (1.31 – 1.54)	<b>1.35</b> (1.30 – 1.40)	
• Mild	57870 (25.4)	1.41 (1.30 – 1.53)	1.31 (1.26 – 1.36)	
Moderate - severe	11359 (5.0)	1.44 (1.29 – 1.60)	1.56 (1.47 – 1.66)	

#### Total: 227425 patients

\*Mild anaemia: Hto >29% – <36/39%; Moderate-severe anaemia: Hto ≤29%.

\*\* One o more cardiac, respiratory, renal, neurologic or surgical wound complications, sepsis or deep venous thrombosis (30d postOP).

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# **Preoperative Anaemia Etiology**

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Table 2. Distribution of types of anemia in persons 65 years andolder, United States: NHANES III, phase 2, 1991 to 1994

	Anemia	No. in the United States	Type, %	All anemia, %
	With nutrient deficiency			
	Iron only	467 000	48.3	16.6
	Folate only	181 000	18.8	6.4
	B <sub>12</sub> only	166 000	17.2	5.9
	Folate and B <sub>12</sub>	56 000	5.8	2.0
	Iron with folate or $B_{12}$ or both	95 000	9.9	3.4
	Total	965 000	100.0	34.3
	Without nutrient deficiencies			-
	Renal insufficiency only	230 000	12.4	8.2
	ACI, no renal insufficiency	554 000	30.0	19.7
	Renal insufficiency and ACI	120 000	6.5	4.3
GIEMSA	UA	945 000	51.1	33.6
	Total	1 849 000	100.0	65.7
V	Total, all anemia	2 814 000	NA	100.0

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# **Preoperative Anemia Etiology**

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# Pharmacological management of perioperative anaemia: our experience with intravenous iron in orthopaedic surgery

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ISBT Science Series (2007) 2, 257–263

Anaemia: 18 %	Anaemic <i>n</i> = 62	Non-anaemic n = 282
Haemoglobin(g/dl)	11,5	14,0*
Ferritin < 30 ng/ml (%)	35,5	17,7*
Vitamin B12 < 270 pg/ml (%)	24,2	21,2
Folate < 3 ng/ml (%)	14,5	7,1
CRP > 1 g/dl (%)	40,7	18,5
Reticulocyte count < $25 \times 10^3/\mu$ l (%)	25,8	15,2*
MCH < 27 pg (%)	16,9	5*





# **Preoperative Anemia Etiology**

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# 358 patients with colorectal cancer

- 23% anaemia (82/358) (Hb <10 g/dL)
- **40%** iron deficient (70/173) (Fe <40 mg/dL)

Sadahiro et al. J Gastroenterol 1998; 33: 488-94

# 130 patients with colorectal cancer (12-month period)

- 41% iron deficient with anaemia (53/130) (Hb <11.5 12.5 g/dL)
- 60% iron deficient (77/130) (Ferritin <15 ng/L ± TSI <14%)

Beale et al. Colorectal Disease 2005; 7: 398-402

# **63 patients with colorectal cancer**

- 70% anaemia (Hb <12 14 g/dL)
- 80% low serum iron (Fe <12.5 14.3 μmol/L)
- **40% low ferritin** (<20 ng/L) or low MCH (< 27 pg)

Prutki et al. Cancer Lett. 2006;238:188-96.





# WHY must treat anaemia with Iron therapy in Surgery ?

- High Preoperative Anemia Incidence
- High Iron Deficiency (Anemia) Incidence
- Preoperative Haemoglobin and transfusion risk
- Transfusion and postoperative complications
- Anemia +/- Transfusion and mortality



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# **Preoperative Anemia Etiology**

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# **Patient Blood Management**





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# Second, HOW must we give Iron therapy in Surgery?

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\* including meticulous surgical hemostasis



WHA 63.12 (resolution). Availability, safety and quality of blood products, 2010. Available at: http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\_files/WHA63/A63\_R12-en.pdf.

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# **Patient Blood Management**









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# So, WHEN Iron therapy in Surgery ? - PREOPERATIVE



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# **Patient Blood Management**

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Preoperative

1st Pillar Optimise haemopoiesis

- Screen for anaemia
- Identify underlying disorder(s) causing anaemia
- Manage underlying disorder(s)
- Refer for further evaluation if necessary
- Treat iron deficiency, anaemia of chronic
  - disease, iron-restricted erythropoiesis
  - Note: anaemia is a contraindication for elective surgery

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A multimodal approach to PBM (or blood conservation). Adapted from Hofmann and colleagues





# **Patient Blood Management**

British Journal of Anaesthesia **106** (1): 13–22 (2011) doi:10.1093/bja/aeq361

# Detection, evaluation, and management of preoperative anaemia in the elective orthopaedic surgical patient: NATA guidelines

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"Whenever clinically feasible, patients undergoing elective surgery with a high risk of severe postoperative anaemia should have their haemoglobin level and iron status tested, preferably at least 28 days before the surgical procedure. For patients >60 yr old, vitamin  $B_{12}$  and folic acid should also be measured".

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# The "ORTHODOX " approach

- Detection of anaemia, preferably at least 28 days before the surgical procedure.
- Classification of anaemia to implement appropriate treatment, if possible.
- Unexplained anaemia should be further investigated and surgical procedure postponed, if possible.
- Haematinic defficiencies without anaemia should be supplemented to allow:
  - Preoperative Hb optimization.
  - Hastening the recovery from postoperative anaemia.

Goodnough et al. NATA guidelines. BJA 2011;106:13-22. Seville Document Update. Blood Transfusion 2013.

# **Treatment options**



**1st Pillar** Optimize

contraindication for elective

Time surgery with hematologica

Be aware of drug interactions

that can cause/worsen anemia

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# "ORTHODOX" Iron supplementation

#### Preoperative oral iron (Grade 2B)

ID or low iron stores (ferritin <100 ng/mL),</p> if there is enough time.

#### **Postoperative oral iron (Grade – 1B)**

- 4 No recommended.
- **Preoperative IV iron (Grade 2B)** 
  - Orthopaedic, gynaecologic, colo-rectal.
- **Perioperative IV iron (Grade 2B)** 
  - Orthopaedic, gynaecologic, cardiac (± rHuEPO).







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# **\*** "ORTHODOX " IRON TREATMENT





A multicentre comparative study on the efficacy of intravenous ferric carboxymaltose and iron sucrose for correcting preoperative anaemia in patients undergoing major elective surgery

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	Iron sucrose	Iron sucrose			Ferric carb	oxymaltose			
	All	Colon cancer resection	Abdominal hysterectomy	Lower limb arthroplasty	All	Colon cancer resection	Abdominal hysterectomy	Lower limb arthroplasty	
Patients (n) <sup>†</sup>	84	30	33	21	76	15	19	42	
Gender (female/male)	59/25	8/22	33/0	17/4	66/10	5/10	19/0	37/5	
Age (yr)	60 (32-88)	67 (36-83)	45 (32-55)	72 (53-88)	62 (36-87)	65 (36-87)	48 (36-75)	68 (46-82)	
Sessions (n)	5 (2)	6 (3)	5 (2)	4 (4)	2 (1)**	3 (1)**	2 (1)**	2 (1)**	
Baseline Hb (g dl <sup>-1</sup> )	10.1 (1.3)	10.1 (1.2)	9.7 (1.2)	10.7 (1.1)	10.4 (1.6)	9.2 (1.0)*	10.6 (1.3)	10.9 (1.7)	
Final Hb (g dl <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>‡</sup>	12.1 (1.4)	11.0 (1.4)	12.7 (0.8)	12.6 (1.0)	12.5 (1.0)*	11.7 (0.8)**	12.4 (1.2)	12.8 (0.9)	
Hb increment (g dl <sup>-1</sup> )*	2.0 (1.6)	0.9 (1.5)	3.0 (1.2)	1.8 (1.1)	2.1 (1.4)	2.5 (1.3)*	2.3 (1.1)	1.8 (1.4)	
Response rate [n (%)] <sup>5</sup>	56 (67)	10 (33)	32 (97)	14 (67)	53 (70)	11 (73)*	13 (68)*	29 (69)	
Anaemia correction [n (%)] <sup>  </sup>	50 (59)	6 (20)	29 (88)	15 (71)	55 (72)	5 (33)	13 (68)	37 (88)	
Allogeneic transfusion	20 (24)	12 (40)	2 (6)	6 (29)	7 (9)*	1 (7)*	0 (0)	6 (14)	

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#### Br J Anaesth 2011; 107: 477-478



# How can we manage preoperative anaemia?

#### Optimize hematopoiesis Screen for & manage anemia Preoperative Manage underlying disorder(s) necessary surgery



Postoperative

# Refer for further evaluation if Consider anemia as a contraindication for elective Time surgery with hematological

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optimization

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#### Implementing Patient Blood Management in major orthopaedic procedures: orthodoxy or pragmatism?

Manuel Muñoz<sup>1</sup>, Susana Gómez-Ramírez<sup>2</sup>, José A. García-Erce<sup>3</sup>

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# The "ORTHODOX" approach

# The "PRAGMATIC" approach

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**PBM** *PREOPERATIVE IV IRON* 

# **A PRAGMATIC APPROACH**

Balgrist University Hospital, Zurich (2009 - 2011)



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Theusinger, et al. Blood Transfusion 2014; 195-203



# **PBM** *PREOPERATIVE IV IRON*

# **A PRAGMATIC APPROACH**

Balgrist University Hospital, Zurich. A 4-years audit (2008-2011)

Transfusion rates according to period, anaemia status and type of surgery
PBM, control (2008, n:2150); + PBM, study period (2009-2011, n:6721)
Anaemia on day of surgery decreased from 15.4% vs 9% (\*); 17.6% to 12.9 %
(\*) in THR and 15.5% to 7.8% (\*) in TKR. Transfusion rates decreased from
20.7% vs 12.8%(\*); 21.8% to 15.7% (\*) in THR, from 19.3% to 4.9% (\*) in TKR.

(\*) p<0.001)



Anaemic patients on DS





# So, WHEN Iron therapy in Surgery ? - PREOPERATIVE

- PERI-OPERATIVE



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# The "ORTHODOX" approachThe "PRAGMATIC" approach

# What can we do if this time-frame in not available?

# The "OPPORTUNITY" approach

Very short-term perioperative IV iron ± ESA

Beris et al. NATA Consensus IV iron. BJA 2009;100: 599-604. Seville Document Update. Blood Transfus 2013; 11:585-610.



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British Journal of Anaesthesia 100 (5): 599–604 (2008) doi:10.1093/bja/aen054 Advance Access publication March 27, 2008



#### REVIEWARTICLE



# Perioperative anaemia management: consensus statement on the role of intravenous iron

P. Beris<sup>1\*†</sup>, M. Muñoz<sup>2</sup>, J. A. García-Erce<sup>3</sup>, D. Thomas<sup>4</sup>, A. Maniatis<sup>5</sup>† and P. Van der Linden<sup>6</sup>

- Grade of recommendation: .

*"For patients undergoing orthopaedic surgery expected to develop severe postoperative anaemia we currently suggest IV iron administration during the perioperative period".* 

For all other surgeries no evidence-based recommendation can be made. We strongly recommend that large prospective randomised controlled trials are undertaken in patients undergoing surgery expected to develop severe post operative anaemia.





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Muñoz et al. Transfusion 2014; 54: 289 – 299.

# ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Very-short-term perioperative intravenous iron administration and postoperative outcome in major orthopedic surgery: a pooled analysis of observational data from 2547 patients

Manuel Muñoz, Susana Gómez-Ramírez, Jorge Cuenca, José Antonio García-Erce, Daniel Iglesias-Aparicio, Sami Haman-Alcober, Daniel Ariza, and Enrique Naveira

Transfusion. 2013 Apr 15. doi: 10.1111/trf.12195. [Epub ahead of print]



4 Spanish hospitals (October 2002 – December 2011)



Muñoz et al. Transfusion 2014; 54: 289 – 299.

#### **Objective**

We pooled all our observational data to ascertain the benefits of this treatment on:

- **Transfusion reduction** (primary outcome variable)
- **Postoperative nosocomial infection** (primary outcome variable)
- Length of hospital stay (secondary outcome variable)
- Postoperative 30-day mortality (secondary outcome variable)



<u>Note</u>: Postoperative nosocomial infection was clinically diagnosed by a senior member of the surgical or medical team, and was always confirmed by laboratory, microbiological or radiological evidence.



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Patients, procedures and groups Muñoz et al.

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*Muñoz et al. Transfusion 2014; 54: 289 – 299.* 

#### **Treatment**

- Intravenous iron: either 2-5 days preoperatively and/or 2-3 days postoperatively, with a maximum 600 mg.
- rHuEPO: single preoperative dose (40,000 IU, sc) was administered at the orthopedic ward to some patients presenting with preoperative Hb level of less than 13 g/dL.
- Control group: oral iron or no treatment
- No other blood conservation measure was used.
- Patients were managed with a restrictive transfusion trigger.



# **Transfusion and postoperative outcomes**

Respect to **control**, very short-term **perioperative IV iron** administration, with or without rHuEPO, significantly reduced (\*p<0.01):</p>



- No clinically relevant AEs were observed.
- The scheduled IV iron dose (200-600 mg) may not cover total iron loss, especially in patients with preoperative iron deficiency.



**Preoperative rHuEPO** was only administered in 351 out of 1059 patients presenting with Hb level <13 g/dL and no contraindication.

# **Hip fracture repair**

# **Transfusion**

	All	HF patients
	Control	Iron ± rHuEPO
Patients	361	1000
Age (years)	83 ± 7	83 ± 8
Gender (M/F)	63/298	161/839
ASA III/IV (n, %)	214 (59.3)	611 (61.1)
Time to surgery (days)	4.5 ± 3.3	4.1 ± 2.4*
PHF/SHF	214/147	443/557
Treatment, n (%)		
200-600 mg IV iron	0	710
IV iron + rHuEPO	0	290
Admission Hb (g/dL)	13.0 ± 1.3	13.1 ± 1.4
Patients transfused, n (%)	176 (48.8)	324 (32.4)**
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# **Hip fracture repair**

## **Effects of IVI & transfusion**

TABLE 3. Demographic and clinical data of patients undergoing surgery for hip fracture repair according to ABT status and treatment with IV iron with or without rHuEPO

	Patients without ABT		Patients with ABT	
Parameter	Control	Iron $\pm$ rHuEPO	Control	Iron $\pm$ rHuEPO
Patients, n	185	676	176	324
Age (years)	82 ± 7	83 ± 8	84 ± 7	84 ± 9
Sex (M/F)	37/148	118/558	26/150	43/281
ASA III/IV, n (%)	124 (67.0)	396 (58.6)*	90 (51.1)	215 (66.4)†
PHF/SHF (n/n)	86/99	273/403	128/48	170/154†
Admission Hb (g/dL)	13.6 ± 1.2	13.4 ± 1.3	12.5 ± 1.1	$12.3\pm1.4$
Time to surgery (days)	$4.3\pm3.0$	4.0 ± 2.3	4.7 ± 3.6	$4.2\pm2.6$
Infection, n (%)	36 (19.5)	49 (7.2)†	61 (34.7)	58 (17.9)†
30-day mortality, n (%)	13 (7.0)	19 (2.8)†	21 (11.9)	29 (8.9)
LHS (days)	$12.1 \pm 5.7$	11.1 ± 5.2*	$14.7\pm6.6$	13.6 ± 7.4

\* p < 0.05, control versus treatment.

 $\dagger p < 0.01$ , control versus treatment.



# The "opportunity" approach: cost-efficacy

- Data from 182 matched-pairs of total lower limb arthroplasty patients.
- Managed with a restrictive transfusion protocol without (control group) or with post-operative intravenous iron (iron group; 600 mg IVI).
- Cost analysis model included: acquisition and administration costs of IV iron and allogeneic red cell concentrates, haemoglobin measurements, and prolonged stay in hospital (+0, +1 or +2 days).



Muñoz et al. Blood Transfusion 2014; 12(1):40-9



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# The "opportunity" approach: long term benefits

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Perioperative intravenous iron preserves iron stores and may hasten the recovery from post-operative anaemia after knee replacement surgery

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# So, WHEN Iron therapy in Surgery ?

- PREOPERATIVE
- PERI-OPERATIVE
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# **Patient Blood Management**

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1st Pillar Optimise haemopoiesis

- Treat anaemia/iron deficiency
- Stimulate erythropoiesis
- Be aware of drug interactions that can cause/increase anaemia

# Postoperative

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A multimodal approach to PBM (or blood conservation). Adapted from Hofmann and colleagues



# **PBM** *POSTOPERATIVE IV IRON*



#### Muñoz M et al. Effects of postoperative IV iron on transfusion requirements after lower limbarthroplasty. Br J Anaesth. 2012 Mar;108(3):532



	Postoperative i.v. iron dose (mg)			
	0 (control)	300	600	
Patients (n)	19	32	63	
Gender (M/F)	3/15	11/20	15/44	0.308
Age (yr)	75 (10)	74 (10)	73 (13)	0.205
Surgery (n)				0.208
ТКА	13	16	25	
THA	1	7	15	
THA-HF	5	9	23	
Hb preOP (g dl <sup>-1</sup> )	12.5 (1.5)	11.8 (1.2)	12.4 (1.3)**	0.031
Hb POD1 (g dl $^{-1}$ )	8.7 (1.0)	8.7 (0.8)	9.1 (0.6)*,**	0.012
Hb POD7 (g dl $^{-1}$ )	10.1 (0.7)	9.6 (0.7)*	9.8 (0.9)	0.009
ABT rate [n (%)]	16 (84)	20 (62)	29 (46)	0.010
ABT index (U $pte^{-1}$ )	2.0 (0.9)	1.4 (1.3)	0.9 (1.2)*	0.007
Hb pre-ABT (g dl <sup>-1</sup> )	7.6 ( 0.8)	7.7 (0.8)	7.7 (0.9)	0.566
Infection [n (%)]	5 (26.3)	5 (15.6)	2 (3.2)	0.009
In-hospital death [n (%)]	1 (5.3)	0 (0)	1 (1.6)	0.379
LOS (days)	11.8 (3.6)	11.3 (4.2)	9.2 (3.0)***	0.013



# Randomized trial comparing ferric carboxymaltose vs oral ferrous glycine sulphate for postoperative anaemia after total knee arthroplasty Br J Anaesth. 2014 Sep;113(3):402-9

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**Results.** Of 161 preoperatively non-anaemic patients, 122 (75.8%) developed anaemia after operation (within 24 h) and were enrolled in this study (60 FCM, 62 FS). Hb substantially decreased until day 4 in both groups, and partly recovered by day 30. FCM-treated patients achieved Hb >12.0 g dl<sup>-1</sup> more frequently (42.3% vs 23.5%; P=0.04) and showed a trend towards higher Hb increase from day 4 to day 30 [+1.7 (1.2) vs +1.3 (1.0); P=0.075] compared with FS-treated patients. Patients with postoperative Hb <10 g dl<sup>-1</sup> experienced better Hb increase with FCM [+2.4 (0.3) g dl<sup>-1</sup>] than FS [+1.1 (0.4) g dl<sup>-1</sup>; P=0.018]. Patients being iron-deficient at enrolment (56.7%) had a higher Hb increase with FCM [+1.9 (0.3) g dl<sup>-1</sup>] than FS [+1.2 (0.2) g dl<sup>-1</sup>; P=0.03]. Total EQ-5D and performance outcomes were comparable between the groups, but FCM was associated with better scores for 'usual activities'. No i.v. iron-related adverse events were reported.

**Conclusions.** Preoperatively non-anaemic TKA patients are at high risk of postoperative anaemia. Postoperative i.v. FCM provided significant benefit over oral FS, particularly in patients with preoperative iron deficiency, severe postoperative anaemia, or both.

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# New recommendations to manage risk of allergic reactions with intravenous iron-containing medicines

Intravenous iron medicines should only be administered when staff trained to evaluate and manage anaphylactic and anaphylactoid reactions are immediately available as well as resuscitation facilities.

Patients should be closely observed for signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions during and for at least 30 minutes following each injection of an intravenous iron medicine.



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Efficacy of preoperative recombinant human erythropoietin administration for reducing transfusion requirements in patients undergoing surgery for hip fracture repair. An observational cohort study

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#### EPO 40.000 UI sc ifHb<13 g/dL



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Fig. 2 Perioperative haemoglobin levels in patients undergoing surgery for hip fracture repair according to the preoperative administration [+] or not [-] of recombinant human erythropoietin (rHuEPO). \*P < 0.05, -rHuEPO vs. +rHuEPO;  ${}^{\#}P < 0.05$ , preoperative vs. postoperative day 30.

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- ♣ 412 patients with Hb preOP <13 g/dL and iron deficit.</p>
- Iron Sucrose 200 mg/sewsion (max 600 mg/wk).
- Interpo 40,000 U/wk, if Hb <13 g/dL after FeIV or inflammation</p>



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# Ferric carboxymaltose increases epoetin-α response and prevents iron deficiency before elective orthopaedic surgery

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In conclusion, the use of FCM, compared with oral iron, increases EPO response, with increased discharge haemoglobin levels, and prevents the depletion of iron stores induced by EPO.

This could be another benefit of i.v. iron, as depleted iron stores may impair the correction of postoperative anaemia. In addition, there is accumulating evidence that iron deficiency per se, independently of anaemia, is associated with fatigue and muscle weakness. Thus, the correction of iron deficiency, with or without anaemia, could be effective in improving fatigue and physical performance.





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#### Don't transfuse more units of blood than absolutely necessary.



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Each unit of blood carries risks. A restrictive threshold (7.0-8.0g/dL) should be used for the vast majority of hospitalized, stable patients without evidence of inadequate tissue oxygenation (evidence supports a threshold of 8.0g/dL in patients with pre-existing cardiovascular disease). Transfusion decisions should be influenced by symptoms and hemoglobin concentration. Single unit red cell transfusions should be the standard for non-bleeding, hospitalized patients. Additional units should only be prescribed after re-assessment of the patient and their hemoglobin value.

# Don't transfuse red blood cells for iron deficiency without hemodynamic instability.

Blood transfusion has become a routine medical response despite cheaper and safer alternatives in some settings. Pre-operative patients with iron deficiency and patients with chronic iron deficiency without hemodynamic instability (even with low hemoglobin levels) should be given oral and/or intravenous iron.



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