A Joint Opinion on Perfusion Professionalism.  
Two Organizations: One Purpose

The topic of professionalism tends to arise from time to time within the Perfusion community. This discussion often centers on an impression of disenchanted practitioners of perfusion and behaviors unbecoming of a highly skilled clinician. Often, the lack of professional society participation and attendance at continuing education events are cited. [For those who are interested in this aspect please read the article by Susan Ellis referenced below (1)] While the authors do encourage participation in professional societies and behaviors that exude professionalism, we do understand that this facet of the topic can be rather stale and uninteresting to many. We would like to address the topic from a different vantage point; first a very brief dive into perfusion history to give the topic some historical context and then approach it from an academic perspective.

Charles Reed was instrumental in both the American Academy of Cardiovascular Perfusion (AACP) and the American Society of Extracorporeal Technology (AmSECT) so we feel it is appropriate to begin this joint article with a mention of him. He served as the President of AmSECT from 1973 to 1975, as the President of the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion in 1975 and helped to found the AACP in 1979 serving as its President in 1984. In 1973 Charles Reed wrote a brief message to the AmSECT membership which outlined his hope for achievements during his Presidency of AmSECT (2). Within this article Mr. Reed paraphrases a famous quote from President John F. Kennedy: “Ask not what AmSECT can do for me, but rather what can I do for AmSECT”. It is apparent that Mr. Reed is outlining the very beginnings of professionalism for perfusionists and perfusion societies in this communication to the AmSECT membership of that era.

Professionalism is demonstrated through a foundation of clinical competence, communication skills, and ethical and legal understanding, upon which is built the aspiration to and wise application of the principles of professionalism: excellence, humanism, and altruism (3). Excellence can be defined as the quality of being outstanding or very good. Humanism can be defined as a progressive philosophy of life that, without theism and other supernatural beliefs, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity. And altruism has been described as showing a desire to help other people and exhibiting a lack of selfishness. While it is not feasible to exhibit all of these traits all of the time, it is the pursuit of these ideals that is warranted and expected.

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True professionals are often easy to spot in the workplace. They are the people recognized for their specialized knowledge, and have a deep personal commitment to improve their skills (4). They devote themselves to keeping their knowledge base current to help deliver the highest level of customer service. They don’t compromise their values, even in the face of adversity. They exhibit honesty and integrity, respect and accountability (4). Simply, they are a genuine credit to their organization. While such behaviors permeate through all levels of business, few arenas are as dependent on professionalism as healthcare.

The AACP and AmSECT have supported activities dedicated to meet the professional needs of the perfusion community. Both organizations share a similar mission to provide support for continuing professional development. This is achieved through the publication of scientific journals and newsletters, continued support of professional codes of conduct, and the adoption of clinical practice standards and guidelines. Subscribing to a professional journal should be a basic requirement for every practicing perfusionist. For example, can you imagine hiring an accountant not keep abreast of the new tax laws? Perhaps you would sooner consider boarding a commercial airplane with a pilot not familiar with the new safety standards for take-off and landings. How about getting a medical opinion from a physician that is not aware of a new and more effective medical therapy to treat your illness? The majority of us wouldn’t knowingly receive services from such essential yet uninformed personnel. Why would we expect anything different from the Perfusion industry? Scientific journals and newsletters keep us informed of all of the latest techniques, technologies and innovations designed to improve the delivery of care to our patients.

Perhaps the most underestimated and overlooked purpose for membership is the ability to provide networks for professionals to meet and discuss their field of expertise. Like other healthcare arenas, Perfusionists find themselves in a dynamic and continuously evolving work environment. Since the acuity of the patients we serve continues to change, the techniques and devices that we employ to optimize their care must change as well. Many of us share the same challenges, and the ability to lean on our colleagues and peers across the organization can help promote positive changes in our local communities.

Stephen Covey, author of the acclaimed book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, once wrote “The bottom line is, when people are crystal clear about the most important priorities of the organization and team they work with and prioritized their work around those top priorities, not only are they many times more productive, they discover they have the time they need to have a whole life” (5). Professional societies are created for the attainment of common goals. However, the ability to achieve these goals is reliant upon the contributions from its constituents. The future of medicine calls for professional organizations to assume an increased role to foster a continuously learning healthcare system.

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Dr. Douglas F. Larson to Retire

Standing on the parade grounds of Fort Sam Houston in 1969 with all of his gear ready on the to ship off to Viet Nam, Doug was told that he had a change in orders and was now going to be the Chief of Perfusion at Walter Reed General Hospital. What is perfusion, he asked?

Today in a University of Arizona classroom, the aroma of Starbucks’s breakfast blends permeates the lecture hall of graduate students. Coffee is a necessity for a rainy 8 a.m. Friday class. Professor Larson is beyond the remedy of steaming java, but he manages to mingle among his early risers. His wrinkled checkered shirt is tucked into his loose-fitting jeans. The bottom of his silver and turquoise belt buckle shines under his shirt and dark circles swallow his blue eyes behind black wire rims. The six-foot-two-inch instructor takes one more swig of coffee before beginning his journey toward the podium. A bead of water hangs onto one of the many gray stubbles invading his jaw line.

A student asks how one of Dr. Larson’s patients is doing. “Better than the rest of us,” Larson answers. Amid the students’ chuckles, insight about their professor’s last 24 hours surfaces. “He hasn’t been home since yesterday at 5 a.m.,” explains first-year doctorate student. After a full day of teaching, lab research and two open-heart surgeries and flying to Denver to pick up lungs for transplantation, Dr. Doug Larson has yet to acknowledge yesterday was his birthday.

Doug, as he prefers to be called, has roles as a full professor of Surgery, certified perfusionist, and the director graduate program of clinical perfusion. Today, he literally takes life into his own hands, but his intrigue with the human body began years ago.

The middle-aged professor, born in Montana, earned a bachelor’s degree in zoology and a master’s degree in physiology at Montana State University. After four years in the military, Doug ventured southwest to secure his doctorate in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Arizona. When a large pharmaceutical company offered Doug a job in Switzerland discovering drugs to help the body’s immune system, he put his research with the Arizona Wildcats on hold.

“I remember I parked in France, had a window looking out at Germany and while working in Switzerland,” Doug recalls with a smile. After several years in Switzerland facing multiple language barriers, Doug, his wife, and three young boys returned to Arizona. “They (UA) said if I wanted my job back, I had to start a perfusion program,” Doug explains.

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In his 33rd year at the University of Arizona and 37th year in perfusion, Doug is stepping down soon as a perfusionist but will remain a scientist, researcher and tenured full professor at the University of Arizona.

His research has centered on how the immune system contributes to normal and pathological cardiovascular function. Monitoring blood levels, quantifying cardiac function, characterizing cardiac gene expression, and analyzing cell counts are not what keeps Doug's heart beating, though.

“Research, horses, the underserved, and painting are my passions,” Doug reveals. When the man of medicine is not reading, operating, analyzing or teaching, he is riding. Tecate, named after a joke when he worked in Mexico, is Doug’s stress relief. He sees the mare three to four times a week and rides her at his sister’s ranch in Sonoita. “I am a fast driver, but after riding her, I drive about 10 mph,” Doug confesses as he leans back in his chair.

Galloping his beer-brand beauty is not Doug’s only release from the hectic hallways of the operating room. “Since I could walk, I have been painting,” he says. Doug’s canvas oil paintings, mostly of Navajo-like landscapes, that exhibit his minimalist attitude to life. He adamantly shakes his head when asked if he would ever sell his work.

Second-year doctorate student admires her professor’s commitment to prioritizing. “Doug has struck a good balance between his personal and work life. He doesn’t bring too much baggage and that helps facilitate a great lab,” she says.

A sense of balance and relaxation are areas Doug credits to his obsession with Native American culture. “I sometimes think I am a reincarnated Navajo – at least in attitude,” he says while describing his yearly trips to the reservation. “I just feel at home there,” Doug says. Although Sitting Bull had dinner with Doug’s grandmother, he is Swedish. Doug keeps his personal beliefs to himself, but he does have one philosophy he brings to the lab. “A researcher cannot be a good researcher without being a good artist first,” says the equestrian Michelangelo. A former student Tamara knows that theory first hand. She earned a degree in biochemistry and ballet and now works for Doug.
“Our lab has grown because people are attracted to Doug. He is never condescending and always invites new ideas,” explains one of his doctoral students. There are four doctorate students and five master’s students under Doug’s guidance. He oversees thesis and dissertation research and teaches classes up to six times per week. His office, tucked in the corner of the large lab room, is the size of a dorm room. Pictures of his wife and grown sons occupy the space right above his computer, and three rows of shelves compactly lined with primary colored binders form a right angle encompassing his desk. A Navajo artwork, a poem from a former student and an award for perfusion hang above two oversized cabinets compiled of Doug’s published work.

Outside the scholastic world, the born and raised Western liberal has involved himself in a variety of activities. During the early 1990s, Doug built medical clinics and homes for the poor in Mexico’s barrios. After his weekly trips to the border, Larson focused his efforts closer to home working with South Tucson gang members. Currently he is devoted to serving and supporting the poor and homeless in Tucson. This could be a full-time job for most.

Despite his 12-hour days and extracurricular activities, Doug says his 45-year marriage has not suffered. “She” works right down the hall in the virology department, Doug explains, referring to his wife, Shari.

Aside from Doug’s expertise in research and transplant, students say, lies one of his best qualities. “He has the innate ability to make complicated material simplified and easy to understand,” says doctoral pharmacology student. “He provides us the skills we need to succeed individually,” reiterates master’s student. A laboratory assistant who has known Doug for 10 years, describes him as “not the boring professor type.” “Inspiring mentor” is the phrase fortb-
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   Hemostasis management: anticoagulation, testing, blood conservation
   High-fidelity simulation
   Perfusion safety: preventing, reporting and dealing with disasters
   Student Only Forum

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Quality Initiatives: Controlling the Cost of Cardiac Care on a Local, Regional and National Level
Co-Moderators: Robert Groom, MS, CCP and David Fitzgerald, CCP
Experience of UPMC using the Toyota production system based methodology - Dr. Michael Culig
The Quality Movement in Cardiac Surgery: The Michigan Experience - Dr. Richard Prager
Perfusionist’s Perspective - Kenny Shann, CCP
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    Best practices: Patient management, Are we doing it right?
    Communicating with the generations
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        Mark Kurusz, CCP (Retired)
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1:00 PM – 3:30 PM  Special Scientific Session (Panel)

    Trends in Cardiac Care
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    Update on Heart Failure - Michael Sobieski II, RN, CCP
    Update on Ex-Vivo Perfusion - Cyril Serrick, MSc, CCP, CPC
    Update on the Perfusionist’s Role in the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory - William Harris, CCP
    Update on Drug Shortages in Cardiac Surgery - Dr. Mark Twite

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    Adult ECMO: management, staffing, transport, equipment
    High-fidelity simulation
    Multidisciplinary simulation: a focus on teamwork
    Pediatrics
    Women in perfusion

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  Fireside Chats (Session #5)
    Managing perfusion teams
    Perfusion education: what makes a good instructor?
    Perfusion safety: preventing, reporting and dealing with disasters
    Rare patient populations: sickle cell, JW's, pregnancy, etc.
An Update On Myocardial Protection: The Journey Continues

Blood concentrated microplegia is an established method of providing myocardial protection during cardiac surgery. The intention of this brief article is to review several scientific articles comparing 8:1 cardioplegia to whole blood microplegia and to discuss Low Cardiac Output Syndrome (LCOS) in patients having coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG).

A paper published in 2013 in the Annals of Thoracic Surgery entitled ‘Microplegia During Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Was Associated With Less Low Cardiac Output Syndrome: A Propensity-Matched Comparison by Algarni et al. (1) presents results and conclusions from a large center. The study retrospectively compares standard 8:1 cardioplegia with microplegia which is blood, additives and minimal crystalloid.

The study is of particular interest as it compares 2,630 consecutive patients undergoing isolated coronary artery bypass using microplegia (2004-2006) with 5,058 consecutive patients again with isolated coronary artery bypass using 8:1 cardioplegia (1998 to 2000). Using propensity scoring 1,980 matched pairs were found.

These published reports had demonstrated identical hospital mortality (1.2%) and most interestingly a significantly lower occurrence of low cardiac output syndrome (LCOS) for the microplegia group. The microplegia group occurrence of LCOS was 2.7% as compared to the 8:1 cardioplegia group at 5.0%, a p<0.001. Perhaps more importantly was the reduction in LCOS in high risk patients.

This group had been originally identified in a 2011 paper published in the Annals of Thoracic Surgery, ‘Predictors of Low Cardiac Output Syndrome After Isolated Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery: Trends over 20 Years’ Algarni et al. (2) 25,176 consecutive isolated CABG patients were divided into four time periods (1990-1994, n=6,489; 1995-1999, n=8,175; 2000-2004, n=6,741; 2005-2009, n=3,797). The results showed the prevalence of post-operative LCOS decreased from 9.1% in the first era to 2.4% in the fourth era. The identified risk factors were left ventricular ejection fraction less than 0.20, emergency surgery, cardiogenic shock, female gender and LVEF of 0.20-0.39. All risk factors except LVEF less than 0.20 showed improvement over the 4 eras. Post-operative LCOS increased significantly in this group. These published clinical reviews highlight the importance of whole blood concentrated microplegia and the associated overall improvement in myocardial protection.

In their 2013 paper the authors state “cardioplegia technique was an independent predictor of LCOS, where patients in the standard cardioplegia group had almost two-fold greater odds of postoperative LCOS compared with patients in the microplegia group.” Elderly patients (>75 years of age) in the microplegia group had a lower incidence of LCOS when compared to those in the 8:1 group (8.5% vs 15.1% p=0.02). There was a lower requirement for postoperative IABP in the microplegia group (2.5% vs 4% p=0.02). Other at risk subgroups reduction in LCOS included those undergoing urgent/emergent surgery, left main disease, preoperative MI and female patients. Female patients were the only subgroup that demonstrated a reduced mortality with microplegia.

There was a statistically significant decrease in post-operative ventilation

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time and length of stay. However, there was no clinical significance in these improvements.

The authors also suggest that a reduction in LCOS could be associated with reduced myocardial edema. Animal studies demonstrated extended ventricular dysfunction after cardioplegic arrest with crystalloid cardioplegia. (5) They identify a subgroup with significant preoperative ischemic injury combined with longer CPB. The results showed marked reduction in LCOS in patients identified as having had a preoperative MI when compared to the 8:1 cardioplegia group.

Accelerated ventricular recovery after microplegia could be associated with the buffering effects of a high hematocrit CPS during episodes of myocardial acidosis. (6)

Intra-operative and post-operative blood product usage has become an area of significant focus for many surgical teams. The STS 2011 Update Blood Conservation Clinical Practice Guidelines (3) states that “While more data is required, routine use of a microplegia technique may be considered to minimize the volume of crystalloid cardioplegia administration as part of a multi-modality blood conservation program…..Minimizing the crystalloid component of blood cardioplegia is intuitively advantageous with respect to minimizing hemodilutional anemia and possible subsequent RBC transfusions.” This is a Class IIb recommendation. Patients expect that we will use all methods available to us to minimize transfusions.

Blood cardioplegia is associated with reducing post-operative adverse events. Guru et al. in a paper entitled “Is Blood Superior to Crystalloid Cardioplegia?: A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Clinical Trials” (4) concluded that there was a significant reduction in post-operative LCOS and CKMB release which is associated with myocardial tissue damage and diminished long term survival.

In reviewing myocardial protection strategies, there are few methods referenced in the literature regarding a different modality in the delivery of whole blood concentrated microplegia. The initial approach, with the incorporated use of a basic syringe delivery pump technology, did offer the initial impetus towards freedom from conventional blood ratio crystalloid cardioplegia technique thereby allowing complete removal of the crystalloid component of the standard blood ratio cardioplegia. This was described by Menasche et al in his paper published in 1993 in the Annals of Thoracic Surgery entitled A


Seeking further improvement, Quest Medical, Inc, introduced their seamless integration MPS technology-adaptable to all heart lung machines. When compared to the early syringe pump technology, several distinct clinical advantages were realized. The MPS console, with its incorporated microprocessors, allow for independent and precise delivery of specific myocardial additives and arrest agent while allowing for complete elimination of the crystalloid component of standard blood ratio cardioplegia. Inherent to the MPS technology is the air emboli protection, blood buffering ability with maintenance of normal osmotic pressure, precise drug composition and distribution, stepwise transition to microplegia, inherent ability to automatically adjust to vascular resistance and accurate temperature control capability-all incorporated in a design for flexible case management. Another distinct advantage inherent to the MPS console design is the ability to maintain a constant pressure flow relationship through its auto flow capability. Retrograde and root pressures can be transduced to the MPS to use the machine safety features.

Assembly of the disposable can be learned quickly and the user interface is intuitive and visually pleasing. It combines numerical readouts with visual cues as to how CPS is being delivered. Individualized surgeon, procedure or perfusionist protocols can be created and saved. The ability to pick the route of delivery is available. Cardioplegia can be delivered from all blood to all crystalloid with the ease.

The Perfusionist draws up his or her own arrest and additive solutions prior to each case. This eliminates the cost and the use of scarce pharmacy resources or commercially available products. Cardioplegia is always available removing potential supply issues when depending on third parties.

The Quest MPS is included in a number of improvements or to use the authors words ‘enhancement(s) of perfusion techniques’ in a paper published in JECT in 2005 by Stammers et al.(8) The study showed notable improvements in mortality rate, reoperation for bleeding, stroke and cardiac arrest.

Quest Medical continues to improve the interface of the MPS console by clinical interaction and thoughtful feedback from within the Perfusion and

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Surgical community. This professional interaction, through mutual cooperation and consultation, has served to foster the future improvement of MPS technology as an effective tool in the delivery of whole blood microplegia.

As a practicing Clinical Perfusionist I have considerable experience in delivering myocardial protection both with crystalloid cardioplegia and whole blood microplegia via the Quest MPS. It is my belief that the use of the Quest MPS as been directly associated with an improvement in cardiac patient outcomes. This personal belief is born out by the enclosed scientific observations. The MPS console is engineered to improve outcomes through a seamless technology. A major step toward Best Practices and blood conservation modalities.

In closing, I would encourage the reader to trial the MPS console and to draw their own conclusions. Our institutional experience, over these past years, demonstrates the continued refinements in our clinical application of this improved myocardial strategy. Thank you for your continued interest in improving our patient outcomes which is, after all, why we are Perfusionists.

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AACP to Offer Simulation at the Annual Conference

The Academy will be offering you the opportunity to experience high fidelity perfusion simulation at the 35th Annual Seminar in Orlando. There will be several sessions with specific situations. Edward Darling and Adam Fernandez will be coordinating the sessions.
The Perfusion Management of Chronic Volume Overload During Cardiopulmonary Bypass: Case Studies

The cardiovascular pathologies that cause chronic volume overload modalities, such as aortic valve insufficiency, mitral valve insufficiency, or congestive heart failures, are well understood on a surgical basis. Yet, an established set of guidelines for managing chronic volume overload patients by the perfusionist during cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) still lacks a specific management protocol as a standard of practice.

The Frank-Starling Law of the Heart dictates that volume overload, caused by chronic cardiovascular pathophysiology, initiates a compensatory response to increase heart chamber volume capacity. Cardiac lesions, such as mitral valve insufficiency, accentuate this volume retaining affect and comprise left ventricular function. When surgery is needed to correct these defects, accuracy of proper hemodynamic management by the perfusionist dictates the degree of postoperative morbidity and mortality. Studies have shown that depending on the degree/severity of mitral valve insufficiency, the average size patient may retain an additional 300-1,000mL of blood volume. If this extra blood volume is not taken into consideration by the perfusionist, then improper circuit sizing, oxygen delivery, pump flow, and medication introduction may be significant and will compromise proper patient care during CPB and adversely impact post operative recovery. As an example of this significance, case studies were performed at a cardiac center, assessing 20 patients.

The patients analyzed were admitted for mitral valve insufficiency. Each patient’s pertinent chart data was recorded along with the perfusion circuit setup, priming volume, and accurate medication dosage. In addition, CPB circuit intraoperative and postoperative volumes were recorded. Specific volumes recorded include IAD amount taken, reservoir volume after RAP was finished, RAP amount, urine output, any volume added during CPB, cell saver processed volume post CPB, final reservoir volume immediately after coming off bypass, and the final CPB balance were recorded. Oxygen demands and estimated blood volumes for each patient were calculated. Further analysis of this information confirms other multiple publications that significant number of these patients studied had excess blood volumes. To analyze the variables and factors for each patient, other contributing factors were added.

One of the more obvious factors would be the persisting mitral valve regurgitation. Intuitively, it is expected that patients with severe mitral regurgitation (ex. 3+MR) will hold a larger amount of additional volume than someone with mild MR (ex. 1+MR). Other pathologies also play a role in the amount of additional blood volume retained. Body types (i.e. endomorph, mesomorph or ectomorph), age, gender, and height all play an important role in chronic volume overload.

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Some critiques to this study may be evaluated through previous literature reviews. Chronic volume overload pathologies, notably mitral valve regurgitation, are understood as one of the most common cardiac defects that lead to postoperative deaths. Publications show that patients with significant MR have persistent pulmonary hypertension (PH). This secondary characteristic almost doubles the chances of mortality after cardiac surgery. After the mitral valve insufficiency is surgically corrected, PH remains and will need to be addressed during the post operative care period. Perfusion management, however, had not reached consensus treating these patients with PH. In addition, issues of fluid shifts (edema), proper hematocrit levels and reduction of postoperative donor blood infusions need to reach consensus to established a standard of care for chronic volume overload patients.

To show a significant difference in blood volumes for these types of patients so a more appropriate approach for management of chronic volume overload patients, an algorithm will be created. This algorithm will correlate to a table by which any chronic volume overload patient can be optimally categorized. This algorithm will aid the perfusionist in obtaining an accurate measurement of the patient’s blood volume. This will result in application of techniques that will be appropriate for managing the chronically volume overloaded patient. Results generated will be both accurate and reproducible, providing the patient with the best care possible and a greater improvement postoperatively. It is the intention of the authors that the data be analyzed and an algorithm produced will be presented at a perfusion meeting and published in a perfusion journal.

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