

# Goal-Directed Cardiovascular Perfusion Equations

## Patient Data:

Ht: \_\_\_\_\_ (cms) Wt: \_\_\_\_\_ (Kg) Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Surgeon: \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

Pump Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Cross-Clamp Time: \_\_\_\_\_ BMI: \_\_\_\_\_

## Body Composition:

Body Surface Area (M<sup>2</sup>) =  $Wt^{0.425} \times Ht^{0.725} \times 0.007184$  \_\_\_\_\_

DuBois D, DuBois EF. A formula to estimate the approximate surface area if height and weight be known. Arch Intern Med (Chicago) 1916; 17: 863.

Ht (cms)

Wt (Kg)

$\pm$  % Desirable Body Weight =  $(Actual\ Wt - Desirable\ Wt) / (Desirable\ Wt) \times 100$  \_\_\_\_\_

\*Desirable or Reference Weight Kg at a specific Height departure from desirable weight

\*\*Variations in Blood Volume assumes that individuals who differ equally from their reference weight ( $\pm$  % overweight) are proportional to each other with respect to blood volume

\*\*\*Blood volume and height, weight, and surface area relations; blood volume increases with respective body dimension, the ratio of blood volume to each independent variable is not a constant value

BV = Body Weight(Kg) x Ratio (ml/Kg)

## Ideal Body Weight

Men:  $50 + (0.91 \times [height\ in\ centimeters - 152.4])$  \_\_\_\_\_

Women as  $45.5 + (0.91 \times [height\ in\ centimeters - 152.4])$  \_\_\_\_\_

See Height and Weight Chart for Both Genders

Men Wt (kg) =  $48 + 1.1 \times (Ht - 150\ cm)$  \_\_\_\_\_

Women Wt (kg) =  $45 + 0.9 \times (Ht - 150\ cm)$  \_\_\_\_\_

Hammond (shorter adult patients)

$$\text{Body Mass Index} = \text{Wt}_{\text{Kg}} / \text{Ht}_{\text{M}}^2$$

M: Wt Kg

Ht: Meters, Squared

BMI Categories:

Underweight = <18.5, Normal weight = 18.5–24.9, Overweight = 25–29.9, Obesity = BMI of 30 or greater

BMI	Weight status
Below 18.5	Underweight
18.5-24.9	Normal weight
25.0-29.9	Overweight
30.0-34.9	Obesity class I
35.0-39.9	Obesity class II
Above 40	Obesity class III

### Renal Assessments:

$$\text{COP} = \text{TPP} \times 3.32 - 2.0$$

(Normal Range: 23-29, Average: 25 mmHg, Albumin contributes about 80% of COP, 15-20 mmHg in critical ill patients, low teens trigger treatment, below 12.5 high risk for mortality)

$$\text{COP}_{\text{alb}} = \text{Serum Albumin} \times 0.57 \times 10$$

Poole-Wilson Formula

$$\text{COP} = (2.1 \times \text{TPP}) + (0.16 \times \text{TPP}^2) + (0.009 \times \text{TPP}^3)$$

Landis-Pappenheimer Formula

$$\text{EGFR} = (186) \times (\text{Serum Creatinine}^{-1.154} \times \text{Age}^{-0.203})$$

For female multiply x 0.742, for African American multiply x 1.212)

(Normal: 90-120 ml/min/1.73 M<sup>2</sup>)

### Stage of Kidney Disease

Stages of Chronic Kidney Disease	GFR ml/min	% Kidney Function
• Stage 1 Kidney Damage with Normal Kidney Function	90 or >	90-100%
• Stage 2 Kidney Damage with Mild Loss of Function	89 to 60	89-60%
• Stage 3a Mild to Moderate Loss of Function	59 to 45	59-45%
• Stage 3b Moderate to Severe Loss of Function	44 to 30	44-30%
• Stage 4 Severe Loss of Function	29 to 15	29-15%
• Stage 5 Kidney Failure	< 15	< 15%

$$\text{Serum Osmolality} = (2 \times \text{Na}) + (\text{Glu} / 18) + (\text{BUN} / 2.8)$$

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Normal: 285-295 mOsm/Kg

Measured should not exceed predicted by more than 10 mOsm/Kg  
> than 10 indicates an osmolal gap (e.g., caused by small molecules in high concentration or toxins, Mannitol, Ethanol, Ethylene Glycol, Propylene Glycol, Lorazepam, etc.)

mmol/L; the concentration of a solution expressed as the total number of solute particles per kilogram, Urea concentration is expressed as the nitrogen content of Urea (MW 28) and reported as Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN) in non-SI units (mg/dL) BUN mg/dL multiplied by 0.357 = urea (mmol/L)

Urea (mmol/L) divided by 0.357 = BUN (mg/dL)

Approximate reference (normal) range:

Serum/plasma urea 2.5-7.8 mmol/L

Serum/plasma BUN 7.0-22 mg/dL

$$\text{Serum Osmolarity} = 2 (\text{Na} + \text{K}) + \text{Glu} / 18$$

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Normal: 275 -295 mOsm/L

linear relationship exists between the effective osmolarity and mental state in HHS, with deficits beginning to occur at values above 320 mOsm/L and coma above 340 mOsm/L

Stupor or Coma in a patient with hyperglycemia with values below 320 mOsm/L

Mortality also rises substantially with levels above 350 mOsm/L

The concentration of osmotically active particles in solution, which may be quantitatively expressed in osmoles of solute per liter of solution; mmol/L,  $\geq 296$  mmol/L (dehydration), older patients 65 years or >, Panic Values: < 240, > 321 mmol/L, 384 produces stupor, 400 or > grand mal seizures, > 420 fatal

$$\text{Serum Osmolarity} = (1.86 \times \text{Na}^+ + \text{K}^+) + \text{Glucose} + \text{Urea} + 9$$

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mmol/L, for patients with chronic renal failure

$$\text{Creatinine Clearance} = 140 - \text{Age}_{\text{yrs}} \times \text{Wt}_{\text{Kg}} / 72$$

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(Females: multiply x .85)

Males: 97-137

Females: 88-128

## Blood Volume Estimations:

These estimated blood volume equations vary greatly. This directly influences estimated plasma volume, red cell volume, total circulating volume and hence, dilution rate and other physiological equations incorporating blood volume and so on. It is my belief that we over-estimate blood volume with routine use of weight based estimations (ml/Kg). For all calculations involving blood volume I have found more reliability on the Nadler (Gilcher's Rule of Five) and Lemmens-Bernstein-Brodsky Equations. Weight-based is typically much higher than these, yet in some instances such as morbid obesity weight-based may be appropriate (55 ml/Kg). The Allen Equation I felt also over-estimated blood volume. I calculate them all to develop a contrast for reference purposes.

$$\text{Total Blood Volume (TBV)} = 70_{\text{ml/Kg}} \times \text{Wt}_{\text{Kg}}$$

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70 mls/Kg Male

65 mls/Kg Female

55 mls/Kg Obesity

Allen's BV Formula Males =  $(0.000417 \times \text{Htcm}^3) + (45 \times \text{Wt}_{\text{kg}}) - 30$  \_\_\_\_\_

Allen's BV Formula Females =  $(0.000414 \times \text{Htcm}^3) + (45 \times \text{Wt}_{\text{kg}}) - 30$

Ht: \_\_\_\_\_

Nadler's Formula (Male) TBV =  $(0.3669 \times \text{Ht}^3) + (0.03219 \times \text{Wt} + 0.6041)$  \_\_\_\_\_

Nadler's Formula (Female) TBV =  $(0.3561 \times \text{Ht}^3) + (0.03308 \times \text{Wt} + 0.1833)$  \_\_\_\_\_

Ht: meters, Wt: Kg \_\_\_\_\_

\* For obese individuals, you can use Gilcher's Rule of Five: The average blood volume is decreased by 5 mL per kilogram.

Nadler equation is built upon the work of Dr. Allen in 1962

Blood Volume =  $70 / [\sqrt{(\text{body mass index}/22)}]$  \_\_\_\_\_

Lemmens-Bernstein-Brodsky Equation

Yields mls / Kg, multiply value derived by weight in Kg

Blood Volume =  $\text{PV} \times 100 / [100 - (0.87 \times \text{HCT})]$  \_\_\_\_\_

0.87 is a correction factor (about 4% of the Hct is trapped plasma; therefore, the true volume of packed cells is 0.96 Hct; whole-body Hct is 0.91 x true packed cell volume; hence,  $0.96 \times 0.91 = 0.87$ ), and Hct is the raw Hct.

Do we over estimate Blood Volume? This equation indicates that!

Blood Volume =  $\text{Plasma Volume} / (1 - \text{HCT})$  \_\_\_\_\_

Blood Volume =  $\text{Red Cell Volume} \times (100/\text{HCT})$  \_\_\_\_\_

Blood / Flow Volume Ratio =  $\text{CI} / \text{BV}$  \_\_\_\_\_

TCV =  $\text{TBV} + \text{Prime Volume} + \text{I.V. Volume} + \text{CP Volume}$  \_\_\_\_\_

$\Delta \text{BV} \% \text{ Change} = 100 (\text{BV}_a - \text{BV}_b) / \text{BV}_b$  \_\_\_\_\_

$\text{BV}_a = [\text{BV}_b \times \text{Hb}_b / \text{Hb}_a]$  \_\_\_\_\_

a: after fluid shift

b: before fluid shift

RBC Volume =  $(\text{.HCT}) \times (\text{TBV})$  \_\_\_\_\_

Red Blood Cell Corpuscular Volume

(minimal HCT: 18-20%)

$\Delta \text{RBC Volume} \% \text{ Change} = 100 (\text{CV}_a - \text{CV}_b) / \text{CV}_b$  \_\_\_\_\_

CV (Cell Volume) Red Blood Cell Volume

Total Body HCT (BH) =  $\text{RCV} / \text{RCV} + \text{PV}$  \_\_\_\_\_

$$PV = (1 - HCT) \times BV$$

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$$\text{Plasma Volume} = (1 - .HCT) \times [a + (b \times Wt)]$$

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Hakim Formula Wt: Kg

a: 1530 for males and 864 for females

b: 41 for males and 47.9 for females

$$\text{Plasma Volume} = BV - RBCV$$

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$$\text{Plasma Volume} = (0.065 \times Wt_{kg}) \times (1 - HCT)$$

Kaplan Formula

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$$\Delta PV \% \text{ Change} = 100 (PV_a - PV_b) / PV_b$$

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Subscripts b and a refer to Before and After

$$\% PV \text{ Change} = [100 / (100 - Hctb)] \times [100 (Hctb - Hcta) / Hcta]$$

Subscripts b and a refer to Before and After

$$\% \text{ Decrease In Plasma Volume} =$$

$$10 [1 - (HCT_1 / 100 - HCT_1) \times 100 - HCT_2 / HCT_2]$$

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$$\% \text{ Decrease In Plasma and ECF Volume} = 100 (1 - Pr_1 / Pr_2)$$

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Pr<sub>1</sub> Initial Plasma Protein

Pr<sub>2</sub> Measured Plasma Protein after ECF Loss

$$\text{Hemodilution HCT} = TBV \times (.HCT / TCv)$$

(minimal HCT: 18-20%)

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$$MCHC = Hb / HCT$$

Concentration of hemoglobin in red blood cells  
g/100 ml<sup>-1</sup>

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### Hemodilution Estimations:

$$\text{Predicted Dilution \%} = \text{Prime Volume} / (\text{Prime Volume} + TBV)$$

(minimal HCT 18-20%)

$$\text{Actual Dilution Rate} = (HCT_{\text{pre dilution}} - HCT_{\text{post dilution}} / HCT_{\text{pre dilution}})$$

(Minimal HCT 18-20%)

$$\text{Required RBC Volume} = (TBV + \text{Prime Volume} \times HCT_{\text{rise}}) / PRBC \text{ HCT}$$

PRBC HCT: 60%-80%

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Volume PRBC's to Transfuse = \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Blood Volume x (Target Hb – Current Hb) / Hb Donor Unit

### Oxygenation / Perfusion Assessments:

Oxygen Capacity = (1.34 x Hb) \_\_\_\_\_

CaO<sub>2</sub> Content = (1.34 x Hb x SaO<sub>2</sub>) + (PaO<sub>2</sub> x 0.003) \_\_\_\_\_

(minimal = (1.34 x minimal HCT x SaO<sub>2</sub>) + (PaO<sub>2</sub> x 0.003)

(Normal: 16-22 ml/dL)

(Pasteur Point is the critical PaO<sub>2</sub> at which delivered O<sub>2</sub> is utilized by the tissue

And below which the O<sub>2</sub> Delivery is unable to meet tissue demands)

(Normal Alveolar PAO<sub>2</sub> 100-110 mmHg, PaO<sub>2</sub> 80-100 mmHg,

Capillary PO<sub>2</sub> 50-80mmHg, Tissue PO<sub>2</sub> 30-50 mmHg, Mitochondria PO<sub>2</sub> 10-20 mmHg)

CvO<sub>2</sub> Content = (1.34 x HB x SvO<sub>2</sub>) + (PvO<sub>2</sub> x 0.003) \_\_\_\_\_

(Normal: 12-15 ml/dL)

(Normal a-v O<sub>2</sub> Content Difference: 4-6 ml/dL)

a-vO<sub>2</sub> Content Difference = CaO<sub>2</sub> – CvO<sub>2</sub> \_\_\_\_\_

RCFR = CI x HCT \_\_\_\_\_

.HCT (fractional)

Red Cell Flow Rate (ml/min/M<sup>2</sup>)

Normal: 0.9 – 1.7 ml/min/M<sup>2</sup>

TOEI = a-vO<sub>2</sub> content diff / RCFR x 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Tissue Oxygen Extraction Index

Normal: 35 – 45

a-v O<sub>2</sub> Diff: 4-5 ml/dL

RCFR: 0.9-1.7 L/min/M<sup>2</sup>

O<sub>2</sub> Transport / Red Cell Flow Ratio = CvO<sub>2</sub> / RCFR \_\_\_\_\_

Ratio: 0.08-0.16

RCM L/M<sup>2</sup> = RBC Volume (Liters) / BSA (M<sup>2</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

RCM = PV / [1.157 / HCT] -1 \_\_\_\_\_

PV in L

.HCT

Important in Polycythemia, as RCM is increased and PV is not!

Oxygen Transport / Red Cell Mass Ratio = CvO<sub>2</sub> / RCM x 10 \_\_\_\_\_

RCM in mls

Ratio: 0.08-0.16

$$\text{TOEE} = a\text{-vO}_2\text{content diff} / \text{RCM} \times 10$$

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Tissue Oxygen Extraction Efficiency Ratio

Red Cell Mass L/M<sup>2</sup> (Normal: 0.95-1.21)

RBCV in L/BSA = RCM<sub>M</sub><sup>2</sup>

Normal: 35 – 45

$$\text{O}_2\text{ER} = \text{VO}_2 / \text{DO}_2 \times 100$$

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Use: VO<sub>2</sub> / DO<sub>2</sub>

VO<sub>2</sub> is approximately 250 ml/min (VO<sub>2</sub>max in a non-athlete 75kg person is about 3L/min)

DO<sub>2</sub> is approx 1 L/min

O<sub>2</sub>ER is 25% (increases to ~70% during maximal exercise in an athlete)

SvO<sub>2</sub> 70%

O<sub>2</sub>ER varies for different organs:

cardiac O<sub>2</sub>ER = >60%

hepatic O<sub>2</sub>ER = 45-55%

renal O<sub>2</sub>ER = <15%

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Extraction Ratio} = \text{VO}_2 / \text{DO}_2$$

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Normal 0.2 – 0.3, corresponds to ScVO<sub>2</sub> 70-80%

↑ Tissues are extracting excessive amounts since oxygen delivery is inadequate due to inadequate cardiac output or perfusion flow rate

↓ Low normal or below indicates failure of microcirculation with adequate oxygen uptake due to shunting and microvascular occlusion resulting in tissue ischemia, confirmed by increased lactate level

OER of 0.5 suggests that about 50% of arterial oxygen is gone by the time the blood returns to the heart

OER of 20% suggests something is wrong with the circulation (it might be too fast), unfortunately, there is nothing specific about the OER; it only describes the matching of supply and demand, but it is powerless to identify the cause of a mismatch

$$\text{VO}_2 = \text{CO} \times (\text{CaO}_2 - \text{CvO}_2) \times 10$$

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CO L/min...this is the global oxygen consumption

(VO<sub>2</sub> normally 25% of DO<sub>2</sub>)

(Normal: 200-250 ml/min), (CPB: > 150 ml/min)

$$\text{DO}_2 = \text{CO} \times \text{CaO}_2 \times 10$$

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CO L/min...this is the global oxygen delivery

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Extraction Ratio} = 100\% - \text{SvO}_2 \text{ (in percent)}$$

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Assuming SaO<sub>2</sub> 100%

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Extraction Ratio} = (\text{SaO}_2 - \text{SvO}_2) / (\text{SaO}_2)$$

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(Normal: 22-30%, Range: 0.2-0.3, the point where O<sub>2</sub> Extraction is maximal is the anaerobic threshold)

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Extraction Ratio} = (\text{CaO}_2 - \text{CvO}_2) / \text{CaO}_2 \times 100$$

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(Normal: 20-30%)

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Extraction Index} = (\text{SaO}_2 - \text{SvO}_2) / \text{SaO}_2 \times 100$$

(Normal: 20-25%)

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$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Extraction Index} = \text{VO}_2 / \text{DO}_2 = (\text{CaO}_2 - \text{CvO}_2) / \text{CaO}_2$$


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**An abnormally HIGH O<sub>2</sub>ER**

*Inadequate oxygen delivery:*

- Hypoxia
- Anaemia
- Blood flow insufficiency: shock states of all sorts

*Increased oxygen consumption:*

- Increased muscle activity:
  - Exercise, including respiratory effort
  - Shivering
  - Seizures
- States of inflammation, eg. sepsis
- Increased metabolic rate:
  - Hyperthermia
  - Hyperthyroidism
  - Catecholamine excess
  - Response to massive injury or burns

*Abnormal circulation:*

- Right-to-left shunt (cyanotic defect)
- Arteriovenous malformations
- Portosystemic shunts (in liver disease)

*Measurement artifact:*

- Post-collection error in the VBG (prolonged sample-to-machine transit time)

**An abnormally LOW O<sub>2</sub>ER**

*Increased oxygen delivery:*

- Hyperbaric oxygen
- Polycythaemia
- Hyperdynamic circulation
  - Artificial circulation, eg. ECMO
  - High cardiac output state, eg. sepsis, cirrhosis, anxiety,

*Decreased oxygen consumption:*

- Decreased muscle activity:
  - Sedation
  - Paralysis
  - Atrophy
  - Mechanical ventilation
- Decreased metabolic rate:
  - Hypothermia
  - Hypothyroidism
  - Starvation
- Failure of oxygen utilisation
  - Mitochondrial dysfunction in sepsis
  - Cyanide toxicity (among others)

*Abnormal circulation:*

- Left-to-right shunt (non-cyanotic defect)
- Microcirculatory shunt (eg. in sepsis)
- Tourniquet (large fraction of the circulation excluded by occlusion, eg. aortic crossclamp)

*Measurement artifact:*

- Central venous rather than mixed venous samples (SvO<sub>2</sub> is frequently higher)
- Inadequate mixing of blood (PA catheter in the wrong position)

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Availability} = (\text{CaO}_2 \times \text{CI}) \times 10$$


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$$\text{DO}_2 = (\text{Q} \times \text{CaO}_2 \times 10)$$

CO L/min

(Normal: 950-1150 ml/min)

(CPB: > 400 ml/min)

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$$\text{DO}_2 \text{ Index} = (\text{CaO}_2 \times \text{CI} \times 10)$$

(Normal: 550-650 ml/min/M<sup>2</sup>)

(CPB: > 272 ml/min/M<sup>2</sup>)

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$$\text{VO}_2 = \text{DO}_2 \times (\text{SaO}_2 - \text{SvO}_2)$$

Fractional Saturations

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$$\text{VO}_2 = (1.34 \times \text{Hb}) (\text{Q} \times \text{SaO}_2 - \text{SvO}_2) \times 10$$

Q L/min, Normal: 200 – 280 ml/min

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$$\text{VO}_2 \text{ Index} = (\text{Pump Flow}) (\text{a-v O}_2 \text{Content Difference}) / \text{BSA} \times 10$$

ml O<sub>2</sub>/min/M<sup>2</sup>

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$$\text{VO}_2 \text{ Index} = (\text{CaO}_2 - \text{CvO}_2) \times (\text{CI}) \times 10$$

(Normally 115-165 ml/min/M<sup>2</sup>)

(PvO<sub>2</sub> of 28 is required to cause oxygen to diffuse into cells, below this point anaerobic metabolism occurs. This is equivalent to an SvO<sub>2</sub> of 50% unless the oxyhemoglobin curve is shifted.)

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$$\text{OTRCF} = \text{VO}_2 \text{ Index} / \text{RCFR} \times 0.001$$

Oxygen Transport Red Cell Flow Rate Ratio

Normal: 0.08 – 0.16

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$$\text{OTRCM} = \text{VO}_2 \text{ Index} / \text{Red Cell Mass} \times 0.001$$

Oxygen Transfer Red Cell Mass Ratio

Red Cell Mass (Normal: 0.95 – 1.21 L/M<sup>2</sup> or ml/M<sup>2</sup>)

Normal: 0.08 – 0.16

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$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Utilization Coefficient} = (\text{VO}_2 / \text{DO}_2)$$

(Normal: ~ 70%)

(Predictor of severity of critical illness)

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$$\text{CO}_2 \text{ GAP} = (\text{PvCO}_2 - \text{PaCO}_2)$$

(Normal: 5 mmHg or <)

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$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Index} = (\text{MAP} \times \text{FiO}_2 \times 100) / (\text{PaO}_2)$$

(very good < 5, medium 10 - 20, poor > 25)

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$$\text{VCO}_2 = \text{Wt}_{\text{Kg}} \times \text{VCO}_2$$

Normal: 2.9 – 3.5 ml/Kg/min

VCO<sub>2</sub> mls/Kg/min ~ 3.2ml/Kg/min

Normal VCO<sub>2</sub>: 120 – 320 ml/min

3.2 x Wt<sub>kg</sub> to estimate since if is not measured

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$$\text{PaO}_2 / \text{FiO}_2 \text{ Ratio}$$

(used as an indirect estimate of shunt fraction, PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> < 200, QsQt > 20%,

PaO<sub>2</sub> / FiO<sub>2</sub> > 200, QsQt < 20%)

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## Red Blood Cell Indices:

### RDW (Red Cell Distribution Width)

The coefficient of variation of the red cell volume – distribution histogram

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### MCV = $HCT \times 10 / RBC (x 10^{12}/L)$

Mean Cell (Corpuscular) Volume

Average Volume of the RBC(Femtoliters [fL] or  $10^{-15}$ Liter)

Normal: 78 -100 fL

Low MCV = Microcytic

High MCV = Macrocytic

MCV: reflects the Cell Volume in femtoliters, Small vs Big

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### MCH = $Hb \times 10 / RBC (x10^{12}/L)$

Mean Cell Hemoglobin

Average weight of Hb in the RBC (Picograms [pg] or  $10^{12}$  grams)

red cell hemoglobin content in picograms

Normal: 26 - 32 pg per red cell

MCH: reflects the Hb CONTENT (in picograms) of each red cell

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### MCHC = $Hb \times 100 / HCT$

Mean Cell Hemoglobin Concentration

Average concentration of Hb in the RBC Volume (g/dL)

Hemoglobin concentration of the packed red cells (minus plasma)

Normal: 31-37 g/dL (of erythrocytes)

Low MCHC: Hypochromic

High MCHC Hyperchromic

reflects the

concentration of Hb in

the red cell (g/dL)

MCHC: reflects the Hb CONTENT (in picograms) of each red cell

“Pale” vs “Deep Red”

Hypo- vs Hyperchromic

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## RBC indices explained

The above calculator estimates the three RBC indices based on hemoglobin and hematocrit values and on red blood cell count. RBC indices reflect characteristics of the circulating red blood cell population: size, shape or Hb composition. These can be measured directly in laboratory based on a small venous blood sample, obtained following a normal blood test. They help differentiate between types of anemia, a condition in which the number of red blood cells or the quantity of hemoglobin fall below normal. There are three variables that are used to calculate the RBC indices:

- Hemoglobin: The protein responsible with oxygen transport in the blood with normal values between 12 and 18 g/dL, with slight variation for gender.
- Hematocrit: The ratio of RBC to total blood volume, with normal values between 37 and 52% and determined via centrifugation of blood.
- Red blood cell count: The number of RBC in the sample, with normal range between 4.2 and  $6.3 \times 10^{12}/L$ .

The table below summarizes the formulas (in which the variables discussed above are employed) and normal values for each RBC index:

RBC indices	Formula	Normal range	Reporting unit
MCV	$MCV = (\text{Hematocrit } \%) / (\text{RBC} \times 10^{12}/\text{L}) \times 10$	80 – 96 fL	fL (femtoliter)
MCHC	$MCHC = (\text{Hemoglobin in g/dL}) / (\text{Hematocrit } \%) \times 100$	33.4 - 35.5 g/dL	g/dL
MCH	$MCH = (\text{Hemoglobin in g/dL}) / (\text{RBC} \times 10^{12}/\text{L}) \times 10$	27 - 33 pg	pg (picogram)

### Mean Corpuscular Volume

MCV offers information about the average size of red blood cells and is measured in femtoliters, which is equivalent to  $10^{-15}$  L. Reference values are between 80 and 96 fL, according to the American Association for Clinical Chemistry. Other sources provide normal values between 80 and 100 fL or 83 and 97 fL and there may be some laboratory variation too.  $MCV \text{ in fL} = (\text{Hematocrit } \%) / (\text{RBC} \times 10^{12}/\text{L}) \times 10$   
Erythrocytes with normal MCV are called normocytic, those with high MCV are called macrocytic and those with low MCV are microcytic. The following table describes the types of anemia reflected by the erythrocyte size:

MCV	Type of anemia	Likely causes
Elevated	Macrocytic	B12 deficiency, folate deficiency, chemotherapy
Normal	Normocytic	Sudden blood loss, sepsis, malignancy, kidney failure
Low	Microcytic	Iron deficiency, chronic diseases, thalassemia

This is deemed the most important of the RBC indices because it also contributes to the calculation of and the red blood cell distribution width.

### Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin

MCH indicates the average weight of hemoglobin in the RBC blood sample. The measurement unit is picogram, which is equivalent to  $10^{-12}$  grams. The normal range for adults is between 27 and 33 pg according to the American Association for Clinical Chemistry but other sources also provide 27 - 31 pg.

The formula is:

$$MCH \text{ in pg} = (\text{Hemoglobin in g/dL}) / (\text{RBC} \times 10^{12}/\text{L}) \times 10$$

Macrocytic erythrocytes tend to have a larger concentration of hemoglobin. MCH levels in the PLT/MCH ratio can help in the differentiation of microcytic anemia causes: iron deficiency anemia (IDA) vs combined deficiency B12 and iron, IDA-B12 anemia.

## Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin Concentration

MCHC determines the average concentration of hemoglobin in the red blood cell sample in g/dL. According to the American Association for Clinical Chemistry, normal adult values are between 33.4 and 35.5 g/dL. Other sources indicate a wider range: 32 - 36 g/dL.  $MCHC \text{ in g/dL} = (\text{Hemoglobin in g/dL}) / (\text{Hematocrit \%}) \times 100$

Lower than normal MCHC values indicate hypochromic RBCs, normal values are characteristic for normochromic erythrocytes whilst greater than normal MCHC values indicate hyperchromic cells.

## Blood Loss Assessment:

$$\text{Allowable Blood Loss} = [\text{EBV} \times (\text{Hi} - \text{Hf})] / \text{Hi}$$

EBV=Estimated Blood Volume

Hi= initial hemoglobin

Hf= final hemoglobin

$$\text{Cell Saver Blood Loss} = (\text{Bowl volume}/2) / \text{avg .HCT}) \times (\# \text{ of Bowls returned to the Pt.})$$

Average Blood Volumes:

Premature Neonates 95 mL/kg

Full Term Neonates 85 mL/kg

Infants 80 mL/kg

Adult Men 75 mL/kg

Adult Women 65 mL/kg

Normal Hct Values:

Men 42-52%

Women 37-47%

Example:

Question: Before surgery is to take place, what is the estimated blood volume (EBV) of a female patient weighing 50 kg? Also, what is the allowable blood loss (ABL) of this patient if her Hct is 45?

In the example above,  $EBV = 50\text{kg} \times 65$  (if using weight-based equation, adult woman's blood volume) = 3250

The initial Hct (Hi) = 45%, her current Hct, the final lowest acceptable Hct (Hf) = 30% (What ever cut off is used clinically to decide how low the individual's Hct will be allowed to drop. Thirty percent is used in this calculator but in reality this will vary from case to case.) So the example would look like this:

$(3250 \times (45 - 30))/45 = 1083$  Using this rough estimate, the patient in this example could lose 1083 mL of blood without needing a transfusion.

Replacing Blood Loss:

"Ideally, blood loss should be replaced with crystalloid or colloid solutions to maintain intravascular volume (normovolemia) until the danger of anemia outweighs the risks of transfusion. At that point, further blood loss is replaced with transfusions of red blood cells to maintain hemoglobin concentration (or hematocrit) at that level. For most patients, that point corresponds to a hemoglobin between 7 and 10 g/dL (or a hematocrit of 21-30%). Below a hemoglobin concentration of 7 g/dL, the resting cardiac output has to increase greatly to maintain normal oxygen delivery" (Morgan & Mikhail, 1996).

Estimating blood loss:

Dry sponges:

4x4 hold ~ 10 mL blood

Ray-techs ~ 10-20 mL blood

Lap sponges ~ 50-100 mL blood

Blood loss replacement:

Replace 1 mL blood with:

3 mL crystalloid (i.e. NS, Dextrose, LR) 1 mL colloid (i.e. albumin\*\*, Hespan®, Dextran®) 1 mL whole blood 1 mL PRBC

## Physiology / Body Water Distribution:

Henderson-Hasselbach:

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK} (6.1) + \log [\text{HCO}_3] / [\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3]$$

$$\text{HCO}_3 = \text{pH} - 6.1^{10^{\text{X}}(\text{anti log})} + [\text{X}] / [\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3] = (\text{anti log x H}_2\text{CO}_3)$$

$$\text{PaCO}_2 = \text{pH} - 6.1^{10^{\text{X}}(\text{anti log})} + [\text{HCO}_3] / [\text{X x 0.03}] = (\text{HCO}_3 / \text{anti log x 0.03})$$

$$\text{Extracellular Volume} = \text{Wt}^{0.6469} \times \text{Ht}^{0.7236} \times 0.02154$$

Plasma Volume  $\frac{1}{4}$  ECF 93% water (& 7% 'plasma solids'), Interstitial Fluid  $\frac{3}{4}$  ECF, Lymph is part of ECF, it is interstitial fluid collected by lymphatic vessels and returned to plasma  
1/3 Body H<sub>2</sub>O

$$\text{PV} = 0.065 \times \text{Weight} \times (1 - \text{Hct})$$

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$$\text{Plasma Volume} = \% \text{ of H}_2\text{O} \times \text{Wt} \times 0.074$$

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Intracellular Volume  $\frac{2}{3}$  Body H<sub>2</sub>O

$$\text{Intracellular Volume} = \% \text{ of H}_2\text{O} \times \text{Wt} \times 0.666$$

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The volumes of the various body fluid compartments can be estimated in the normal adult as:

$$\text{Total Body Water (Males)} = 2.447 - [(0.09516 \times \text{Age}_{\text{yrs}}) + (0.1074 \times \text{Ht}_{\text{cm}}) + (0.3362 \times \text{Wt}_{\text{kg}})]$$

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$$\text{Total Body Water (Females)} = 2.097 - [(0.1069 \times \text{Ht}_{\text{cm}}) + (0.2466 \times \text{Wt}_{\text{kg}})]$$

Total Body Water (TBW) = 0.6 x body weight

Extracellular Fluid Volume (ECF) = 0.2 x body weight

Intracellular Fluid Volume (ICF) = 0.4 x body weight

Plasma Volume (P) = 0.25 x ECF volume

Interstitial Fluid Volume (IF) = 0.75 x ECF volume

Most tissues are water-rich and contain 70-80% water. The three major exceptions to this are:

Plasma: 93% water (& 7% 'plasma solids')

Fat: 10-15% water

Bone: 20% water

Transcellular Fluid, which is not part of ICF or ECF. Transcellular fluids are separated from the rest of the body fluids by a layer of cells, and they include gastrointestinal, peritoneal, pleural, and cerebrospinal fluids. Collectively, the volume of transcellular fluids is small, so they are ignored in the above summary numbers.

Volume = Amount / Concentration

**Body Fluid Compartments (70 kg male)**

	<b>% of Body Weight</b>	<b>% of Total Body Water</b>	<b>Volume (Litres)</b>
<b>ECF</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>
Plasma	4.5	7.5	3.2
ISF	12.0	20.0	8.4
Dense CT water	4.5	7.5	3.2
Bone water	4.5	7.5	3.2
Transcellular	1.5	2.5	1.0
<b>ICF</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>TBW</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>42 liters</b>

<b>Typical Electrolyte Concentrations in Some Transcellular Fluids (in mmol/l)</b>				
	<b>[Na<sup>+</sup>]</b>	<b>[K<sup>+</sup>]</b>	<b>[Cl<sup>-</sup>]</b>	<b>[HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>]</b>
Saliva	20-80	10-20	20-40	20-60
Gastric juice	20-100	5-10	120-160	0
Pancreatic juice	120	5-10	10-60	80-120
Bile	150	5-10	40-80	20-40
Ileal fluid	140	5	105	40
Colonic fluid	140	5	85	60
Sweat	65	8	39	16
CSF	147	3	113	25