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List of Abbreviations

Abb. Meaning
ARDSAcute respiratory distress syndrome
ARISEAustralian resuscitation in sepsis variation
cIVCCollapsibility of inferior vena cava
COCardiac output
CO ₂ Carbon dioxide
O ₂ Oxygen
CVPCentral venous pressure
dIVC Dispensability index of inferior vena cava
ECFExtra cellular fluid
EDEmergency department
FNHTRFebrile non-haemolytic transfusion reaction
FTFlow time
FTcFlow time corrected for heart rate
GEBVGlobal end diastolic blood volume
HESHydroxyethylstarch
HLAHuman leucocytic Antigen
ICFIntracellular fluid
ITBVIntrathoracic blood volume
LVLeft ventricle
LVEDVLeft ventricular end diastolic volume
LVEPPLeft ventricular end diastolic pressure
MSFPMean systemic filling pressure
NoNitric oxide
NSNormal saline
PACPulmonary artery catheterization

List of Abbreviations

Meaning

Abb.	
PAOPPulmonary artery occlusion pressure	
Pa-vO2 Arterial to central venous PO ₂ gradient	
PPVPulse pressure variation	
Pv-Aco2Central venous to arterial PCO ₂ gradient	
PVIPlethysomgraphy variability index	
RAPRight atrial pressure	
RLRinger lactate	
RRTRenal replacement therapy	
RVRight ventricle	
SAFESaline vs albumin evaluation	
SOFA score Sequential organ assessment score	
SVStroke volume	
SvO2 Mixed venous oxygen saturation	
SVVStroke volume variation	
TBSATotal body surface area	
TRALI Transfusion related acute lung injury	
TTDTranspulmonary thermodilution	
UOPUrinary output	
VTIVelocity time integral	

Abstract

As the limitations of static measures became evident, changes in preload induced by intrathoracic pressure changes during mechanical ventilation as predictors of volume responsiveness were suggested in pulse pressure variations as a dynamic index.

Other dynamic indices include stroke volume variations and plethysmography variability index, stroke volume variation and dynamic echo. Limitations of some of these methods include mechanical ventilation and strict use criteria.

The fluid management of septic shock and burn were discussed, including the guide lines for septic shock management and two popular formulas for burn management; the parkland and Muir and Barclay formula.

Key words: Total body surface area, Transfusion related acute lung injury, Transpulmonary thermodilution, Urinary output, Velocity time integral

INTRODUCTION

1 ntravenous fluid therapy has evolved significantly over time, to improve patient outcomes, moreover fluids used in ICU could be broadly classified into crystalloids and colloids (Reddy et al., 2016).

Resuscitation fluids are broadly categorized into colloid and crystalloid solutions. Colloid solutions are suspensions of molecules within a carrier solution that are relatively incapable of crossing the healthy semipermeable capillary membrane owing to the molecular weight of the molecules. Crystalloids are solutions of ions that are freely permeable, containing concentrations of sodium and chloride that determine the tonicity of the fluid (Nicholas, 2011).

Volume expansion is one of the most frequent clinical decisions performed every day by anesthesiologists.volume expansion aims to increase left ventricular stroke volume and cardiac output, consequently; increasing oxygen delivery to the tissues, while avoiding tissue oedema and decrease in oxygen delivery. From here, rise the importance of reliable predictors of fluid responsiveness (Vincent, 2008).

Historically, static parameters of fluid responsiveness were used, static parameters basically are preload parameters such as central venous pressure, pulmonary capillary wedge pressure, and/or left ventricular end-diastolic area .More

recently, dynamic parameters of fluid responsiveness relying on cardiopulmonary interactions in patients under general anesthesia and mechanical ventilation have been demonstrated to be the best predictors of fluid responsiveness in this setting (*Lansdorp et al.*, 2012).

The goal of fluid resuscitation in intensive care unit patients is to restore effective tissue perfusion and oxygen delivery. Fluid resuscitation must be started as a first-line treatment in the management of septic shock. Fluid administration should be titrated to clinical endpoints of perfusion; such as capillary refill and urine output and also to macrocirculatory parameters of global perfusion, assessment of the adequacy of resuscitation requires attention to both the macro and the microcirculation. Microcirculatory dysfunction is a central abnormality in septic shock (Barrett, 2012).

Adequate perfusion is a must as under resuscitation results in inadequate organ perfusion, while over resuscitation increased the morbidity and mortality, moreover hypovolemia isn't the only cause of hypotension and in more than half of the critically ill patients fluid boluses fail to augment blood pressure, as they fail to augment cardiac output, therefore fluid resuscitation must be coupled with indices reflecting its effectiveness (Marik et al., 2009).

AIM OF THE WORK

To highlight on the different fluids used in ICU and their application, and discussing the updates of fluid management according to the underlying diseases on evidence basis.

PHYSIOLOGY OF THE MICROCIRCULATION

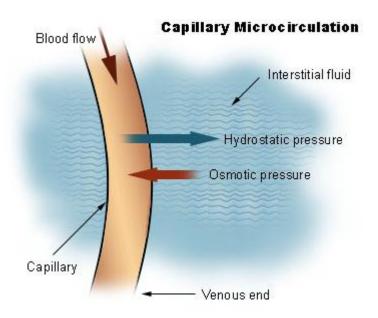


Figure (1-1): The microcirculation (*Barrett*, 2012)

Microcirculation is the circulation of the blood in the small blood vessels, which is embedded within organ tissues. The microcirculation is composed of terminal arterioles, capillaries, and venules. The arterioles are well innervated, surrounded by smooth muscle cells, and are $10\text{-}100\,\mu\text{m}$ in diameter, carrying the blood to capillaries, which are not innervated, have no smooth muscle, and are about 5-8 μ m in diameter. The venules, have little smooth muscle and are $10\text{-}200\,\mu\text{m}$. The microcirculation include lymphatic capillaries and collecting ducts (*Barrett*, *2012*).

The main functions of the microcirculation are the delivery of oxygen (O2) and nutrients and the removal of carbon dioxide (CO₂). It also serves to regulate blood flow and tissue perfusion and thus affecting blood pressure and responses to inflammation including oedema. Most vessels of the microcirculation are lined by flattened cells of the endothelium and many of them are surrounded by contractile cells called pericytes (*Fiorenzo*, 2010).

Endothelial Cells are widely heterogeneous, where endothelium can be classified structurally to continuous endothelium, fenestrated endothelium and discontinuous endothelium (*Dore and Kristen*, 2011).

Continuous endothelium is found in most arteries, veins and capillaries of the brain, skin, lung, heart and muscle. The cells are coupled by tight junctions and anchored to a continuous basal membrane. Fenestrated endothelium is also associated with a continuous basal membrane and is characterized by the presence of trans-cellular 50–60 nm wide pores, which are sealed by a 5- to 6-nm-thick diaphragm. This is observed in tissues with an elevated trans-endothelial transport or an increased filtration role, such as endocrine and exocrine glands, gastrointestinal tract, kidney glomeruli (*Pries and Kuebler*, 2006).

The discontinuous endothelium is associated with a poorly structured basal membrane and is characterized by the

presence of large 100- to 200-nm-wide fenestrations without diaphragm. This occurs in sinusoidal vascular beds in the liver, predominantly, but also in the spleen and bone marrow (*Aird*, 2007).

The endothelial cells are involved in different tasks. Endothelial cells in general regulate hemostasis, where endothelium-derived products, maintain blood fluidity and, are involved in the coagulation cascade and the formation of blood clots, other important functions include permeability, leukocyte trafficking, regulation of vascular tone, angiogenesis, and immunity (*Pober and Sessa*, 2007).

Pericytes are contractile cells surrounding the endothelial cells of capillaries and venules throughout the body, they are embedded in a basement membrane where they communicate with endothelial cells by means of both direct physical contact and paracrine signaling, and are a key component of the neurovascular unit, which includes endothelial cells, astrocytes, and neurons, where their deficiency in the nervous system can cause the blood brain barrier to break (*Birbrair et al.*, 2015).

Functions of pericytes include the regulation of capillary blood flow, the clearance and phagocytosis of cellular debris, and the permeability of the blood-brain barrier. Pericytes stabilize and monitor the maturation of endothelial cells by means of direct communication between the cell membrane as well as through paracrine signaling (*Bergers and Song*, 2005).