Fluid Balance During Cardiopulmonary Bypass

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Introduction

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During cardiopulmonary bypass there exist some fluid shifts as a result of certain pathophysiological changes occurring during this period with subsequent interstitial fluid accumulation leading to postoperative weight gain together with organ oedema that may be more pronounced in some organs than in others altering their function.

The patient's preoperative type of cardiac disease and cardiac status may have a profound effect on fluid accumulation.

The proper preparation of fluids used during bypass together with accurate calculation of the amount of gained and lost fluids during bypass may lessen fluid accumulation, decreasing the incidence of using diuretics or oncotic agents postoperatively, and most important preventing organ dysfunction.

Physiology of Body Fluids

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Organisation of the body:

The cells that make up the body bathed in an internal sea of fluids which is the extra cellular fluid (ECF). From this fluid, the cells take up O₂ and nutrients, and discharge metabolic waste products (*Rose*, 1989).

Concerning the body fluids, the body is divided into two main compartments, intracellular and extracellular, the later is subdivided into interstitial and intravascular represented by circulating plasma volume, the interstitial fluid is the part of ECF outside the vascular system, bathing the cells (Ganong, 1993).

Size of the body fluid compartments:

About one-third of the total body water (TBW) is extracellular, while the remaining two-thirds are intracellular. In the average, TBW represents about 60% of the body weight. The intracellular compartment accounts for about 40%, and the extracellular for 20% of the body weight, being divided into 15% represented by interstitial fluid, and 5% by the plasma volume. This distribution is shown in Fig. (1) (Arieff and Defronzo, 1985).

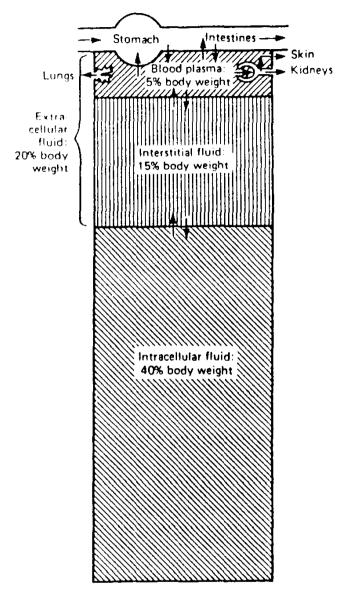


Fig. (1):

Distribution of body fluid compartments.

(Ganong, 1993)

The water content:

The water content of lean body tissue is constant at 71-72 ml/100 gm of tissue, but since fat is relatively free of water, so the ratio of TBW to body weight varies with the amount of fat present, in young male water constitutes about 60% of body weight. These values are some what lower in females, and decrease in both with age (Guyton, 1992).

Total body water and water balance:

Water balance is determined by the difference between water intake as influenced by thirst, habit and availability, and water loss through cutaneous, pulmonary, gastrointestinal and renal routes as shown in table (1), that if the intake exceeds the losses, the total body water increases and water balance will be positive, but the excess water will be distributed in such a manner to give a steady state, that one-third ECF and two thirds intracellular (Arieff and Defronzo, 1985).

		
Drink	1200	ml
in food	1000	m1
from oxidation	300	ml
Total	2500	ml
	•…	
Expired air	400	ml
Faeces	100	ml
Skin	300	ml
Urine (obligatory)	500	ml
Free urine	1200	ml
Total	2500	ml
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