

# **Patient Blood Management: Improved Decision Making with Real Time Data**

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# Learning Objectives

- Address the drivers for change in transfusion practice
- Discuss the importance of modalities for Blood Conservation
- Explain the limitations of invasive hemoglobin measurements
- Introduce the connection between real time hemoglobin data and clinical decision making
- Describe the role of SpHb Monitoring in a comprehensive Patient Blood Management Program

# Why do we need to discuss transfusion?

- 1. Frequency – more than we realize*
- 2. Risks- higher than most believe*
- 3. Costs- large and increasing*
- 4. Behavior - non evidence based*
- 5. Overuse - dangerous*



# Clinicians' Perceptions

- Safety of BLOOD - **high**
  - Risk of BLOOD - **low**
- Risk of Anemia - **unknown**
- Risk of Surgical Bleeding – **low**
  - Transfusions - **rare**

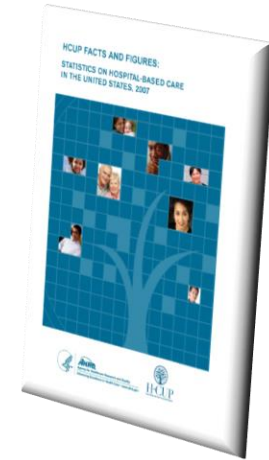


# The Reality...

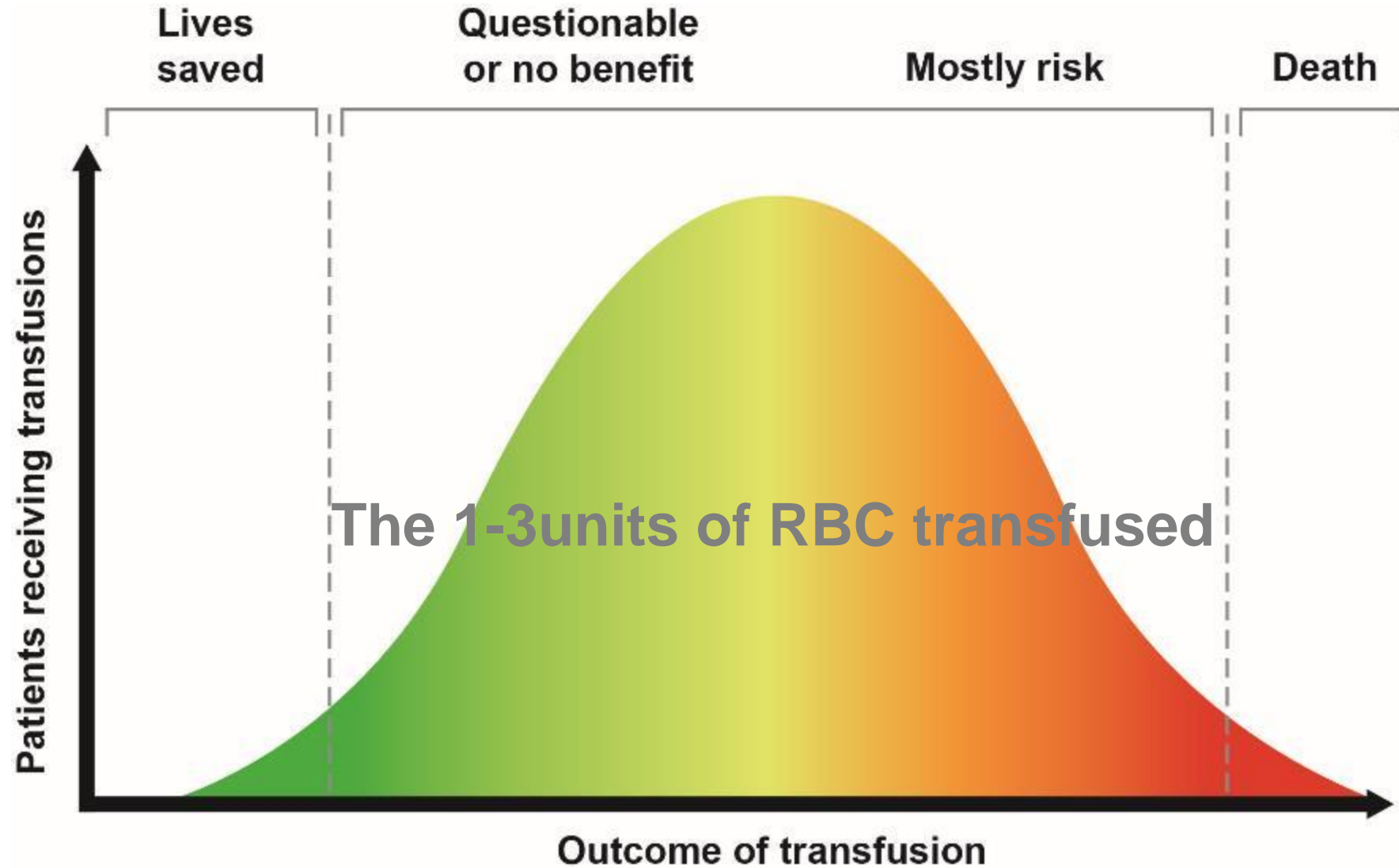
- **Transfusions are often ineffective for the purpose given**
  - **Poor delivery of oxygen at the cellular level due to storage lesion**
- **Transfusions are risky**
  - **A host of infectious and non-infectious risks**
  - **Associated with worse patient outcomes**
- **Transfusions are costly**
  - **A complex process (more tests & processing on the way)**
  - **True cost likely to be significantly higher than what hospitals pay to purchase**
- **Blood supply is inherently always limited**
  - **Constant threat of emerging pathogens**

# BLOOD TRANSFUSION

- AHRQ: Blood transfusions occurred in 1/10 of all hospital stays that had a procedure
- Most commonly performed procedure in US hospitals
- It is a Liquid Organ Transplant ordered by a physician and performed by a nurse

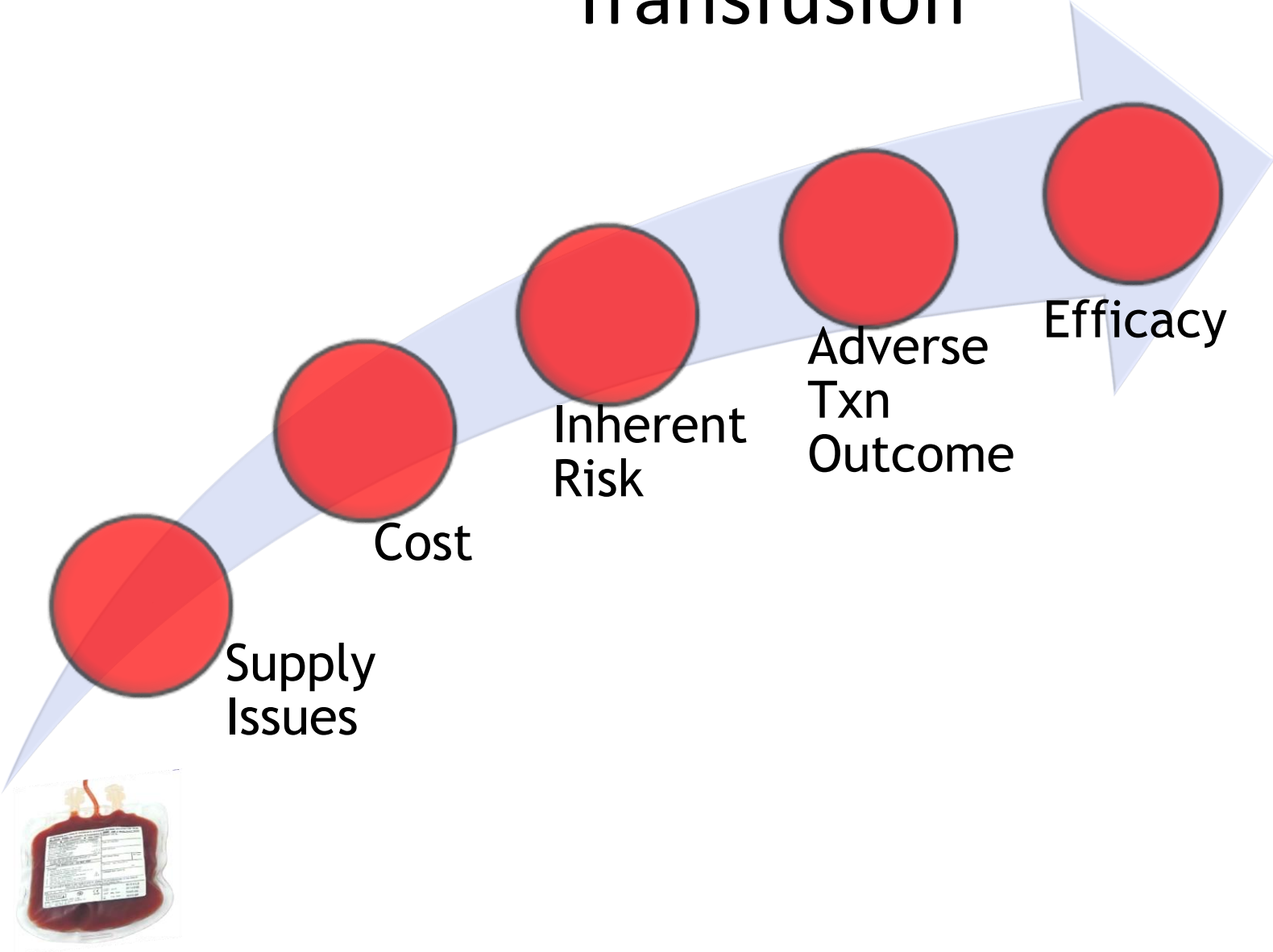


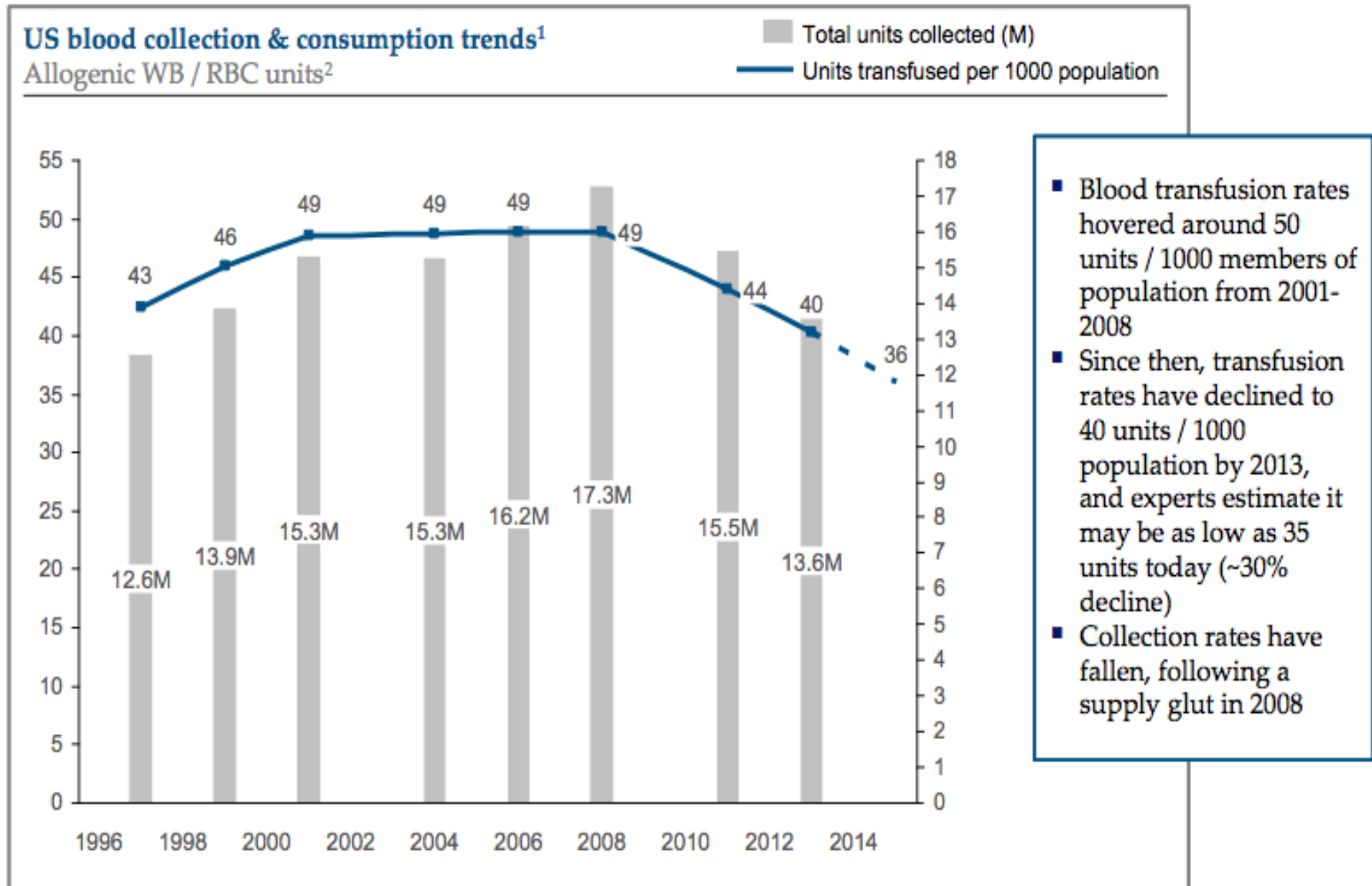
# Blood Transfusion: Who is at risk?





# Five Drivers for the Paradigm Shift in Transfusion





<sup>1</sup> Data available for survey years only; <sup>2</sup> ~450-500 mL of whole blood

SOURCE: DHHS National Blood Collection & Utilization Surveys 1997-2011; AABB Blood Survey 2013


# Blood Centers: A system in Crisis

MEDICAL ADVANCES RESULT IN A MAJOR  
DECLINE IN NEED FOR DONATED  
BLOOD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LIKE  
DOWN 47% **Blood and red ink: Hospitals**  
YEARS, PI **perform fewer transfusions**  
CENTER II **and blood banks feel the**  
**pain**



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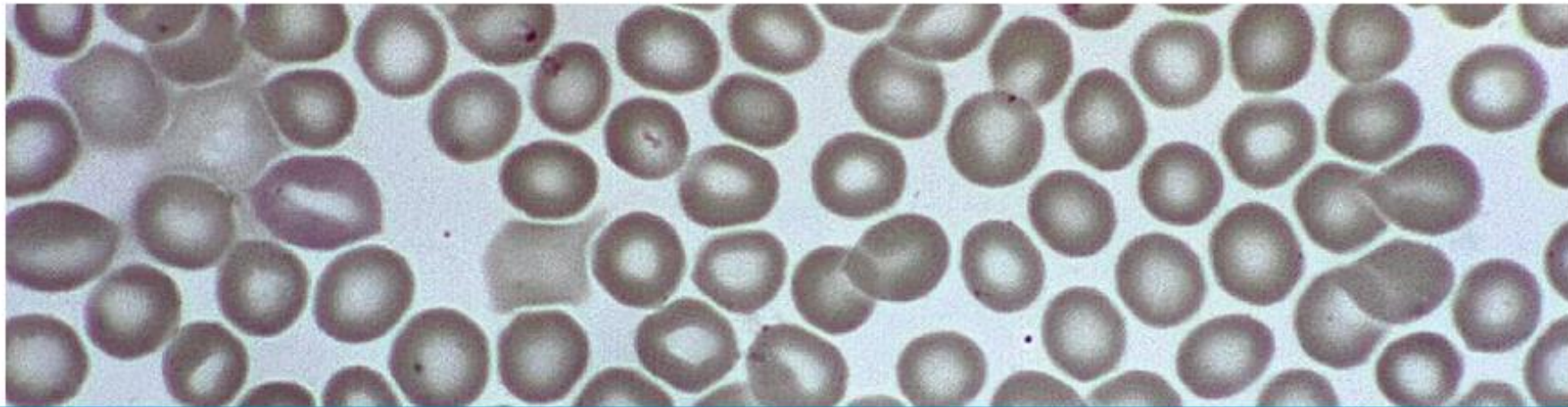


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## The Rising Risk of a Contaminated Blood Supply

Amid new pathogens and cost pressures, efforts are under way to keep patients safe





## Patient blood

**Table 1** Reported adverse outcomes associated with transfusion and populations affected

### Patient populations in whom adverse outcomes associated with RBC transfusion have been reported

ICU patients

Paediatric patients

Trauma patients

Burn patients

Combat casualties

Acute coronary syndrome patients

Oncology patients

Population based studies

Obstetrics

Cardiac surgery

Neurosurgery

Hepatic surgery

Pancreatic surgery

Transplantation surgery

Colorectal surgery

Gastric surgery

Biliary surgery

Splenectomy

General surgery

Vascular surgery

Orthopaedic surgery

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Lung surgery

Head and neck surgery

Mastectomy and reconstruction

Oesophageal surgery

Transfusion

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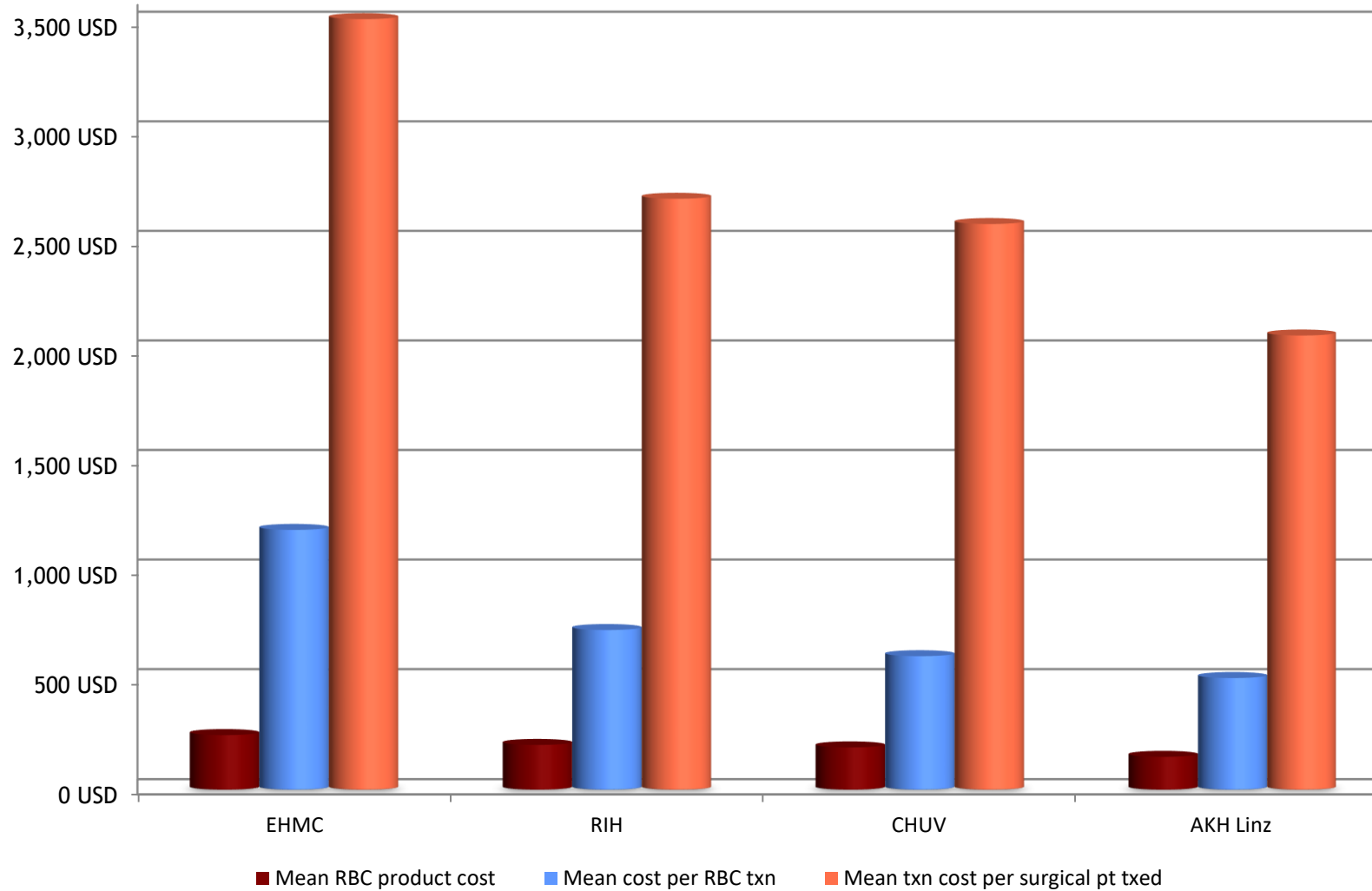
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# Activity Based Cost of Transfusion from a Provider's Perspective



**Blood use in elective surgery: the Austrian benchmark study**

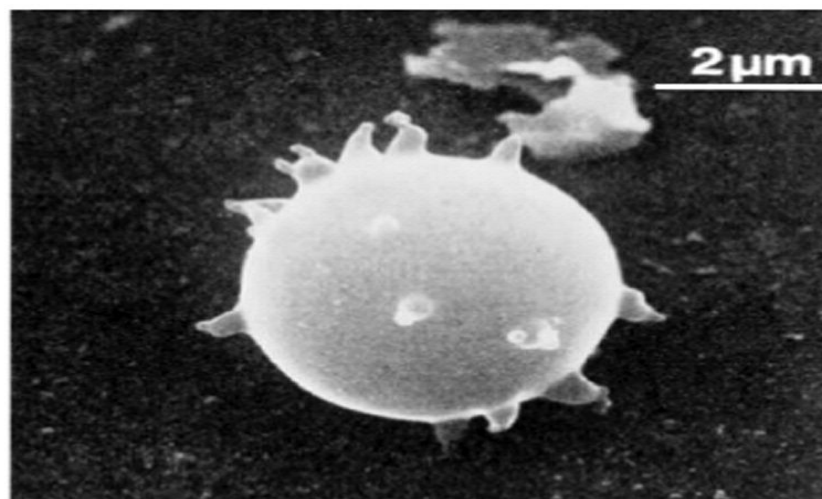
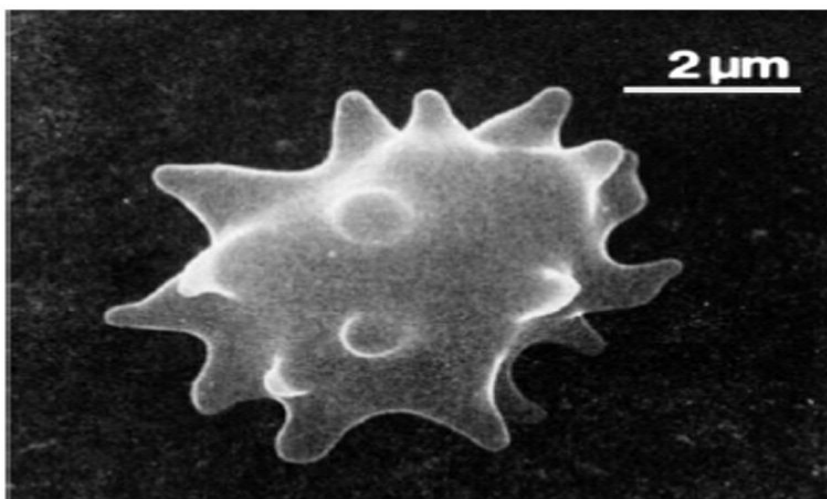
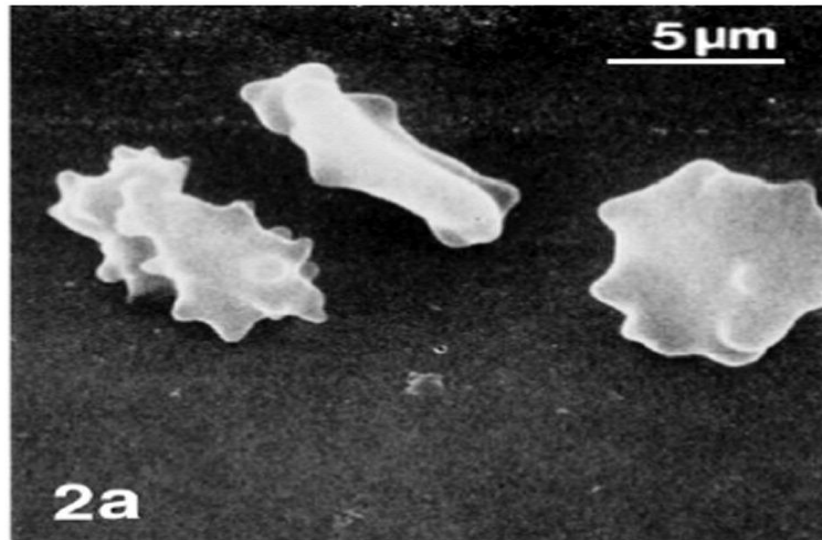
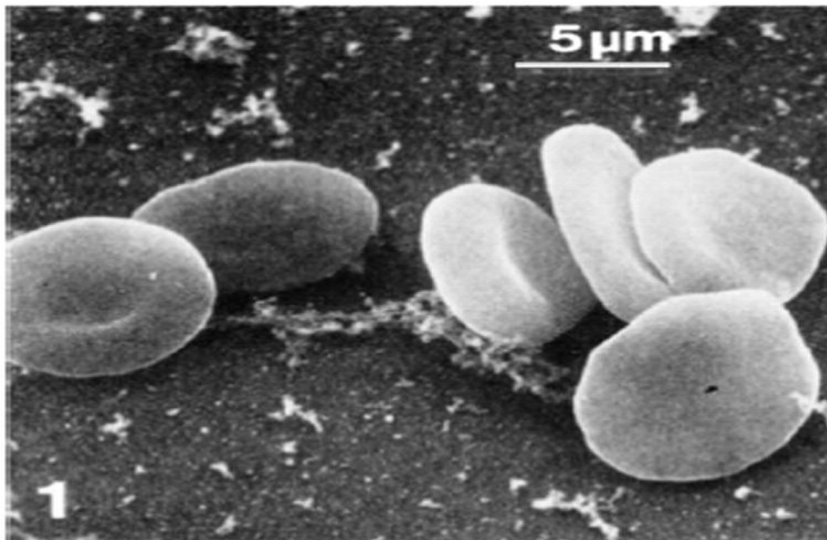
*Hans Gombotz, Peter H. Rehak , Aryeh Shander , and Axel Hofmann*

## **Who really gets transfused?**

**97.4% of all transfusions could have been predicted by:**

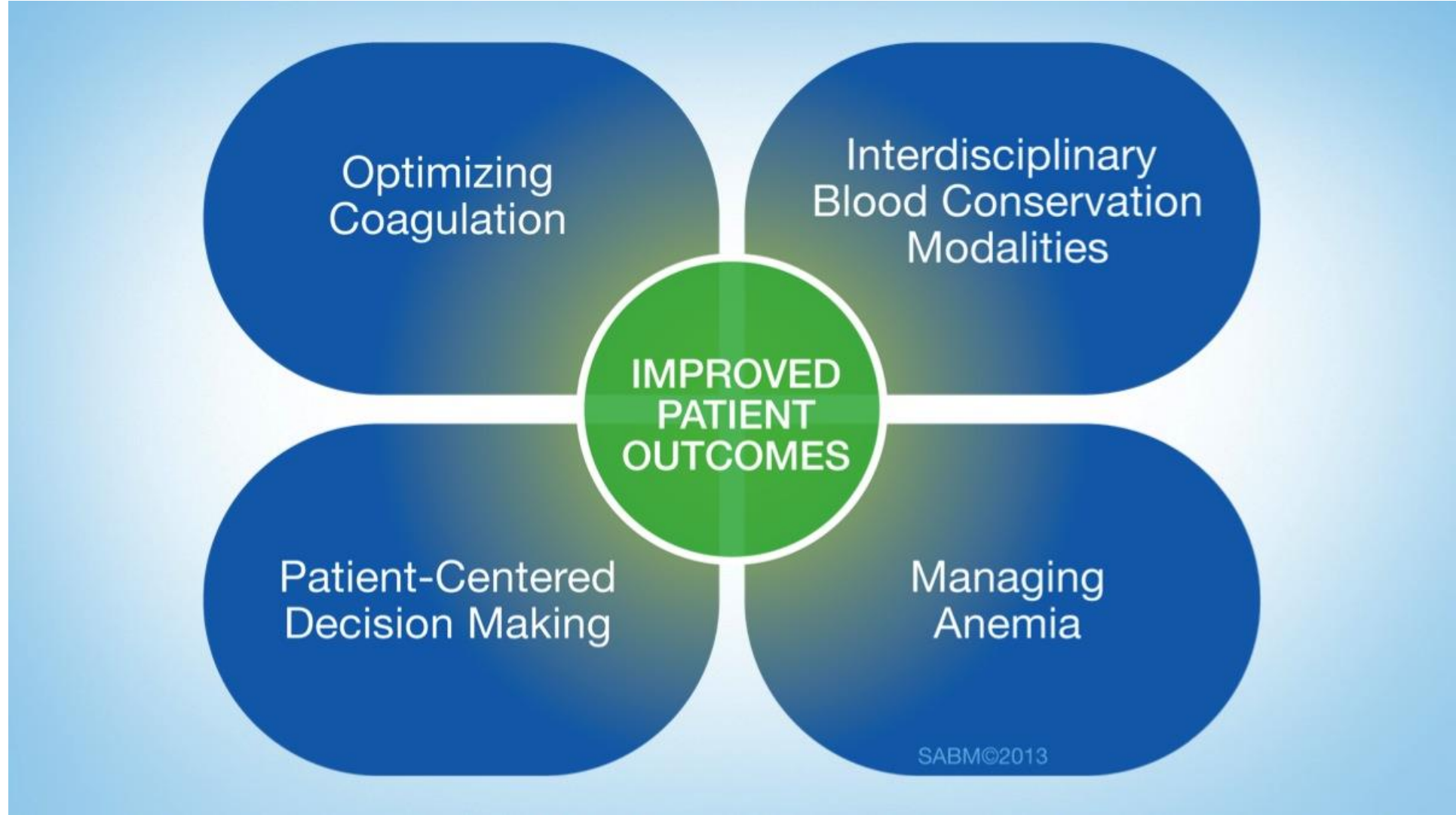
- 1. Level of anaemia prior to surgery**
- 2. Volume of perioperative blood loss**
- 3. Transfusion trigger**

# Morphology of RBC's in Stored Blood





# Patient Blood Management



# Why do we test for hemoglobin?

- To check your overall health
- To diagnose a medical condition
- To monitor a medical condition

<http://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/hemoglobin-test/basics/why-its-done/prc-20015022>

# Why do we test for hemoglobin?

- **It is a predictor of transfusion**
- **Delta Hg is associated with worse outcomes**
- **It has the ability to determine if any intervention is required or determine that the endpoint has been reached**

# Delivery of Oxygen to Tissues

Oxygen Delivery      Cardiac Output      Oxygen Content

$$DO_2 = CO \times CaO_2$$

**SV**  
Stroke Volume

**HR**  
Heart Rate

**Hgb**  
Hemoglobin Concentration

**SaO<sub>2</sub>**  
Oxygen Saturation

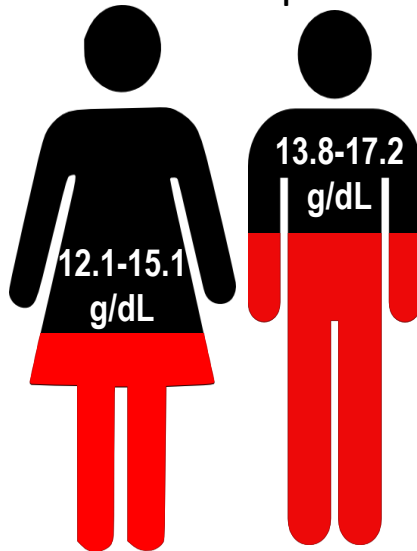
**Dissolved Oxygen**

**Hemoglobin** concentration is a significant factor of oxygen delivery to the tissues.

Decreased levels of hemoglobin can have detrimental effects in a patient due to limited delivery of oxygen to vital organs.<sup>1</sup>

# Hemoglobin Levels

- Low hemoglobin values can have multiple causes<sup>1</sup>
  - Diseases that can cause the body to produce fewer red blood cells
  - Diseases that cause the body to destroy red blood cells
  - Procedures or conditions that cause blood loss
    - Examples: a bleeding wound, GI bleeds from ulcers, etc.



Normal ranges for women and men<sup>1</sup>

- > For more severe blood loss, red blood cell (RBC) transfusion is a common method to increase hemoglobin count in the body
  - The decision to transfuse is generally based on the value of hemoglobin as well as the **clinical condition of the patient**<sup>2</sup>

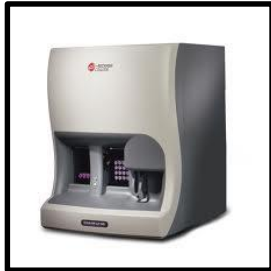
<sup>1</sup>World Health Organization Global Database on Anaemia. 2008.

<sup>2</sup>Miller's Anesthesia. 8<sup>th</sup> Edition. 2015.

# Different types of Hg measurements

- Lab analysis - Automatic blood analyzer/ CO-Oximeters are the gold standard for Hb measurement
- Capillary blood tube - spun
- POCT – Hemocue - reagent
- Non-invasive Hg monitoring
- Visual color-based POC anemia – pre-investigation

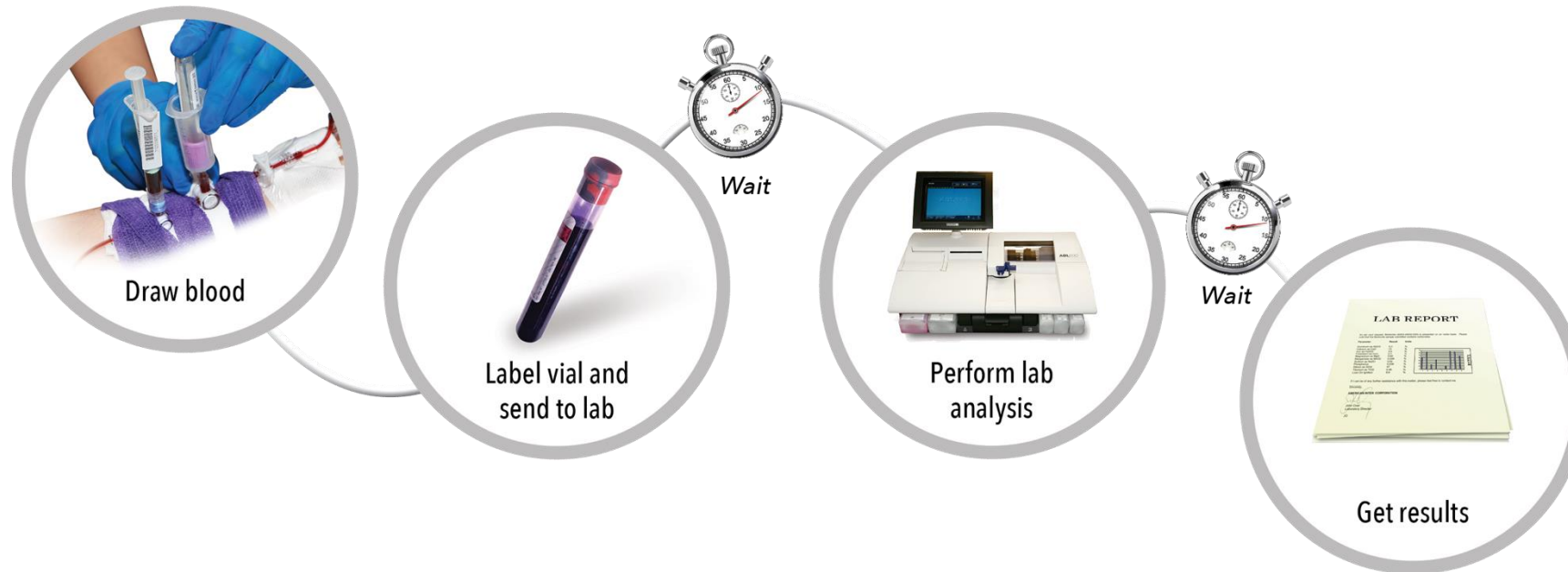
# Invasive Hemoglobin Methods



- **Cyanmethemoglobin (HiCN)**
  - **International gold standard - Complex, manual process**
- **Hematology analyzer**
  - **Best available measurement in most hospitals and reference labs - Brands: Beckman Coulter, Sysmex, Abbott, Bayer, Siemens**
- **CO-Oximeter**
  - **Acceptable measurement, less accurate at higher Hb levels - Brands: include Radiometer, Nova Biomedical**
- **Point-of-care**
  - **Least accurate invasive method but benefit is quicker test result - Brands: Hemocue, iStat**

# Limitations of Traditional Methods

Lab Hb Gives Intermittent and Delayed Results While Transfusion Decisions Are Often Made In Real Time



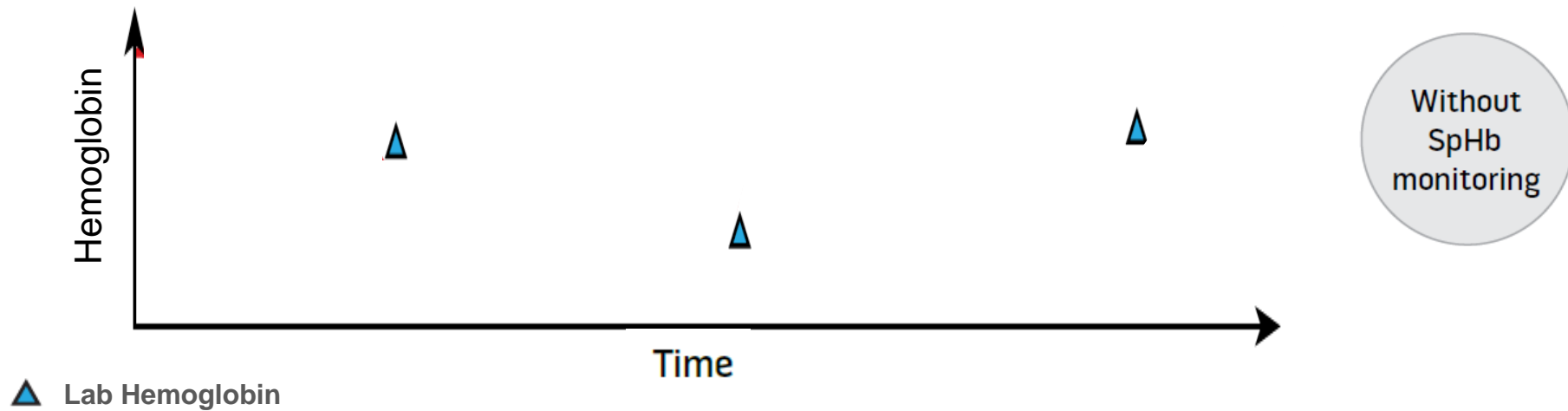
<sup>1</sup>Frank S et al. Anesthesiology. 2012.

<sup>2</sup>Shander et al. TransMed Rev. 2011.



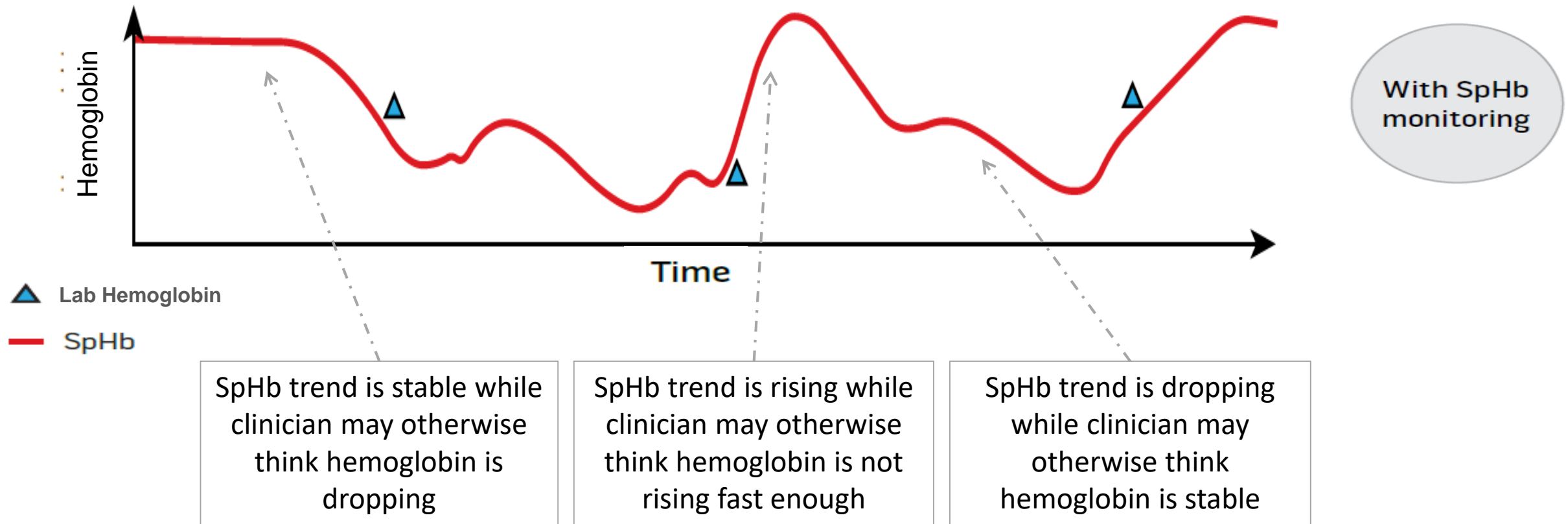
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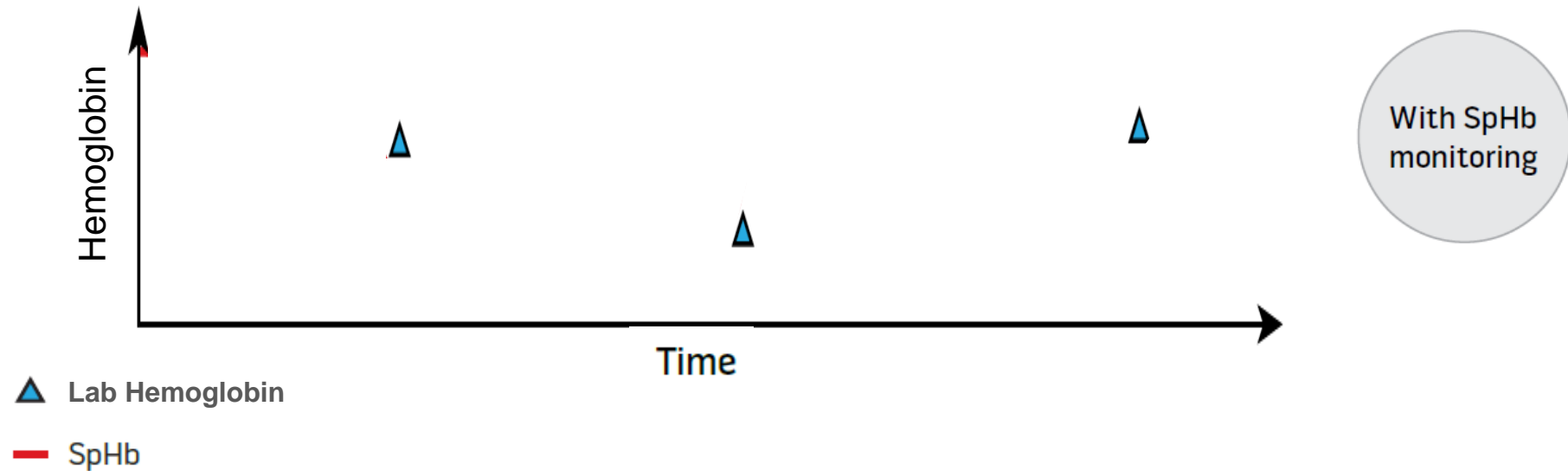
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Real-time Visibility to Changes-or Lack of Changes- in Hemoglobin between Invasive Blood Sampling



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# Testing vs. monitoring – What is the difference

- **TESTING:** A medical test is a kind of medical procedure performed to detect, diagnose, or monitor diseases, disease processes, susceptibility, and determine a course of treatment.
- **MONITORING:** In medicine, monitoring is the observation of a disease, condition or one or several medical parameters over time.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monitoring\\_\(medicine\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monitoring_(medicine))

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical\\_test](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_test)

# Hemoglobin monitoring vs hemoglobin testing

- Hemoglobin testing:
  - Reliable
  - “spot check”
  - Relatively long turnaround time
- Hemoglobin monitoring:
  - Continuous real-time monitoring and trending
  - Provides early decision ability

# Advantages of non-invasive continuous monitoring

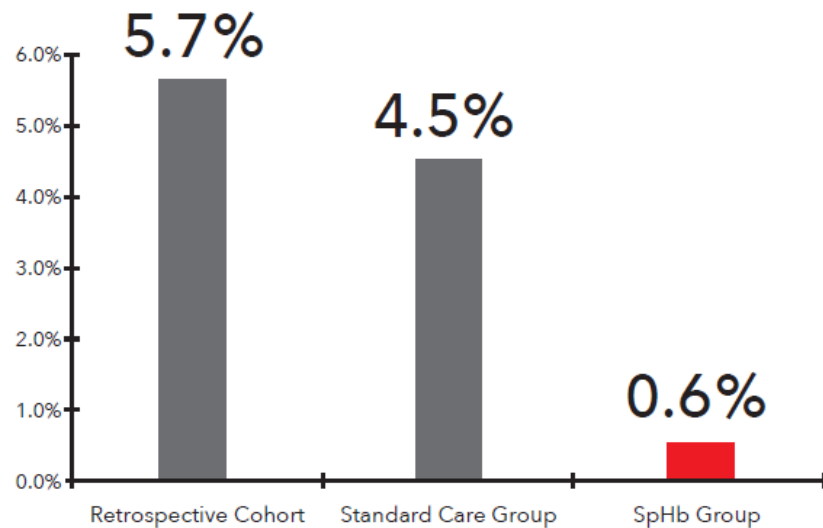
**In a study of 20 spine surgery patients (published in Anesthesia-Analgesia), Ron Miller and colleagues noted that non-invasive and continuous Hb monitoring may:**

- “Allow immediate and ongoing changing Hb levels to be displayed”
- “Allow a more rapid detection of clinically significant blood loss”
- “Has the potential to significantly improve perioperative transfusion practices”

# SpHb Utility

## Orthopedic Surgery

% of Patients Receiving RBC Transfusion



- > Randomized trial
- > 327 orthopedic surgery patients
- > Massachusetts General Hospital
- > Found that availability of SpHb monitoring reduced the rate of transfusions when compared to standard care without SpHb
  - 0.6% of the SpHb group received a transfusion
  - 4.5% of the Standard Care group received a transfusion
  - 5.7% of the Retrospective group received a transfusion

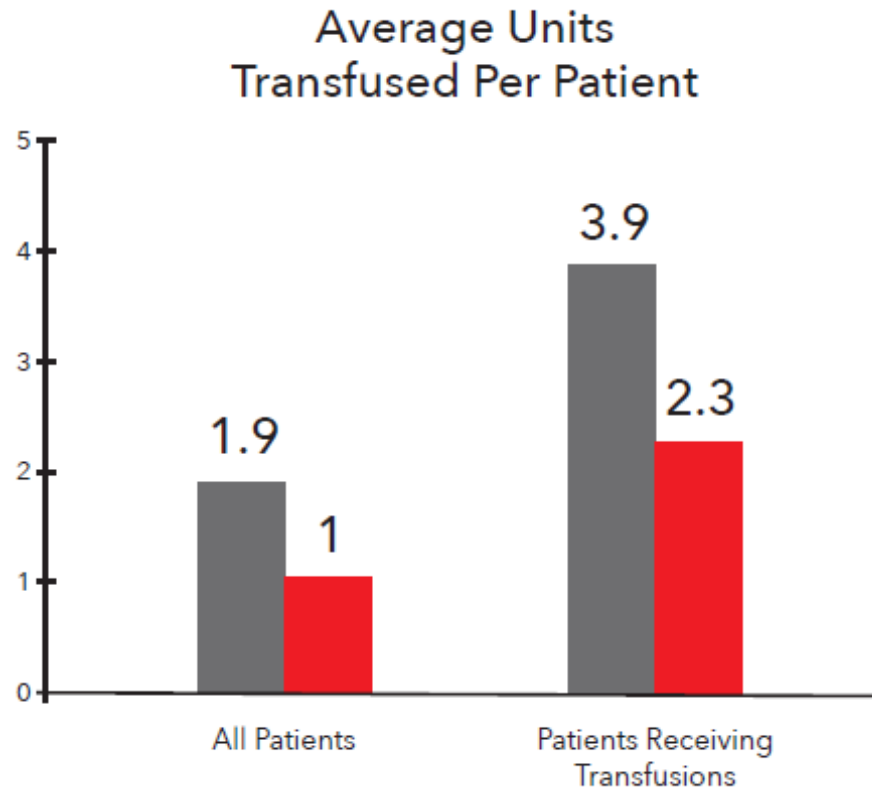
**Author Conclusion:** “the availability of SpHb decreases inappropriate transfusion (either by preventing an initial transfusion, or the transfusion of additional blood products after a single unit has been delivered).”

# SpHb Utility

## Neurosurgery

■ Control Group

■ SpHb Group



- > Prospective cohort study
- > 106 neurosurgical patients
- > Adding SpHb monitoring resulted in decreased blood utilization, while also facilitating earlier transfusions
  - Fewer units of blood transfused
  - Fewer patients receiving more than 3 units
  - A shorter time to transfusion after the need was established

**Author Conclusion:** “The ability to observe the continuous trend in hemoglobin affects transfusion behavior, allowing earlier cessation of RBC transfusion as well as earlier consideration of initiation of RBC transfusion.”



# Multi-Level Spine

## Utilization of Blood

- About 57% (aggregate) of spinal patients receive blood
  - Ranging from 26% to 79% based upon patient pathology<sup>1</sup>
- Clinicians often overestimate the need for blood in spine cases
  - Crossmatch per patient often exceeds amount transfused

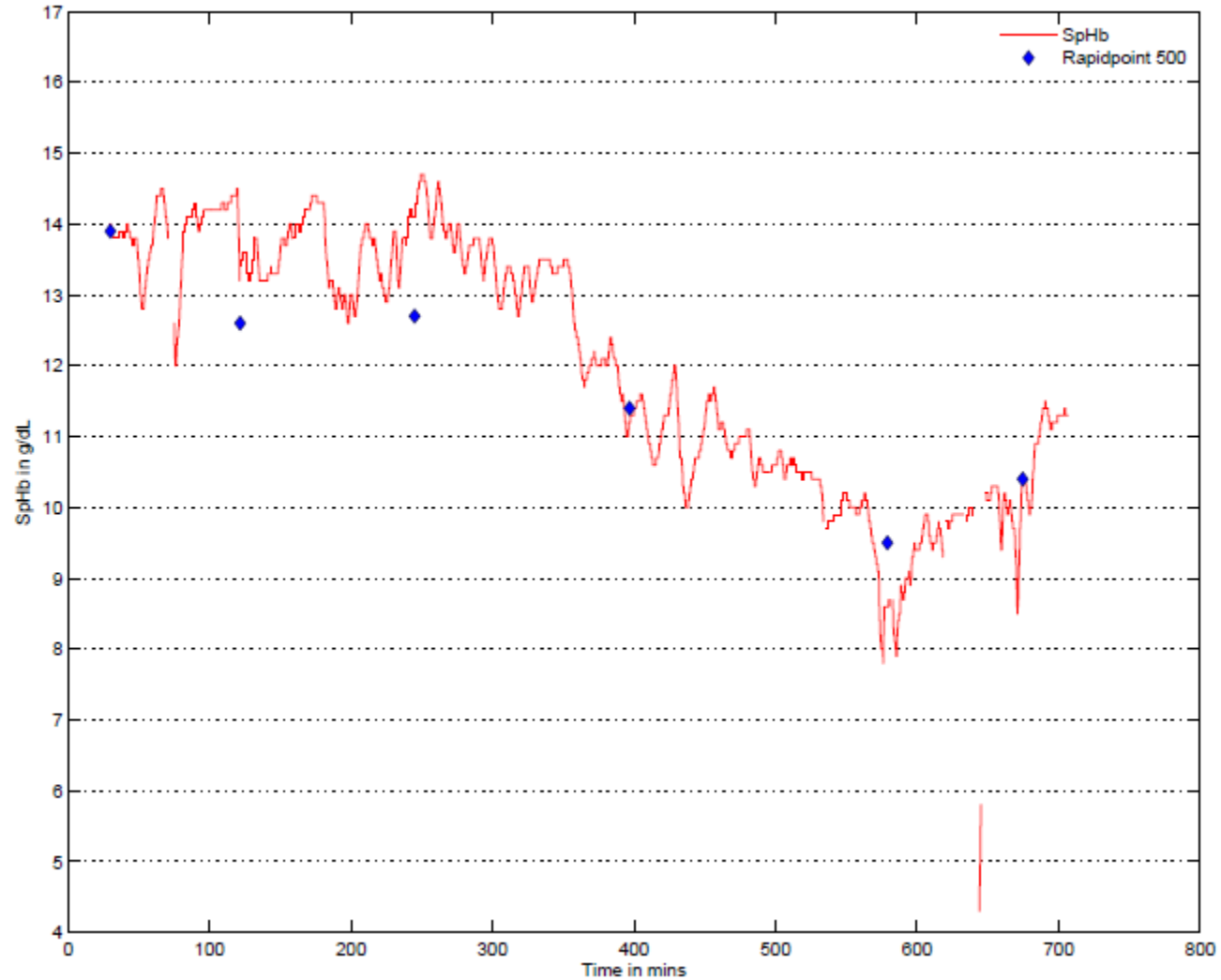


Pathology Group	Transfused	Crossmatch/ Patient	Transfuse/ Patient
Deformity (scoliosis, kyphosis)	79%	6	5
Fracture (spinal repair and fusion)	65%	6	4
Tumor (tumor removal)	50%	6	3
Painful Spine (reconstruction and fusion)	26%	3	1
<b>Total</b>	57%	5	3

<sup>1</sup>Kouritas et al. Transfusion Med. 2010.

# Multi-Level Spine

## Case Example- Pediatric Scoliosis



# Multi-Level Spine

## Peer Reviewed Studies

### > Study: **Berkow et al.**<sup>1</sup>

- Objective: To evaluate the accuracy of SpHb with tHb during complex spine procedures in patients at high risk for blood loss.
- Sample: 29 patients. Complex spine surgery

### > Authors' Conclusions:

- “Continuous, noninvasive hemoglobin measurement via Pulse CO-Oximetry demonstrated clinically acceptable accuracy of hemoglobin measurement within 1.5 g/dL compared with a standard laboratory reference device when used during complex spine surgery.”

### > Study: **Colquhoun et al.**<sup>2</sup>

- Objective: To assess the ability of the Masimo Pulse CO-Oximetry platform to measure changes in Hgb in the intraoperative setting, by comparing SpHb estimates to Hgb from arterial blood gases in major neurosurgical procedures with significant expected blood loss.
- Sample: 20 patients. Major lumbar and low thoracic spine surgery

### > Authors' Conclusions:

- “Pulse CO-Oximetry offers an acceptable trend monitor in patients undergoing major spine surgery.”

<sup>1</sup>Berkow et al. Anesth, & Analg. 2011.

<sup>2</sup>Colquhoun et al. J Clin Monit Comput. 2012.

# Multi-Level Spine

## Peer Reviewed Studies

> **Study: Miller et al.<sup>1</sup>**

- Objective: To compare the accuracy of SpHb and HemoCue® with Lab Hemoglobin Values (Coulter Counter).
- Sample: 20 general spine surgery patients

> **Authors' Conclusions:**

- **“We conclude that *SpHb could have frequently been used in many patients to guide clinical decisions* regarding the need for blood transfusions.”**

<sup>1</sup> Miller et al. Anesthesia & Analgesia. 2011.

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# Liver Transplants

## Utilization of Blood



- Liver Transplants are the bloodiest surgeries
  - Despite low procedure volumes, fall into top 5 for transfusions<sup>1</sup>
  - Procedures are long: ranging from 6 to 12 hours<sup>2</sup>
- 75% of patients who undergo liver surgery are anemic<sup>3</sup>
  - Liver disease often causes portal hypertension leading to varices and thus gastrointestinal bleeding
  - Endothelial dysfunction impacts clotting abilities and often leads to coagulopathy
  - Alcohol is toxic to bone marrow, thus impacting the ability to regenerate red blood cells
  - Treatments, such as ribavirin-induced hemolysis for Hep-C patients, may cause anemia as a complication
- The risk of bleeding from coagulopathy and iatrogenic injury is high during the early post-transplantation period<sup>4</sup>
  - Roughly 9% (7-15% per Cleveland Clinic) of patients showed abdominal bleeding occurring at a mean of 6.1 days (range 1-21 days)

<sup>1</sup>CMS data- ICD 99.0

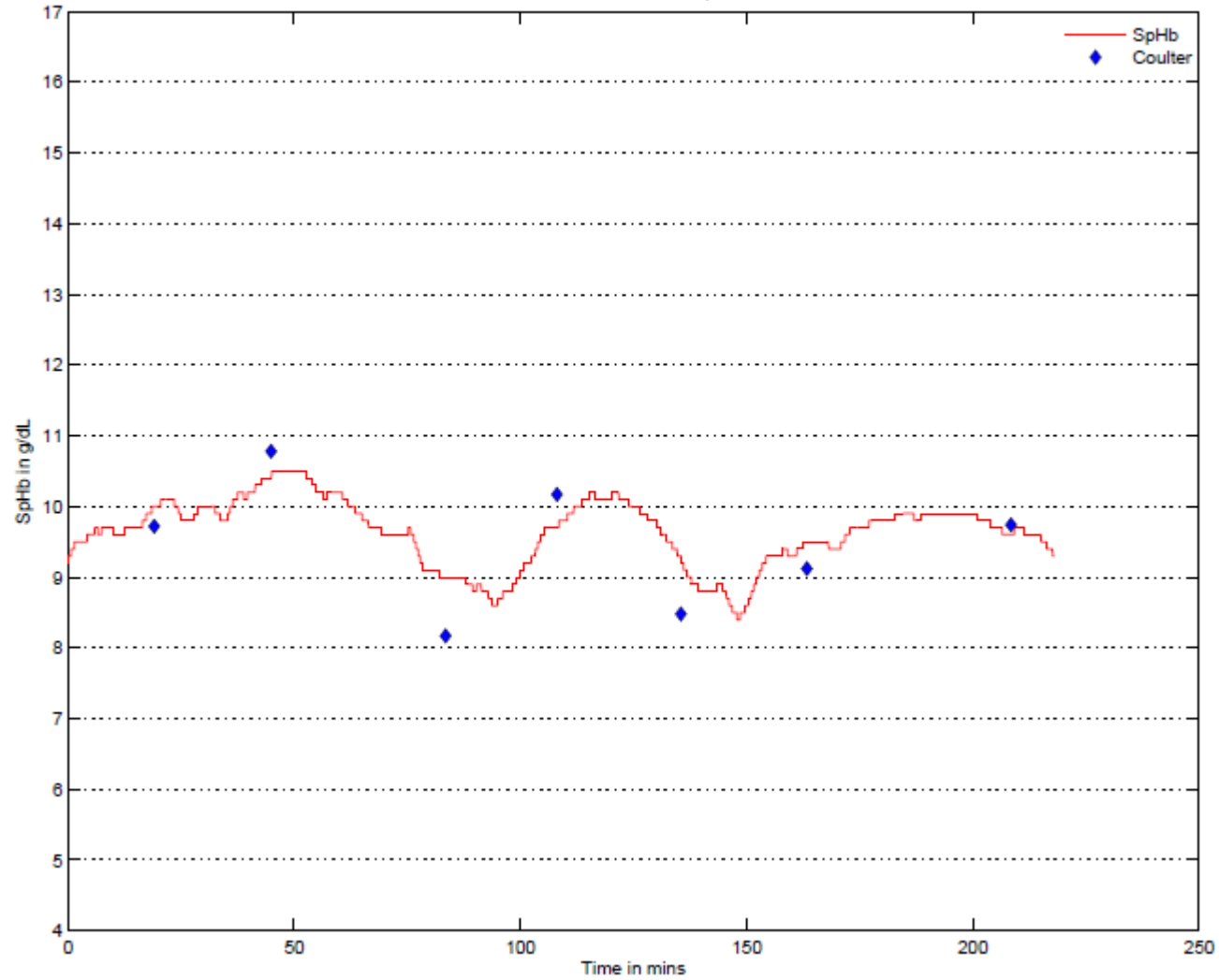
<sup>2</sup>[https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/treatments\\_and\\_procedures/hic\\_Liver\\_Transplantation](https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/treatments_and_procedures/hic_Liver_Transplantation)

<sup>3</sup>Gonzalez-Casas et al. World J Gastroenterology. 2009.

<sup>4</sup>Jung et al. Transplant Proc. 2012.

# Liver Transplant

## Case Example



# Liver Transplants

## Abstracts

### > Study: Ramsay et al.<sup>1</sup>

- Objective: To evaluate the trend accuracy of SpHb monitoring in a case series of high blood loss, liver transplant surgery patients.
- Sample: 7 patients (30 points). Liver transplants

### > Authors' Conclusions:

- “SpHb monitoring with spectrophotometric sensor provides *continuous, precise real-time data on changes in hemoglobin* during dynamic conditions such as high blood loss liver transplantation and therefore may be useful in guiding blood management.”

### > Study: Torp et al.<sup>2</sup>

- Objective: To determine if noninvasive continuous monitoring of tHb using the rainbow SET™ Pulse CO-Oximeter® is an adequate and reliable detector of the trend and magnitude of hemoglobin changes during liver transplant surgery.
- Sample: 15 patients (89 points). Liver transplants

### > Authors' Conclusions:

- “This monitor has the potential to *improve the timeliness and precision of transfusion practices* and to help clinicians maintain optimal hemoglobin levels.”

<sup>1</sup>Ramsay et al. NYPGA. 2013.

<sup>2</sup>Torp et al. NYPGA. 2010.

# Cranial and Facial

## Utilization of Blood

- > **Select cranial and facial procedures (including maxillo) have significant blood loss**
  - Glioma Excision - 834mL blood loss<sup>1</sup>
  - CP Angle Tumors - 568mL blood loss<sup>1</sup>
  - Decompressive Craniectomy - 338mL blood loss<sup>2</sup>
  - Craniofacial Surgeries - 410mL blood loss<sup>3</sup>
  - Double Jaw Osteotomies - 450mL blood loss<sup>4</sup>
  
- > **Much of the craniofacial data involves pediatric patients<sup>5-7</sup>**



<sup>1</sup>Bhatnagar et al. Indian Journal of Anaesthesia 2007.

<sup>2</sup>Desgranges et al. Childs Nerv Syst. 2014

<sup>3</sup>Abraham et al. The Internet Journal of Anesthesiology. 2014.

<sup>4</sup>Moening et al. J Oral Maxillofac Surg.

<sup>5</sup>Park et al. Anesth, & Analg. 2012.

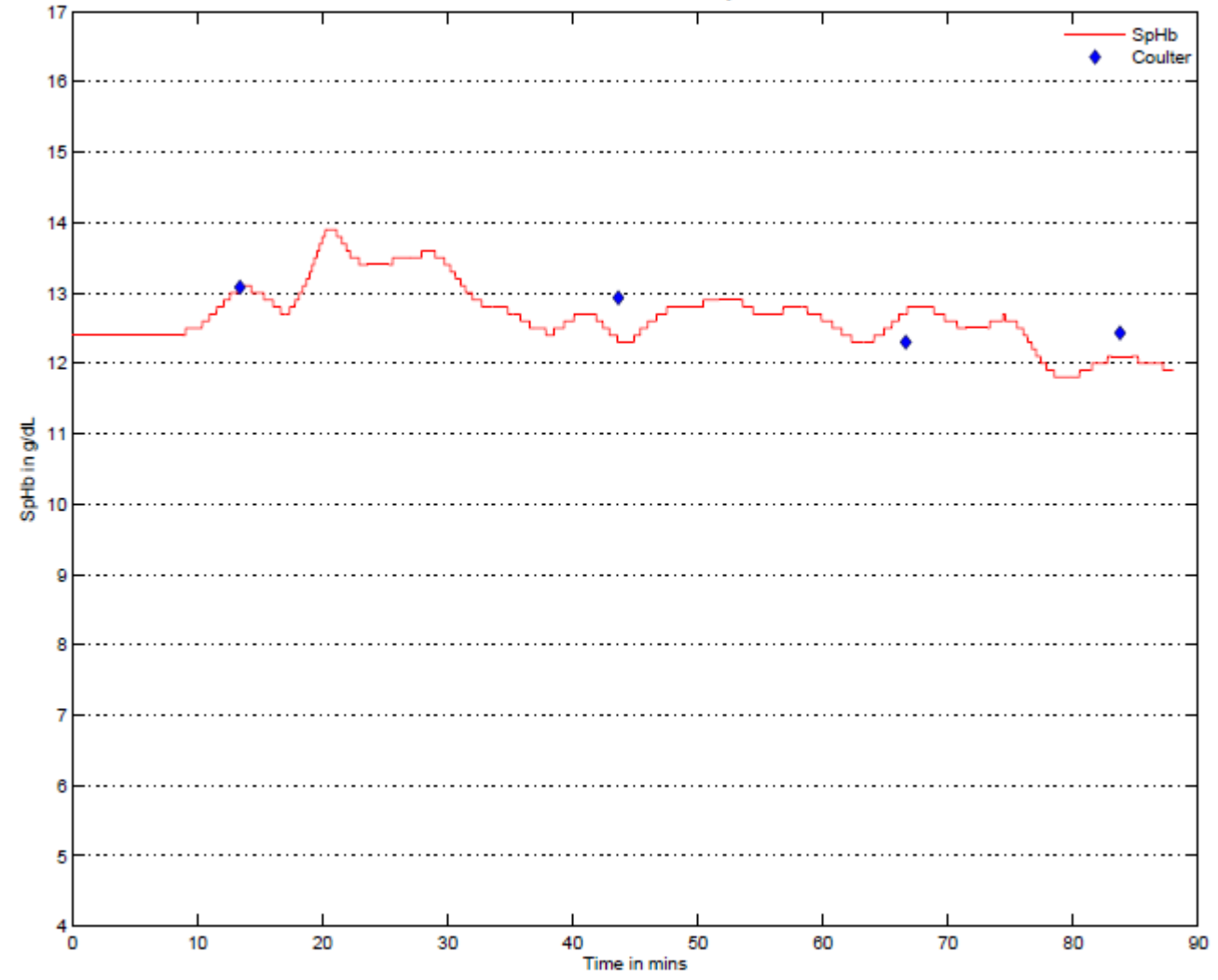
<sup>6</sup>Patino et al. Anesth & Analg. 2014.

<sup>7</sup>Loveland-Baptist et al. Annual Meeting of the ASA. 2011.



# Cranial and Facial

## Case Example- Craniectomy



# Cranial and Facial

## Peer Reviewed Studies

### > Study: Park et al.<sup>1</sup>

- Objective: To compare noninvasive measurements of SpHb with simultaneous laboratory measurements of total hemoglobin in arterial blood samples taken from children (tHb)
- Sample: 40 children (130 points). Brain tumor, craniosynostosis, or moyamoya disease

### > Authors' Conclusions:

- “The Radical-7<sup>®</sup> Pulse CO-Oximeter can be useful as a trend monitor in children during surgery even immediately after intravascular volume expanders are administered.”

### > Study: Patino et al.<sup>2</sup>

- Objective: To assess the trending and accuracy of SpHb with Hb concentration obtained with conventional laboratory techniques (Hb) in children undergoing surgical procedures with potential for substantial blood loss
- Sample: 46 children (158 points). Craniofacial surgery (among others)

### > Authors' Conclusions:

- “SpHb displayed similar trending and absolute accuracy in pediatric patients undergoing a variety of surgical procedures associated with blood loss as has been found in adult surgical patients.”

<sup>1</sup>Park et al. Anesth. & Analg. 2012.

<sup>2</sup>Patino et al. Anesth & Analg. 2014.

# Cranial and Facial

## Peer Reviewed Study and Abstract

### > Study: **Kim et al.**<sup>1</sup>

- Objective: To evaluate the agreement of the SpHb in patients undergoing orthognathic surgery when using hypotensive anesthesia
- Sample: 51 patients. Osteotomy

### > Authors' Conclusions:

- **“Continuous monitoring of hemoglobin may help to determine the appropriate time to perform an invasive measurement of hemoglobin in patients undergoing double-jaw surgery when using controlled hypotensive anesthesia.”**

### > Study: **Loveland-Baptist et al.**<sup>2</sup>

- Objective: To study the use of continuous noninvasive hemoglobin (SpHb) assessment in pediatric patients undergoing cranial vault reconstruction
- Sample: 11 children (51 points). Cranial vault reconstruction

### > Authors' Conclusions:

- **“The Masimo Radical-7 provided accurate and timely continuous SpHb measurements compared with intermittent laboratory methods for pediatric patients undergoing cranial vault remodeling.”**

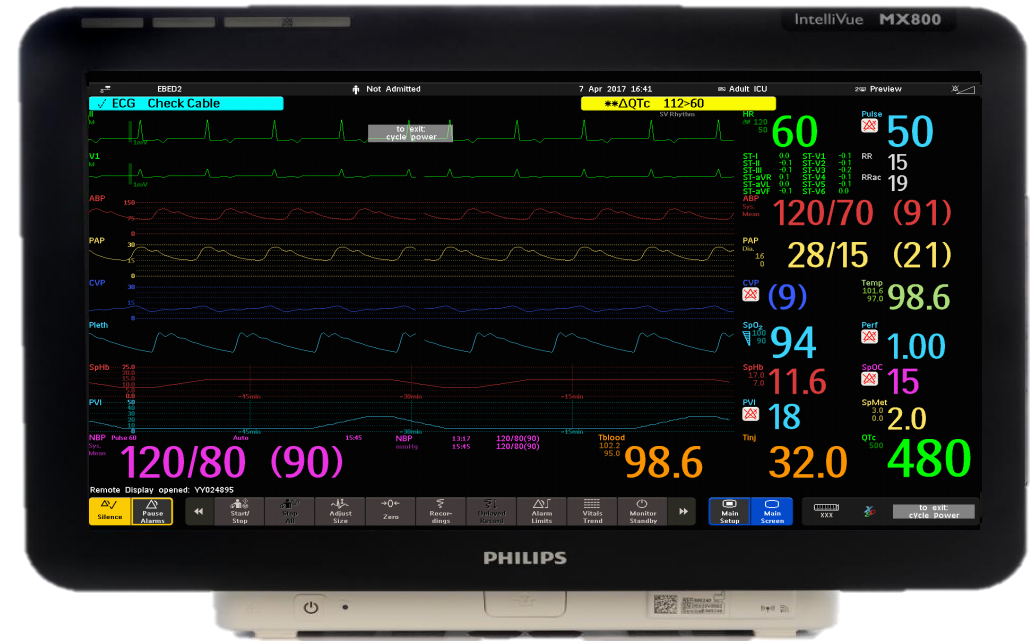
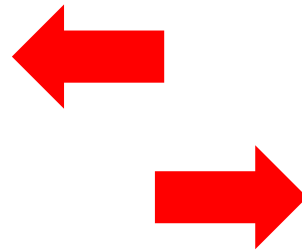
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# SpHb Monitoring Solutions



Root® Monitor



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# Conclusion

- Transfusion is complex and costly procedure with clinical and societal implications
- There are multiple drivers for a paradigm shift in transfusion practice
- Traditional Hemoglobin testing has limitations and inefficiencies which can lead to less than optimal clinical decisions
- Non Invasive hemoglobin monitoring (SbHb) provides real time data to clinicians leading to better decision making