

Egyptian Fellowship Cardiovascular Perfusion Curriculum

Foreword:

This document is designed to serve as an aid to perfusion program directors, providing guidance and suggestion on the scope of the content areas that may be included in any educational curriculum designed to adequately prepare students for entry into the clinical field of cardiovascular perfusion.

The outlines provided herein cover 11 key content areas. Each **Outline** includes a **Unit Objective** which identifies the core theme of the topic, and **Learner Objectives**, which define the expected quantifiable outcome following concentrated study of the subject area.

Some of the subject matter in several units of the curriculum may be covered through prerequisite course requirements for admission into cardiovascular perfusion education programs.

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

A. CARDIOVASCULAR ANATOMY

1. MEDIASTINUM CARDIOVASCULAR ANATOMY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit identifies the position of the heart in the thoracic cage, the surrounding structures and the exterior anatomy of the heart.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the location of the middle mediastinum and its surrounding structures;
- (2) Describe the reflections of the pericardium onto surrounding structures
- (3) Identify the various layers of the pericardium and heart muscle; and
- (4) Identify the gross anatomy of the heart.

OUTLINE:

I. The middle mediastinum

- A. Location
- B. Surrounding structures

II. The pericardium

- A. External features
 1. inferior reflection onto the diaphragm
 2. superior and posterior reflections
- B. Cross-section
 1. fibrous pericardium
 2. serous pericardium
 3. pericardial space

- 4. myocardium
 - 5. endocardium
- III. Gross anatomy of the heart

- A. Aorta
- B. Pulmonary artery
- C. Superior vena cava
- D. Right atrium
- E. Inferior vena cava
- F. Left atrium
- G. Right ventricle
- H. Left ventricle

UNIT 1: BASIC SCIENCE

A. CARDIOVASCULAR ANATOMY

2. HEART

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit identifies the anteroposterior view of the heart, the chamber locations, and the internal features of each of the chambers and great vessels.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Define the apex and the base of the heart;
- (2) Locate and identify the sulci;
- (3) Use the sulci to identify the position of each heart chamber;
- (4) Describe the chamber locations using words such as anterior, posterior, inferior, superior, and lateral; and
- (5) Describe the internal features and structures associated with the right atrium, right ventricle, left atrium, and left ventricle.

OUTLINE:

I. Anteroposterior view

- A. Apex
- B. Base
- C. Sulci
- D. Chamber location with respect to anteroposterior view
- E. Superior and inferior vena cava
- F. Pulmonary artery
- G. Aorta
- H. Ligamentum arteriosum

II. Right atrium

- A. Sinus venarum
- B. Pectinated muscle
- C. Superior vena cava
- D. Inferior vena cava
- E. Position of the fossa ovalis
- F. Coronary sinus

III. Right ventricle

- A. Inflow — trabeculated muscle
- B. Outflow
- C. Tricuspid valve apparatus
- D. Pulmonary outflow
- E. Pulmonary valve

IV. Left atrium

- A. Left auricular appendage
- B. Pulmonary veins

- C. Position of the fossa ovalis
- V. Left ventricle
- A. Inflow — trabeculated muscle
- B. Outflow
- C. Mitral valve apparatus
- D. Aortic outflow
- E. Aortic valve

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

A. CARDIOVASCULAR ANATOMY

3. CARDIAC ARTERIES, VEINS, AND MICROCIRCULATION

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit presents the names and locations of major cardiac arteries and veins and introduces myocardial microcirculation.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Trace the right coronary artery and identify all of its major branches;
- (2) Trace the left coronary artery and identify all of its major branches;
- (3) Describe the various routes that blood moves through the myocardium; and
- (4) Identify the major veins of the heart with emphasis on those that enter the coronary sinus.

OUTLINE:

- I. Right coronary artery
- II. Left coronary artery
- III. Myocardial vasculature
- IV. Cardiac veins

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

A. CARDIOVASCULAR ANATOMY

4. CONDUCTION SYSTEM

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit identifies the major pathways of the electrical conduction through the heart.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Trace the path of the electrical signal through the atria and ventricles; and
- (2) Describe several accessory pathways for this signal to circumvent the normal.

OUTLINE:

- I. Sinuatrial node
- II. Internodal tracts
- III. Atrioventricular node
- IV. Bundle-of-his
- V. Bundle branches
- VI. Accessory fibers

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

A. CARDIOVASCULAR ANATOMY

5. MAJOR ARTERIES, VEINS AND BRANCHES

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit identifies the names and locations of major arteries, arterial branches, major veins, and venous branches through the body.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Identify all of the major arterial branches from the aorta;
- (2) Describe the route of arterial blood into the head;
- (3) Describe the route of arterial blood into the arm;
- (4) Describe the route of arterial blood into the leg;
- (5) Identify all of the major venous branches into the superior vena cava;
- (6) Identify all of the major venous branches into the inferior vena cava; and
- (7) Describe the azygous venous drainage system.

OUTLINE:

- I. Arteries
 - A. Aorta
 - B-Axillary artery
 - C-femoral Artery
- II. Veins
 - A. Superior vena cava
 - B. Inferior vena cava
 - C. Azygous venous system

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE*B. PATHOLOGY AND SURGICAL REPAIR**1. ADULT CARDIAC VALVULAR PATHOLOGY AND SURGICAL REPAIR***UNIT OBJECTIVE:**

This unit identifies adult valvular cardiac surgical pathology.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Recall the anatomical features of adult valvular disease; and
- (2) Discuss the pathophysiology of valvular disease.

OUTLINE:

- I. Aortic valve
 - A. Surgical anatomy
 - B. Aspects of stenosis and regurgitation
 - C. Pathological features
 1. infective endocarditis
 2. rheumatic heart disease
 3. senescence
 4. stenosis (excluding rheumatic)
 5. regurgitation
- II. Mitral valve
 - A. Surgical anatomy
 - B. Pathological features
 1. rheumatic heart disease
 2. infective endocarditis
 3. prolapse of floppy valve
- III. Surgical pathology of tricuspid valve
- IV. Surgical anatomy of pulmonary valve

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE*B. PATHOLOGY AND SURGICAL REPAIR**2. ADULT CORONARY ARTERY PATHOLOGY***UNIT OBJECTIVE:**

This unit identifies adult coronary surgical pathology.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the anatomical features of coronary artery disease; and

(2) Discuss the pathophysiology of adult coronary disease.

OUTLINE:

I. Histopathology of coronary arteries

II. Risk factors for coronary disease

A. Modifiable

B. Unmodifiable

III. Pathogenesis of atherosclerosis

A. Endothelial cells

B. Macrophages

C. Platelets

D. Vascular smooth muscle

IV. Susceptibility of coronary arteries to atherosclerosis

A. Size of coronary arteries

B. Lesions of main stem arteries or distal lesions

C. Histological aspects of atherosclerosis

V. Relationship with thrombosis

VI. Ischemia vs. infarction

VII. Myocardial infarction

A. Progression of infarction

B. Types of infarction

C. Complications of infarction

D. Serum markers of infarction

E. Cardiac markers of infarction and heart failure

VIII. Surgery for coronary artery disease

A. Coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG)

1. saphenous vein

2. internal mammary

3. radial artery

B. Transmyocardial revascularization (TMR)

C. Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA)

D. Off-CPB CABG

E. Patency and mortality rates

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

B. PATHOLOGY AND SURGICAL REPAIR

**3. PERFUSION TECHNIQUES FOR AORTIC ANEURYSM DISSECTIONS:
THORACIC AND THORACOABDOMINAL**

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces adjunctive techniques of extracorporeal circulation for temporary compensation of loss or compromised hemodynamic and oxygenation to a localized area of patient's body required by corrective surgery of thoracic and thoracoabdominal aneurysms.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

(1) Identify the various types of thoracic and thoracoabdominal aneurysms;

(2) Understand the concepts of partial hemodynamic support/oxygenation, hypothermia, circulatory arrest and flow distribution to vital organs;

(3) Understand and identify available current technologies for adjunctive extracorporeal techniques after surgical correction of thoracic and thoracoabdominal aneurysm ; and

(4) Make technical applications of learned concepts to various clinical situations and pathologies.

OUTLINE:

- I. Type of Pathologies
 - A. DeBakey's classification of thoracic aneurysm
 - B. Crawford's classification of thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm
- II. Extracorporeal Circulatory Concepts
 - A. Hypothermia (review hypothermia section)
 - B. Circulatory Arrest – DHCA
 - 1. Coagulopathy – DIC
 - 2. Hemostasis
 - 3. Pathology
 - 4. Rheology – sludging
 - 5. Fluid shift – oncotic pressure – capillary leakage
 - C. Current Available Technologies
 - 1. Coated Circuits
 - 2. Haemostatic monitors
 - 3. Pharmacological agents
 - 4. Transcranial Doppler
 - 5. Ice helmet
 - 6. Cerebral Oximetry
 - 7. In-line blood gas monitors
 - 8. Special cannulae
 - D. Applications of Techniques and Extracorporeal Techniques
 - 1. Retrograde cerebral perfusion
 - 2. Antegrade cerebral perfusion
 - 3. Circulatory arrest
 - 4. Haemostasis management
 - 5. Coated circuitry
 - 6. Technical circuitry relative to operable lesions: heat exchanger; oxygenator; and reservoir
 - 7. Cannulation sites relative to operable lesions
 - 8. Distal aortic operation techniques
 - 9. Proximal aortic operation techniques
 - 10. Left-sided heart bypass and selective visceral perfusion
 - 11. Hemodynamic monitoring techniques – interpretations and flow adjustments

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

B. PATHOLOGY AND SURGICAL REPAIR

3. CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the aetiology and presentation of congestive heart failure.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describes the types and pathology of heart failure; and
- (2) Describes the history, clinical signs, surgical techniques, and complications associated with each of the above mentioned defects.

OUTLINE:

- I. Determinants of myocardial performance
 - A. Preload
 - B. Ejection fraction
 - C. Oxygen consumption
- II. Clinical causes of CHF
 - A. Viral
 - B. Ischemic
 - C. Idiopathic

D. Antibody

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

B. PATHOLOGY AND SURGICAL REPAIR

4. CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS: LEFT TO RIGHT SHUNTS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the anatomy, pathological presentation and surgical correction of congenital left to right shunts.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the anatomy of the typical left to right shunts;
- (2) Describe the pathological presentation of the typical left to right shunts;
- (3) Describe the standard surgical corrections for the typical left to right shunts; and
- (4) Discuss extracorporeal circuitry and techniques as they relate to the typical left to right shunts.

OUTLINE:

I. Atrial septal defect (ASD)

- A. Anatomy
- B. Pathophysiology
- C. Surgical correction
- D. Extracorporeal circuitry and techniques

II. Ventricular septal defect (VSD)

- A. Anatomy
- B. Pathophysiology
- C. Surgical correction
- D. Extracorporeal circuitry and techniques

III. Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)

- A. Anatomy
- B. Pathophysiology
- C. Surgical correction
- D. Extracorporeal circuitry and techniques

IV. Atrioventricular septal defect

- A. Anatomy
- B. Pathophysiology
- C. Surgical correction
- D. Extracorporeal circuitry and techniques

V. Double outlet right ventricle

VI. Aortopulmonary window (APW)

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

B. PATHOLOGY AND SURGICAL REPAIR

5. CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS: CYANOTIC ANOMALIES

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the anatomy, pathological presentation and surgical correction of congenital cyanotic anomalies.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the anatomy of the typical cyanotic anomalies;
- (2) Describe the pathological presentation of the typical cyanotic anomalies;
- (3) Describe the standard surgical corrections for the typical cyanotic anomalies; and
- (4) Discuss extracorporeal circuitry and techniques as they relate to the typical cyanotic anomalies.

OUTLINE:

- I. Tetralogy of fallot (TOF)
 - A. Anatomy
 - B. Pathophysiology
 - C. Surgical correction
 - 1. palative shunts
 - 2. complete repairs
 - D. Extracorporeal circuitry and techniques
- II. Transposition of the great arteries (TGA)
 - A. Anatomy
 - B. Pathophysiology
 - C. Surgical correction
 - 1. paliative procedures
 - 2. atrial switch
 - 3. arterial switch
 - D. Extracorporeal circuitry and techniques
- III. Truncus arteriosus
- IV. Total anomalous pulmonary venous tryutn (TAPVR)
- V. Ebsteins's anomaly

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE*B. PATHOLOGY AND SURGICAL REPAIR**6. CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS: OBSTRUCTIVE ANOMALIES***UNIT OBJECTIVE:**

This unit introduces the anatomy, pathological presentation and surgical correction of obstructive anomalies.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the anatomy of the obstructive anomalies;
- (2) Describe the pathological presentation of the typical obstructive anomalies;
- (3) Describe the standard surgical corrections for the typical obstructive anomalies; and
- (4) Discuss extracorporeal circuitry and techniques as they relate to the typical obstructive anomalies.

OUTLINE:

- I. Aortic stenosis
 - A. Anatomy
 - B. Pathophysiology
 - C. Surgical correction
 - D. Extracorporeal circuitry and techniques
- II. Pulmonary stenosis
 - A. Anatomy
 - B. Pathophysiology
 - C. Surgical correction
 - D. Extracorporeal circuitry and techniques
- III. Coarctation of the aorta
 - A. Anatomy
 - B. Pathophysiology
 - C. Surgical correction
 - D. Extracorporeal circuitry and techniques
- IV. Interrupted aortic arch

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

B. PATHOLOGY AND SURGICAL REPAIR

7. CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS: MISCELLANEOUS ANOMALIES

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the anatomy, pathological presentation and surgical correction of miscellaneous congenital anomalies.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the anatomy of the unusual congenital anomaly;
- (2) Describe the pathological presentation of the unusual congenital anomaly;
- (3) Describe the standard surgical corrections for the unusual congenital anomaly; and
- (4) Discuss extracorporeal circuitry and techniques and they relate to the unusual congenital anomaly.

OUTLINE:

- I. Hypoplastic left heart syndrome
- II. Single ventricle
- III. Pulmonary atresia
- IV. Corrected transposition
- V. Cor triatriatum
- VI. Coronary anomalies

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

C. PHYSIOLOGY

1. CARDIOVASCULAR PHYSIOLOGY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces cardiovascular physiology.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Understand the basis of action potentials in controlling heart contraction;
- (2) Understand the role of calcium and calcium cycling proteins in cardiac contraction;
- (3) Understand the determinants of arterial blood pressure;
- (4) Understand the determinants of cerebral, pulmonary and coronary blood flow; and
- (5) Understand the normal cardiac cycle and can explain myocardial performance with Starling's laws and Wigger diagrams.

OUTLINE:

- I. The heart as a pump
- II. Action potentials (AP)
- III. Mechanism of contraction: excitation-contraction coupling
- IV. Regulation of mean arterial blood pressure (MAP)
- V. Cerebral circulation
- VI. Pulmonary circulation
 - A. Hypoxic pulmonary vasoconstriction (HPV)
 - B. Pulmonary hypertension
- VII. Coronary circulation
 - A. Determinants of coronary blood flow
 - B. Metabolites
 - C. Determinates of oxygen supply to the myocardium
 - D. Determinants of oxygen consumption
- VIII. Myocardial performance
 - A. Starling's law of the heart
 1. Starling curves
 - B. Pressure - volume loops

1. the ventricular cycle wiggers diagram
2. the atrial cycle
3. cardiac valves

IX. Heart sounds

X. Determination of cardiac output

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

C. PHYSIOLOGY

2. CARDIOVASCULAR HEMODYNAMICS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces cardiovascular hemodynamics.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the anatomical components of the vasculature; and;
- (2) Describe the hemodynamic principles associated with blood flow through the circulatory system.

OUTLINE:

I. Circuitry of the cardiovascular system

II. Hemodynamics

A. Components of the vasculature

1. arteries
2. arterioles
3. capillaries
4. venules
5. veins

B. Velocity of blood flow

C. Blood flow

1. determinants of cardiac output
 - a. stroke volume
 - b. vascular resistance
 - c. heart rate
 - d. filling pressure
2. vascular regulation of blood flow

D. Resistance

E. Capacitance (compliance)

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

C. PHYSIOLOGY

3. RENAL PHYSIOLOGY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit presents the basics of renal physiology.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the basic functions of the kidney;
- (2) Describe how various ions, sugars, and proteins are managed by the kidney; and
- (3) Describe endocrine regulation of blood pressure and hematopoiesis.

OUTLINE:

I. Function of the kidney

- A. Water balance
- B. Electrolyte balance
- C. Plasma volume
- D. Acid-base balance
- E. Osmolarity balance

- F. Excretion
- G. Hormone secretion
- II. Renal processes
 - A. Glomerular filtration
 - B. Tubular reabsorption
 - C. Tubular secretion
- III. Endocrine regulation
 - A. Renin-angiotension-aldosterone system
 - B. ACE inhibitors
 - C. Erythropoietin – formation of RBCs

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

C. PHYSIOLOGY

4. VENTILATION, OXYGENATION, RESPIRATION

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit presents the basics of pulmonary physiology.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the basic functions of the lungs;
- (2) Describe basic pulmonary functional parameters; and
- (3) Describe physical and biological principles relating to gas exchange.

OUTLINE:

- I. Function of the lungs
 - A. The airways
 - B. The alveolus
 - C. Alveolar-capillary membrane
 - D. Pressures of the respiratory system
 - E. Sequence of ventilation
- II. Ventilation mechanics
 - A. Lung volumes and capacities
 - B. Inspiration
 - C. Expiration
 - D. Compliance
 - E. Chest elastic recoil
- III. Pathology
 - A. Obstructive lung disease (emphysema and asthma)
 - B. Restrictive lung disease (pulmonary fibrosis)
- IV. Gas exchange
 - A. Whole body diffusion gradients
 1. oxygen
 2. *carbon dioxide*
 - B. Determinants of alveolar gas tensions
 1. alveolar oxygen tensions
 2. alveolar carbon dioxide tensions
 3. correcting for water vapor pressure
 4. alveolar air equation
 5. changes in alveolar gas partial pressures
 - C. Mechanisms of diffusion
 1. barriers to diffusion
 2. Fick's law
 3. pulmonary diffusion gradients
 4. diffusion coefficients
 5. time limitations to diffusion

- 6. measurement of diffusion capacity
- D. Anatomic shunts
 - 1. bronchial venous drainage
 - 2. thebesian venous drainage
- E. Regional inequalities in ventilation and perfusion
 - 1. effect of increasing alveolar ventilation
 - 2. effect of altering pulmonary capillary blood flow
- F. Effect of altering V_A/Q_C ratio
 - 1. perfusion in excess of ventilation
 - 2. ventilation in excess of perfusion
- G. Oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

C. PHYSIOLOGY

5. MYOCARDIAL PHYSIOLOGY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes myocardial metabolism, myocardial electrical potentials, and the pathophysiology of myocardial ischemia.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the metabolic requirements of the cardiac muscle;
- (2) Explain the myocardial energy sources and the difference between aerobic and anaerobic energy production;
- (3) Describe the membranous and ionic basis for cardiac electrical potential; and
- (4) Recognize the metabolic, cellular, and functional changes that occur during ischemia and reperfusion injury.

OUTLINE:

- I. Myocardial metabolism
 - A. Myocardial oxygen supply and demand
 - B. Aerobic vs. anaerobic metabolism, ATP production and byproducts
 - C. Energy sources - glucose, lactate, fatty acids
- II. Cardiac electrical conduction
 - A. Action potential and ion gradients
 - B. Depolarized and hyperpolarized arrest
- III. Ischemic injury and cellular necrosis
 - A. Diastolic dysfunction
 - B. Reperfusion injury

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

C. PHYSIOLOGY

6. HEMATOLOGY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the cellular components of blood and the collection, processing and storage of individual blood components.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the cellular elements of blood and their function;
- (2) List the primary plasma proteins and their function;
- (3) Describe the collection and processing of individual blood components; and
- (4) Explain the purpose of ABO blood grouping and Rh typing.

OUTLINE:

- I. Cellular elements
 - A. Erythrocytes

- B. Platelets
- C. Leukocytes
- II. Plasma proteins
 - A. Albumen
 - B. Fibrinogen
 - C. Globulins
- III. Blood banking
 - A. Storage solutions
 - B. Component therapy
 - C. Crossmatching
 - D. Complications
- IV. Transfusion products
 - A. RBC
 - B. FFP
 - C. Platelets
 - D. Cryoprecipitate
- V. The methods used to insure safe transfusion practices

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

C. PHYSIOLOGY

7. COAGULATION MANAGEMENT

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes the process of and management of hemostasis as applicable to the practice of perfusion care.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the physiology of coagulation and the process of hemostasis;
- (2) Describe the various components of hemostasis;
- (3) Discuss various coagulopathic states and treatments thereof; and
- (4) Discuss measurement of laboratory values regarding normal and abnormal hemostatic states.

OUTLINE:

- I. Physiology of coagulation and hemostasis
 - A. Elements, proteins, and cellular components
 - B. Initiation of hemostasis
 - C. Amplification phase of clot formation
 - D. Development of primary hemostatic mass
 - E. Contraction of smooth muscle
 - F. Healing and restoration of endothelial continuity
- II. The platelet and formation of the primary hemostatic plug
 - A. Platelet production and destruction
 - B. Platelets activation
- III. Coagulation cascade and formation of the fibrin clot
- IV. The fibrinolytic system
- V. Assessment of coagulation
- VI. Coagulopathy
 - A. Heparin resistance

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

D. PHARMACOLOGY

1. PHARMACODYNAMICS & PHARMACOKINETICS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes the effect of cardiopulmonary bypass on the pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of drugs used during open-heart surgical procedures.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the pharmacodynamic effects of administration of drugs through oral, and intra-venous routes;
- (2) Identify the routes of clearance of drugs;
- (3) Describe the concept of volume of distribution of drugs; and
- (4) Describe the effect of protein binding of drugs.

OUTLINE:

- I. Pharmacodynamics
- II. Pharmacokinetics
- III. Effects of hypothermia on drug action
- IV. Effects of hemodilution on drug action
- V. Effects of hemoconcentration on drug blood levels
- VI. Effects of blood salvage techniques on drug levels
 - A. Hemoconcentration
 - B. Blood salvage
- VII. Effects of altered perfusion
- VIII. Factors affecting drug-receptor interaction
- IX. CPB affecting receptor-mediated events

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

D. PHARMACOLOGY

2. PHARMACOLOGY OF ANESTHETIC AGENTS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the pharmacologic agents and techniques used during cardiac surgery.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the metabolism and mechanism of action of the specific agents in each of the primary classes of anesthetic drugs; and
- (2) Describe standard anesthetic practice as it relates to the cardiac surgical patient.

OUTLINE:

- I. Opioids
- II. Non-opioids
- III. Inhalation agents
- IV. Muscle Relaxants
- V. Reversal of neuromuscular blockade
- VI. Induction and maintenance of anesthesia
- VII. Anesthesia for pediatrics

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

D. PHARMACOLOGY

3. ANTI-ARRHYTHMIC PHARMACOLOGY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit presents the names, uses, and mechanism of action of antiarrhythmic drugs used during cardiac surgery.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the use and dosage of each classification of antiarrhythmic; and
- (2) Identify the mechanism of action of the classes of antiarrhythmics.

OUTLINE:

- I. Classification of antiarrhythmic drugs
 - A. Class I
 - B. Class II
 - C. Class III
 - D. Class IV
- II. Drugs used in treatment of dysrhythmias
 - A. Ventricular tachycardia
 - B. Atrial fibrillation or flutter
 - C. Malignant arrhythmias
 - D. Bradycardia or heart block
- E. Special considerations
 - 1. pediatric patient
 - 2. transplant patient

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

D. PHARMACOLOGY

4. INOTROPIC AND VASOPRESSOR PHARMACOLOGY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit presents the names, uses, and mechanism of action of cardiotropics drugs used during cardiac surgery.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the genesis of cardiac heart failure;
- (2) Describe the use and dosage of each classification of cardiotropic agent; and
- (3) Identify the mechanism of action of the classes of cardiotropic drugs.

OUTLINE:

- I. Background pathogenesis of congestive heart failure
- II. Inotropes and vasopressors

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

D. PHARMACOLOGY

5. VASODILATORS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes vasodilators, their mechanism of action and their role in managing hypertensive states and congestive heart failure.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Identify the classification of vasodilators;
- (2) Identify the mechanism of action of each class; and
- (3) Identify the clinical use of each vasodilator.

OUTLINE:

- I. Sites of action
- II. Mechanisms of action
- III. Clinical uses
- IV. Side effects (blocked by β -blockade)
- V. Nitroprusside toxicity

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

D. PHARMACOLOGY

6. ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS / ANTIBIOTICS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the basics of antimicrobial therapeutics and introduces organismal contamination during open heart surgery and its therapeutic treatment with antimicrobials.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Identify the sources of infection and the common contaminating organisms during open heart surgery.

OUTLINE:

- I. Sources of infection in the cardiac surgery patient
- II. Bacteria
- III. Definition & characteristics of antibiotics
- IV. Mechanism of action
- V. Use of topical antibiotics in the cardiac surgery O.R.
- VI. Contraindications in use of antibiotics and cell savers

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

D. PHARMACOLOGY

7. ANTICOAGULANTS

UNIT OBJECTIVES:

This unit describes the pharmacology of anticoagulants.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Discuss the different mechanisms of anticoagulation; and
 (2) Describe clinical application of specific anticoagulants.

OUTLINE:

- I. Agents that affect clot formation
 - A. Heparin
 - B. Warfarin
 - C. Low molecular weight heparins
 - D. Hirudin
- II. Anti-platelet agents
- III. Others
 - A. Dextran

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

D. PHARMACOLOGY

8. ANTITHROMBIN III DEFICIENCY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces AT III deficiency and describes its management.

LEARNER OBJECTIVE:

Upon completion of the unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the etiology of AT III deficiency;
 (2) Discuss the management of the AT III deficient patient; and
 (3) Discuss bypass considerations and management of the AT III deficiency.

OUTLINE:

- I. Defining the AT III deficient patient
 - A. Inherited
 - B. Acquired
 - C. Normal AT III level
 - D. Age considerations
 - E. Patients at risk, preexisting conditions
- II. Management of the AT III deficient patient
 - A. Heparin resistance

- B. DIC considerations
- C. Heparin administration (min ACT achieved, u/kg administered)
- III. Cardiopulmonary bypass considerations
 - A. Patient evaluation
 - B. Confidence of heparin administration
 - C. Alternative source of heparin administration
 - D. Redosing the patient

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

E. PHYSICS

UNIT OBJECTIVES:

This unit introduces principles and concepts from physics and relates them to extracorporeal circulation.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the relationship between velocity, acceleration and motion in one or more dimensions;
- (2) Describe the relationship between temperature of an object and the average kinetic energy of the atoms and molecules composing the object; and
- (3) Apply the laws of mechanics to viscous and nonviscous fluids.

OUTLINE:

- I. The general laws of motion
 - A. Newton's three laws of motion
 - B. Work, energy and power
- II. Heat
- III. Fluids
 - A. The mechanics of non-viscous fluids
 - B. Viscous fluid flow
- IV. Ideal gas
 - A. Temperature
 - B. Pressure
 - C. Volume
- V. Electricity and magnetism
 - A. Electric currents
 - B. Work
 - C. Transmit information
 - D. Electromagnetic waves
- VI. Wave motion

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

F. CHEMISTRY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces principles and concepts from chemistry and relates them to extracorporeal circulation.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe various properties of aqueous solutions; and
- (2) Discuss amino acids, lipids, active transport and enzymes as they relate to cellular physiology.

OUTLINE:

- I. Aqueous solutions
 - A. Molar
 - B. Normality

- C. Molarity
- D. Molecular weights
- E. Buffers
- F. Osmolality
- II. Amino acids
- III. Lipids
- IV Active transport
- V. Enzymes

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

H. IMMUNOLOGY

1. IMMUNOLOGY OF BLOOD CONTACT WITH ARTIFICIAL MATERIALS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit illustrates the pathways responsible for an immunological response to blood contact with artificial materials.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the pathways that contribute to inflammation following blood contact with artificial materials; and
- (2) Identify the pathways that can be modulated to reduce induction of these immune pathways.

OUTLINE:

- I. Artificial surfaces
 - A. Plastics
 - B. Metals
 - C. Others
- II. Complement system
- III. Immune system

UNIT I: BASIC SCIENCE

H. IMMUNOLOGY

2. IMMUNOLOGY REPERFUSION INJURY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes the basic immunological basis for reperfusion injury.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe when reperfusion injury may occur;
- (2) Describe the immunological basis of reperfusion injury; and
- (3) Identify the pharmacological agents that may reduce reperfusion injury.

OUTLINE:

- I. Definition of reperfusion injury
- II. Immunology
 - A. Reperfusion injury causes vascular endothelial damage and that event may lead to myocyte dysfunction
 - B. Cellular mediators
 - C. Soluble mediators
- III. Pharmacological modulation
 - A. Neutrophil modulation
 - B. Platelet modulation
 - C. Protection of vascular endothelium
 - D. Protection of cardiac myocyte

UNIT 2

UNIT 2: CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS

A. EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT COMPONENTS FOR CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS

1. PERFUSION CIRCUITS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes the individual circuit components for cardiopulmonary bypass.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the characteristics of the components of a perfusion circuit;
- (2) Describe all of the safety devices for the perfusion circuit; and
- (3) Discuss how all of the above fit together for a safe and controllable system.

OUTLINE:

- I. Perfusion circuits
 - A. Open
 - B. Closed
 - C. Adult
 - D. Pediatric
 - E. Infant
- II. Safety
 - A. Response time
 - B. Alarms
 - C. Servoregulation
- III. Design considerations
- IV. Designing the circuit
 - A. Venous line
 1. pre-bypass filter
 2. diameter
 - B. Arterial pump line
 1. occlusion
 2. flow monitoring
 - C. Arterial outlet line
 - D. Arterial filter
 - E. Arterial line
 - F. Suckers and vent lines
 - G. Cardiotomy line
 - H. Quick prime line
 - I. Gas line
 1. gas filter
 2. gas mixer
 3. oxygen analyzer
 - J. Manifold system
 - K. Cardioplegia delivery system
 1. pressure monitoring
 2. temperature monitoring
 3. flow monitoring
 - L. Oxygenator

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A. EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT COMPONENTS FOR CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS

2. TUBING

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the variety of tubing types used in cardiopulmonary bypass circuits.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the types of extracorporeal tubing used in the past and present;
- (2) Define spallation;
- (3) State the volumes contained per foot of common tubing sizes;
- (4) Define durometer;
- (5) Describe methods for sterilizing extracorporeal circuitry; and
- (6) Discuss surface modified tubing and its clinical application.

OUTLINE:

- I. Tubing
 - A. Type
 - B. Manufacturing process
 - C. Wall thickness
 - D. Physical characteristics
 - E. Internal diameter
 - F. Volume
 - G. Spallation
 - H. Wall thickness
 - I. Durometer
- II. Connectors
 - A. Tie bands
 - B. Bonding
 - C. Materials
- III. Sterility
 - A. Methods of sterilization
 - B. Care in packaging
- IV. Surface modifications

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A. EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT COMPONENTS FOR CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS

3. PUMPS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the various types of pumps used during cardiopulmonary bypass.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Identify the different types of pumps used during CPB and explain their function; and
- (2) Discuss safety concerns and methods of servoregulating each type of pump.

OUTLINE:

- I. Historical blood pumps
 - A. General description
 - B. Safety concern
- II. Roller pumps
 - A. General description
 - B. Safety concerns

- C. Servoregulation
- III. Centrifugal pumps
 - A. General description
 - B. Safety concerns
 - C. Servoregulation
- IV. Other pumps
 - A. General description
 - B. Safety concerns
 - C. Servoregulation

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A. EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT COMPONENTS FOR CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS

4. EXTRACORPOREAL FILTERS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the various types of filters used during cardiopulmonary bypass.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the different types of filtering technology used during CPB; and
- (2) Discuss the characteristics of individual filter types used during CPB.

OUTLINE:

- I. Description of filter technology
 - A. Depth
 - B. Screen
 - C. Affinity
 - D. Defoaming agent
 - E. Air handling characteristics
 - F. Bubble point pressure
- II. Specific CPB filters
 - A. Arterial line filter
 - B. Cardiotomy/reservoir filters
 - C. Cardioplegia filters
 - D. Pre-bypass filters
 - E. Transfusion filters
 - F. Gas filters

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A. EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT COMPONENTS FOR CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS

5. OXYGENATORS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the variety of oxygenators used in cardiopulmonary bypass circuits.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the characteristics of an ideal oxygenator;
- (2) Discuss the historical development of oxygenator techniques;
- (3) Describe different types of membrane oxygenators; and
- (4) Discuss the oxygen characteristics of different membrane oxygenators.

OUTLINE:

- I. Characteristics of an ideal oxygenator
- II. Historical oxygenation technologies

- A. Screen
- B. Disk
- C. Bubble
- III. Membrane oxygenator
 - A. Materials
 - 1. silicone
 - 2. microporing polypropylene
 - a. flat sheet
 - b. hollow fiber
 - B. Design characteristics
 - 1. pressure drop
 - 2. prime volume
 - 3. maximum rating
 - 4. air handling
 - C. Evaluating oxygenator performance

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A. EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT COMPONENTS FOR CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS

6. HEAT EXCHANGERS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the various types of heat exchangers used during cardiopulmonary bypass.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the design characteristics of heat exchangers; and
- (2) Discuss the placement of heat exchangers in the CPB circuit.

OUTLINE:

- I. Extracorporeal heat exchange technology
 - A. Materials
 - 1. stainless steel
 - 2. aluminum
 - 3. plastic
 - B. Characteristics
 - 1. prime volume
 - 2. design specifics
- II. Specific CPB heat exchangers
 - A. Venous reservoir
 - B. Integral with oxygenators
 - C. Cardioplegia
- III. Evaluating heat exchanger efficiency
- IV. Heater – cooler devices

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7. RESERVOIRS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the various types of reservoirs used during cardiopulmonary bypass.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the difference between a reservoir and a cardiotomy;
- (2) Describe different reservoir technologies and configurations;
- (3) Describe internal filtering systems found in cardiotomy systems; and
- (4) Discuss safety issues as they relate to reservoir.

OUTLINE:

- I. Reservoirs versus cardiotomy
- II. Reservoir systems
 - A. Open vs closed systems
 - B. Hard shell
 - C. Bag reservoirs
- III. Internal filtering systems
- IV. Safety issues
 - A. Servoregulation
 - B. Air handling

UNIT 2: CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS*A. EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT COMPONENTS FOR CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS**8. HEMOCONCENTRATOR/ULTRAFILTERS***UNIT OBJECTIVE:**

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the different types of ultrafiltrators;
- (2) Describe the operational characteristics of ultrafilters;
- (3) Discuss the impact of hemoconcentration of circulating concentrations of drugs and ions; and
- (4) Describe the use of the hemoconcentration before, during and after CPB.

OUTLINE:

- I. Types of ultrafilters
 - A. Semipermeable membrane
 1. hollow fiber
 2. flat plate
 3. coil
 - II. Operational characteristics
 - A. Trans membrane pressure
 - B. Serving coefficient
 1. pore size
 2. molecular weight
 3. drug removal
 4. protein binding
 5. ion removal
 - III. Ultrafiltration circuits/techniques
 - A. Pre bypass
 1. pre-buff
 - B. During bypass
 1. conventional ultrafiltration (cuf)
 2. zero-balance ultrafiltration (z-buf)
 3. dilutional ultrafiltration (duf)
 - C. After bypass
 1. modified ultrafiltration (muf)

UNIT 2: CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS*B. CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS TECHNIQUES**1. CONDUCT OF CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS*

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the sequence of events associated with a generic CPB procedure.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe and discuss the actions necessary prior to surgery;
- (2) Describe a method of initiating CPB;
- (3) Describe the parameters monitored during maintenance of CPB; and
- (4) Describe a method for weaning from CPB.

OUTLINE:

- I. Preoperative
 - A. Chart review
 - B. Component selection
 - C. Circuit assembly
 - D. Circuit priming
 1. solutions
 2. drugs
 - E. Checklist
- II. Initiation
 - A. Assessing venous drainage/cannulation
 - B. Assessing arterial cannulation
- III. Maintenance of CPB
 - A. Blood flow
 - B. Blood pressure
 - C. Circuit pressure
 - D. Blood gas
 - E. Sweep gas
 - F. Temperature
 - G. Hematocraft
 - H. Electrolytes
- IV. Weaning
 - A. Filling pressures
 - B. Terminating CPB
 - C. Re-initiating CPB

UNIT 2: CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS*B. CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS TECHNIQUES**2. CPB CANNULATION AND MONITORING***UNIT OBJECTIVE:**

This unit describes methods of cannulating for CPB and presents the physiologic monitoring of the cardiac surgery patient.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe cannulation as it relates to the CPB patient; and
- (2) Describe the methods of physiologic monitoring for the CPB patient.

OUTLINE:

- I. Cannulation
 - A. Arterial
 1. ascending aortic
 2. femoral artery
 3. other
 - B. Venous
 1. right atrium

- 2. vena cava
- 3. femoral vein
- C. Venting
 - 1. ascending aorta
 - 2. left ventricle
 - 3. other
- II. Monitoring
 - A. Electrocardiogram (EKG)
 - B. Blood pressure (BP)
 - C. Cardiac filling pressures
 - D. Cardiac output
 - E. Temperature
 - 1. bladder
 - 2. tympanic membrane
 - 3. nasopharyngeal
 - 4. blood temperature
 - F. Renal function
 - G. Flows
 - H. Blood gases and electrolytes
 - I. Coagulation and anticoagulation measurements
 - J. TEE
- III. Troubleshooting

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C. ADEQUACY OF PERFUSION

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit identifies the parameters monitored to determine adequacy of perfusion.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Identify the important monitoring variables that would assure that CPB delivery of nutrients meets the tissue demands;
- (2) Define homeostasis and physiological mechanisms that assure adequate uptake and removal of metabolic products; and
- (3) Describe the physiological variables used to assess cellular energy balance during CPB.

OUTLINE:

- I. Definition of term adequacy
- II. Factors influencing the adequacy of extracorporeal circulation
 - A. Mechanical
 - B. Biological
 - C. Hemodynamic
- III. Oxygen and nutrient delivery
 - A. Content of oxygen in blood
 - B. Hemoglobin
 - C. Oxygen dissociation curve
 - D. Delivery of oxygen
 - E. Miscellaneous factors affecting oxygen delivery
- IV. Determinants of total oxygen consumption
 - A. Temperature
 - B. Anesthesia
 - C. BMR
 - D. Other pathological considerations
- V. Assess of adequacy of perfusion

- A. Oxygen consumption
- B. Regional oxygen consumption
- C. Perfusion pressure
- D. Arterial / venous blood gases pO₂
- E. Acid-base status
- F. Lactate concentrations
- G. Temperature
- H. Anesthesia
- I. Miscellaneous factors

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D. MYOCARDIAL PRESERVATION

1. CARDIOPLEGIA ADMINISTRATION TECHNIQUES

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit presents the physiological and technical considerations associated with cardioplegia administration.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the physiology of myocardial preservation;
- (2) Discuss the determinants of appropriate myocardial preservation techniques; and
- (3) Discuss the technical details related to cardioplegia administration.

CONTENTS:

- I. Cardiac anatomy
- II. Cell (patho-) physiology
 - A. Respiration and aerobic metabolism
 - B. Anaerobic metabolism
 - C. Myocardial O₂ supply and consumption
 - D. Myocardial stunning
 - E. Reperfusion injury
 - F. Stone heart
 - G. Ischemic preconditioning
- III. Cardioplegia
 - A. Components and their function
 - B. Delivery pressure
 - C. Temperature
 - D. Delivery intervals
 - E. Delivery methods
 - F. Routes of delivery
- IV. Considerations of patient variables

UNIT 2: CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS

D. MYOCARDIAL PRESERVATION

2. CARDIOPLEGIA SOLUTIONS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit defines the purpose of various components used in cardioplegia solutions and their role in reducing ischemic and reperfusion injury.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the desired characteristics of cardioplegia solutions;
- (2) Discuss the role of each component used to achieve this ideal solution; and
- (3) Recognize optional pharmacological agents and explain their purpose.

OUTLINE:

- I. Pharmacological components

- A. O₂ free radical scavengers
 - B. Electrolytes
 - C. Buffers
 - D. Osmolar agents
 - E. Membrane protection
 - F. Amino acids
 - G. ATP-sensitive potassium channel openers
 - II. Cardioplegia
 - A. Osmolarity
 - 1. myocardial edema
 - B. Extracellular vs. intracellular solutions
 - 1. potassium
 - 2. magnesium
 - C. Blood vs. crystalloid
 - 1. oxygen delivery and uptake
 - 2. buffering
 - D. Calcium
 - 1. calcium paradox
 - 2. citrate phosphate dextrose
 - E. Other
 - 1. steroids
 - 2. local anesthetics
 - 3. calcium channel blockers
 - F. Reperfusion injury
 - 1. role of neutrophils and leukocyte depletion
 - 2. oxygen-free radicals and scavengers - mannitol and superoxide dismutase
 - G. Amino acid enrichment - aspartate and glutamate
 - III. Miscellaneous additives
 - A. Substrates
 - 1. glucose/insulin
 - 2. glutamate
 - 3. aspartate
 - 4. adenosine (ATP)
 - 5. mannitol
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- B. Osmotic agents
 - 1. glucose
 - 2. albumin
 - 3. starch
 - C. Pharmacological agents.
- IV. Blood cardioplegia
 - V. Special considerations
 - A. Failure of the heart to arrest

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E. SYSTEMIC HYPOTHERMIA

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes the physiologic basis of and the technical considerations associated with systemic hypothermia.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

At the completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the physiology of systemic hypothermia; and
- (2) Discuss application of systemic hypothermia to specific surgical procedures.

OUTLINE:

- I. The physiology of hypothermia
 - A. VO_2
 - B. Thermal gradients
 - C. Degrees of hypothermia
 - D. Duration of safe circulatory arrest
 - E. Glucose control
 - F. Electrolyte control
 - G. Blood gas control
- II. Blood gas strategies
 - A. Alpha stat
 - B. pH stat
 - C. Alkaline stat
- III. Alterations in organ function
 - A. Arrhythmias
 - B. Renal function
 - C. Cerebral blood flow
 - D. Edema
 - E. Hormonal response
 - F. Viscosity
- IV. Procedures requiring hypothermia
- V. Hematological considerations
 - A. Coagulation
 - B. DIC
 - C. Emboli
- VI. Cold agglutinins

UNIT 2: CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS*F. BLOOD CONSERVATION TECHNIQUES*

*1. STANDARDS FOR PERIOPERATIVE AUTOLOGOUS BLOOD
COLLECTION
AND ADMINISTRATION*

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit defines the AABB Standards for Perioperative Autologous Blood Collection and Administration.

LEARNER OBJECTIVE:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Understand and apply the requirements of the AABB Standards for Perioperative Autologous Blood Collection and Administration.

OUTLINE:

- I. Organization
- II. Resources
- III. Equipment
- IV. Supplier and Customer Issues
- V. Process Control
- VI. Documents and Records
- VII. Deviations and Nonconforming Products and Services
- VIII. Assessments: Internal and External
- IX. Process Improvement through Corrective and Preventive Action
- X. Facilities and Safety

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F. BLOOD CONSERVATION TECHNIQUES

2. HEMODILUTION

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes the physiological effects of hemodilution.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the effects of hemodilution on the rheology of blood;
- (2) Discuss how hemodilution changes the oxygen content and colloid osmotic pressure; and
- (3) Apply the formulas to calculate the hematocrit and colloid osmotic pressure after hemodilution.

OUTLINE:

- I. Rheology of blood
 - A. Viscosity
 - B. Shear rate
 - C. Shear stress
- II. Oxygen delivery and transport
 - A. On-bypass hematocrit calculation
 - B. Oxygen content and saturation
 - C. Fick equation for oxygen delivery
- III. Colloid osmotic pressure
 - A. COP calculation
 - B. Plasma volume calculation

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F. BLOOD CONSERVATION TECHNIQUES

3. INTRAOPERATIVE AUTOTRANSFUSION

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes indications, contraindications, equipment operation, product storage and quality control issues related to cell washing.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the indications for cell washing;
- (2) Describe the contraindications for autotransfusion;
- (3) Describe the general operation of the appropriate cell saving device;
- (4) Discuss proper procedure for storage reinfusion and discard of end product; and
- (5) Discuss record keeping preventive maintenance and quality control.

OUTLINE:

- I. Indications for autotransfusion
 - A. Recovery of shed blood
 - B. Post-bypass pump volume
 - C. Appropriate surgical procedures
- II. Contraindications
 - A. Drugs
 - B. Antibiotics and topical solutions
 - C. Infection
 - D. Malignancy
 - E. Exposure to contaminants
- III. Salvaged blood characteristics
 - A. Noncellular debris
 - B. Cellular debris

- C. Lipids, fatty acids
- D. Intracellular enzymes released by WBC and puelett
- E. Activated coagulation factors
- IV. Operation of autotransfusion device
 - A. Manufacturer guidelines
 - B. Institutions policy and procedure guidelines
- V. Equipment selection and set up
 - A. Appropriate equipment selected for size of patient
 - B. Tubing and solutions according to policy and procedure of independent institutions and manufacturer
 - C. Processing of product manufacturer guidelines
- VI. Storage, reinfusion and discard of end product
 - A. Immediate reinfusion
 - B. Storage temperature
 - C. Expiration of stored end product
 - D. Biohazard concerns
- VII. Medical record document collection
 - A. Documenting product salvaging
 - B. Type of salvage device
 - C. Time, date, procedure
 - D. Documentation of procedure
- VIII. Preventive maintenance and quality control
 - A. Biomedical engineer
 - B. Corporate technical representative
 - C. Weekly, monthly testing of end product

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3a. HIGH VOLUME AUTOLOGOUS PLATELET CONCENTRATION

UNIT OBJECTIVE :

This unit describes the use of the Intraoperative Autotransfusion device as a possible source for large volume platelet concentration.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES :

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe how using a full size Autotransfusion may be employed as a cell separator for packed Red Blood, Concentrated Platelets and Plasma ;
- (2) Describe the technique required for the production of Platelet Gel.

OUTLINE :

- I. Set-up of equipment
- II. Disposables required
- III. Technique

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4. LOW VOLUME AUTOLOGOUS PLATELET CONCENTRATION SYSTEMS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes the use of low volume Autologous Platelet Separators.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe how low volume Platelet Concentration systems operate;
- (2) Describe the technique required for the production of Platelet Gel.

OUTLINE:

- I. Equipment
- II. Equipment Set-up
- III. Disposables
- IV. Technique

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5. HEMOCONCENTRATION

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the different types of ultrafilters;
- (2) Describe the operational characteristics of ultrafilters;
- (3) Discuss the impact of hemoconcentration of circulating concentrations of drugs and ions; and
- (4) Describe the use of the hemoconcentration during CPB to control hematocrit.

OUTLINE:

- I. Types of ultrafilters
 - A. Semipermeable membrane
 1. hollow fiber
 2. flat plate
 3. coil
 - II. Operational characteristics
 - A. Trans membrane pressure
 - B. Serving coefficient
 1. pore size
 2. molecular weight
 3. drug removal
 4. protein binding
 5. ion removal
- III. Conventional ultrafiltration during cardiopulmonary bypass
 - A. Indications
 - B. Limitations
 - C. Circuitry

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6. PHARMACOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit presents the pharmacological options available to reduce blood loss.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the actions of the various drugs available to reduce the amount of blood loss during and after cardiac surgery;
- (2) Describe the indications and contraindications for each of the drugs; and
- (3) Discuss dosing and CPB considerations for each drug.

OUTLINE:

- I. Aprotinin
- II. Erythropoietin
- III. Transexemic acid
- IV. Desmopressin acetate DDAVP

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G. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS IN PERFUSION
2. PERFUSION OF THE PREGNANT PATIENT

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit details the specific perfusion techniques for the pregnant patient.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the perfusion techniques unique to the pregnant patient;
- (2) Describe the physiological and anticoagulation needs of this patient; and
- (3) List the most frequent open-heart procedures for the pregnant patient.

OUTLINE:

- I. Pregnancy
 - A. Cardiac surgical indications for pregnant patient
 - B. Optimal timing for procedure
- II. Monitoring for pregnant patient
 - A. Mother
 1. blood pressure cuff
 2. peripheral oximeter
 3. EKG
 4. end-tidal CO₂
 5. neuromuscular blockade monitor
 6. Swan Ganz SvO₂
 7. TEE
 8. foley temperature monitor
 - B. Fetus
 1. heart rate monitor
- III. Concerns regarding perfusion
 - A. Morbidity/mortality
 - C. Risks/timing
- IV. Physiology
- V. Anti-coagulation
- VI. Pharmacology
 - A. Effects of catecholamines on maternal uterus blood flow (UBF)
 - B. Oxygen consumption
 - C. Coumadin
 - D. Nipride
- VII. Cardioplegia

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G. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS IN PERFUSION
3. SICKLE CELL AND OTHER BLOOD DISORDERS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit provides a detailed description of blood disorders that may affect perfusion techniques.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

At the completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) List the inherited and acquired blood disorders that are important to CPB;
- (2) Discuss the mechanism of action of each; and
- (3) Describe the therapeutic approaches to each to be able to perform CPB.

OUTLINE:

- I. Sickle cell
 - A. Pathophysiology
 - B. Considerations for CPB
 - C. Other blood disorders

- II. Methemoglobinemia
 - A. Pathophysiology
 - B. Considerations for CPB
- III. Thalassemia
- IV. Spherocytosis & elliptocytosis
- V. Hemosiderosis & hemochromatosis
- VI. Erythroblastosis fetalis
- VII. Hereditary coagulation disorders
 - A. Von Willebrand's disease
 - 1. Type I
 - 2. Type II
 - 3. Type III
 - B. Hemophilia A
 - C. Hemophilia B
- VIII. Acquired coagulation disorders
 - A. Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)
 - B. Primary fibrinolysis
 - C. Vitamin K dependent deficiency
- IX. Platelet disorders
 - A. Thrombocytopenia
 - B. Cold agglutinins

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H. CATASTROPHE MANAGEMENT

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit details the components of catastrophe and catastrophe management.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Discuss the potential for a catastrophe; and
- (2) Describe the proper responses and actions to a catastrophe.

OUTLINE:

- I. Incidence of perfusion accidents
- II. Causes of accidents
 - A. Device
 - B. Human error
- III. Systems analysis
 - A. Complex interaction
 - 1. intrinsic complexity
 - a. highly technical - close coordination among various components
 - 2. proliferation complexity
 - a. multiple simple components
 - 3. uncertainty complexity
 - a. relatively straight forward - not well understood
 - B. Tightness
 - 1. tight
 - a. leaves no room for error
 - 2. loose coupling
 - a. margin of error between coupling
- IV. Cardiopulmonary bypass
 - A. Personnel
 - 1. background
 - 2. communication
 - 3. ability to perform multiple tasks

- B. Scope of practice
 - 1. complexity
 - 2. uncertainty
- C. Interfacing
 - 1. more tasks - more errors
 - 2. reaction time
 - 3. preventative measures
- V. Errors
 - A. Inadequate experience
 - B. Unfamiliarity with equipment
 - C. Inadequate communication
 - D. Haste
 - E. Distraction
 - F. Lack of vigilance

UNIT 2: CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS

I. ADJUNCTIVE TECHNIQUES

1. ASSISTED VENOUS DRAINAGE

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit details assisted venous drainage techniques.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Discuss the rationale for using assisted venous return;
- (2) Compare VAVD with KAVD; and
- (3) Describe the equipment required for each system.

OUTLINE:

I. Vacuum-assisted venous drainage (VAVD)

A. Concept is to apply a negative pressure in the venous reservoir to augment the rate of venous return.

B. The advantages of this method are:

1. increased venous return
2. smaller venous cannulae for a given flow rate
3. heart remains empty

C. The disadvantages of VAVD are:

1. additional cost
2. blood trauma if vacuum is too high
3. potential of pulling air into the arterial blood stream of hollow fiber oxygenators

D. Hardware for VAVD

1. hard shell venous reservoir – VAVD can not be applied to soft-shell reservoirs
2. vacuum source – maximum (-90 mm Hg)
3. vacuum regulator
4. positive and negative relief valves

II. Kinetically-assisted venous drainage (KAVD)

A. Concept is to apply a centrifugal pump in the venous return line to augment the rate of venous return

B. The advantages of this method are:

1. increased venous return
2. smaller venous cannulae for a given flow rate
3. heart remains empty
4. no need to apply a vacuum in the venous reservoir
5. KAVD can be used for soft-shell reservoir as well as hard shell

- C. The disadvantages of KAVD are:
1. additional cost for centrifugal pump head
 2. blood trauma if pump rate is too high
- D. Hardware for KAVD
1. centrifugal pump
 2. centrifugal pump head

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I. ADJUNCTIVE TECHNIQUES

2. SELECTIVE CEREBRAL PERFUSION

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit details the concepts and techniques for retrograde cerebral perfusion.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the indications for this technique;
- (2) Discuss the perfusion circuit; temperatures; pressures; and flows used with the technique; and
- (3) Discuss the outcomes of the technique compared to only profound hypothermic circulatory arrest.

OUTLINE:

- I. Indications
 - A. Aortic aneurysm
- II. Technique
 - A. EEG monitoring
 - B. Profound hypothermic circulatory arrest
 - C. Cardioplegia administration
 - D. Retrograde cerebral perfusion (RCP)
- III. Outcomes
 - A. Mortality
 - B. Stroke rate

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J. PATIENT MONITORING

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes the systems used for patient monitoring during open-heart surgical procedures.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Interpret an ECG;
- (2) Describe the technical aspects associated with hemodynamic monitoring;
- (3) Discuss the relationship of ECG blood pressure, blood gas, chemistry, and temperature as they relate to patient status.

OUTLINE:

- I. ECG
- II. Pressure monitoring
 - A. Noninvasive
 - B. Intravascular
 1. radial arterial
 2. femoral Arterial
 3. pulmonary artery – Swan-Ganz
 4. strain gauges
- III. Blood gas

- A. Blood gas measurements sampling
 - 1. sample handling
 - 2. temperature
 - 3. anaerobic
 - 4. anticoagulation
- B. Inline blood gas monitoring
- IV. Pulse oximetry
- V. Temperature monitoring
 - A. Patient temperature
 - 1. bladder
 - 2. nasopharyngeal
 - 3. rectal
 - 4. skin versus internal
 - B. CPB bypass temperature
 - 1. venous
 - 2. arterial
 - 3. cardioplegia
- VI. Cerebral blood flow monitoring
- VII. Renal function monitoring

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K. ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION

1. LUNG AND HEART-LUNG TRANSPLANTATION

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the donor and recipient selection considerations as they relate to lung and heart-lung transplantation.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Discuss the history, criteria for recipient and donor selection, operative techniques; and
- (2) Discuss immunosuppression, and outcomes of heart-lung, and lung transplantation.

OUTLINE:

- I. History
 - A. Clinical
 - B. Experimental
- II. Recipient selection
 - A. Goals of recipient selection
 - B. General guidelines
 - C. Contraindications to transplant
 - D. Diseases
 - E. Prognosis and timing of selection
 - 1. chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
 - 2. primary pulmonary hypertension
 - 3. cystic fibrosis
 - F. Choice of procedure
 - 1. single lung
 - 2. bilateral single lung
 - 3. heart-lung
- III. Donor issues
 - A. Criteria for selection

1. history, illicit drugs, and sexual practices
2. demography
3. immunology
4. pulmonary status
5. microbiology-serology
6. size match
- B. Donor management
- C. Donor surgery
 1. lung preservation
 2. ischemic times
- D. Immunosuppression
- IV. Surgical techniques
 - A. Single lung transplant
 - B. Bilateral single lung transplant
 - C. Heart-lung transplant

UNIT 3: MECHANICAL ASSIST

A. EXTRACORPOREAL LIFE SUPPORT TECHNIQUES

1. ECMO

UNIT OBJECTIVES:

This unit presents the basic concepts of ECMO for neonatal and pediatric patients.

LEARNERS OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the indications for ECMO;
- (2) Discuss the advantages of each cannulation technique;
- (3) Discuss management of the ECMO patient – especially flows and anticoagulation; and
- (4) Describe how to terminate ECMO.

OUTLINE:

- I. ECMO patient categories
 - A. Neonatal respiratory failure
 1. indications
 2. exclusion
 - B. Pediatric respiratory failure
 1. indications
 2. exclusion
 - C. Adult respiratory failure
 1. indications
 2. exclusions
 - D. Cardiac failure
 1. indications
 2. exclusions
- II. Methods of ECMO
 - A. Venoarterial ECMO
 1. cannulation
 2. advantages
 3. disadvantages
 - B. Venovenous ECMO
 1. cannulation
 2. advantages
 3. disadvantages
- III. Physiology of infants on ECMO
- IV. ECMO management

- A. Setup and initiation of ECMO
- B. Management of surgical procedures on ECMO
- V. Post-ECMO management
 - A. Ventilator management
 - B. Sedation
- VI. Outcome studies

UNIT 3: MECHANICAL ASSIST

A. EXTRACORPOREAL LIFE SUPPORT TECHNIQUES

2. CPS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit presents the basic concepts of CPS.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the indications for CPS;
- (2) Describe the technical considerations of CPS; and
- (3) Discuss complications associated with CPS.

OUTLINE:

I. Definition of CPS

- A. The CPS is a system that permits temporary circulatory and/or oxygenation support of the critically ill patient
- B. The CPS is normally configured for peripheral arterial and venous cannulation
- C. The CPS provides
 1. oxygenated blood flow retrograde up the aorta via the femoral artery
 2. pump is usually a centrifugal pump head
 - a. provides kinetically assisted venous return
 - b. non-pulsatile
 3. membrane oxygenators
 4. heat exchange
 5. hemoconcentrator can be inserted into the system
- D. Anti-coagulation is a key management issue of CPS

1. anti-coagulation management

2. blood product usage

II. Patient selection

A. Reversible clinical condition

1. pulmonary failure

- a. viral
- b. aspiration
- 2. cardiac failure
 - a. stunned heart
 - b. MI
 - c. endotoxin

B. Temporary support for diagnostic procedures

III. Complications

A. Embolization

B. Oxygenator failure

C. Pulmonary failure with some cardiac output

1. carotid and coronary perfusion supplied by heart output – desaturated blood

2. low body supplied with highly oxygenated blood from CPS

D. Bleeding

1. loss of ATIII
2. reduced platelet function

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B. INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMPING (IABP)

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces the theory and practice of intraaortic balloon pumping.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) List the indications and contraindications for the IABP;
- (2) Identify the equipment required for the procedure;
- (3) Describe the purpose for IABP; and
- (4) Discuss proper timing.

OUTLINE:

I. Indications for IABP

- A. Unstable angina
- B. Cardiogenic shock
- C. Postcardiotomy support
- D. Augmentation of circulation

II. Contraindications for IABP

- A. Aortic insufficiency

III. Equipment

- A. Types of IABP
- B. Gas used for counterpulsation
- C. ECG monitoring devices
- D. Electrosurgical interference suppression devices
- E. Insertion devices

IV. Purpose

- A. Counterpulsation– increase coronary perfusion through increasing diastolic pressures
- B. Reduction of LV heart afterload
- C. Increasing cardiac output

V. Procedure

- A. Controls
- B. Function
- C. Manufacturers recommendations
- D. Leak test
- E. Acquiring EKG, 12 lead/slave
- F. Pressure tracing
- G. Selecting trigger-ECG or pressure
- H. Filling the gas chamber
- I. Identify proper selection of alarms and settings

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C. VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES

UNIT OBJECTIVES:

This unit describes patient selection, surgical implantation, and patient management for a variety of different VAD techniques.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Discuss the indications and contraindications for VAD implantation;
- (2) Compare and contrast the different VAD systems and indications for use;
- (3) Describe the cannulation techniques or VADS; and
- (4) Describe the long-term management requirements for each VAD system.

OUTLINE:

- I. Indications for VAD
 - A. Patient evaluation
 - B. Hemodynamic stability
 - C. Age considerations
 - 1. left heart failure
 - 2. right heart failure
 - 3. biventricular failure
 - D. Body surface area limitations
 - E. Pharmacologic considerations
 - F. Failure to wean from CPB
 - G. Bridge to transplant
 - H. Destination device
- II. Contraindications for VAD
- III. VAD technologies
 - A. External devices
 - B. Implantable devices
 - C. Pneumatic devices
 - D. Electric devices
 - E. Pulsatile devices
 - F. Non-pulsatile devices
- IV. Cannulation/implantation
- V. Patient management
 - A. Anticoagulation
 - B. Volume management/hemodynamics
 - C. Patient mobility

UNIT 4: PRINCIPLES OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS*A. LABORATORY ANALYSIS-SPECIAL CHEMISTRY***UNIT OBJECTIVE:**

This unit describes methodology used to monitor acid-base status in the clinical setting.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Define methodology utilized in blood gas analysis; and
- (2) Describe quality control procedures required to ensure adequacy of results.

OUTLINE:

- I. Blood gas analysis
- II. Parameters monitored and reference ranges
 - A. pH, pCO₂, pO₂
 - B. HCO₃
 - C. Lactate
 - D. Electrolytes, anion gap

UNIT 4: PRINCIPLES OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS*C. LABORATORY ANALYSIS-BLOOD CHEMISTRY***UNIT OBJECTIVE:**

This unit describes the laboratory test used in diagnosing specific disease states.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Define laboratory test utilized in the determination of renal function;
- (2) Define laboratory test utilized in the diagnosis of cardiac disease; and
- (3) Define laboratory test utilized in the evaluation of liver function.

OUTLINE:

- I. Renal function
 - A. Urinalysis
 - B. Clearance tests
 - C. Blood urea nitrogen
 - D. Serum creatine
 - E. Osmolality
- II. Cardiac disease
 - A. Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)
 - B. Lactic dehydrogenase / isoenzymes (LDH)
 - C. Creatine kinase / isoenzymes (CK)
 - D. Troponin-T
- III. Liver disease
 - A. Serum bilirubin
 - B. Urine bilirubin and urobilinogen
 - C. Alkaline phosphatase (ALP)
 - D. Serum aspartate aminotransferase (AST/ SGOT)
 - E. Serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT/SGPT)
 - F. Lactic dehydrogenase (LDH)
 - G. Gamma glutamyltransferase (GGT)
 - H. Prothrombin time (PT)
 - I. Serum proteins and electrolytes
 - J. Blood ammonia

UNIT 4: PRINCIPLES OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS*D. LABORATORY ANALYSIS-COAGULATION***UNIT OBJECTIVE:**

This unit describes tests used in assessing coagulation in the clinical setting.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) List methods of testing the coagulation system; and
- (2) Relate clinical history to coagulation status.

OUTLINE:

- I. Blood coagulation theory
 - A. Extrinsic system
 - B. Intrinsic system
 - C. Protein C/ protein S anticoagulant system
 - D. AT III
- II. Clinical history
 - A. Massive transfusions
 - B. Cardiopulmonary bypass procedures
- III. Personal history
 - A. Previous surgery
 - B. Frequency of abnormal bleeding
 - C. Medical diseases
 - D. Medication history
- IV. Basic coagulation assessment tests
 - A. Platelet count and function
 - B. Bleeding time
 - C. Clot retraction
 - D. Prothrombin time and INR
 - E. Activated partial thromboplastin time
 - F. Thrombin time

- G. Fibrinogen / fibrinogen split products
- H. D-dimer
- I. Factor assays
- J. Activated clotting time
- K. Thromboelastograph

UNIT 6: SAFETY

A. BLOOD/FLUID EXPOSURE

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes the importance of standard precautions.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Define the health care workers risk of contacting bloodborne pathogens;
- (2) Identify measures to be taken to protect against the transmission of bloodborne pathogens in the workplace; and
- (3) Describe standard precautions.

OUTLINE:

- I. Bloodborne pathogens
 - A. Hepatitis B
 - B. Hepatitis C
 - C. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
- II. Standard precautions
 - A. Handling of blood and body fluids
 - B. Biohazard labeling
 - C. Disposal of biohazardous material
 - D. OSHA standards
 - E. Handling exposure

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B. PATIENT SAFETY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes standard practice with regard to conducting safe perfusion.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Discuss rationale for using safety devices within the extracorporeal circuit;
- (2) Describe what is involved in performing CP safely; and
- (3) Describe the principles of risk management.

OUTLINE:

- I. Safety devices
 - A. Level sensors
 - B. Bubble detectors
 - C. High pressure alarms
 - D. Arterial line filters / bubble traps
 - E. One way valves
- II. Safe conduct
 - A. Prebypass checklist
 - B. Conduct on bypass
- III. Risk management
 - A. Establishing policies and protocols
 - B. Establishing national standards
 - C. Adhering to policies, protocols, and standards

UNIT 7: CONTINUOUS QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. CQI FOR THE PERFUSIONIST

UNIT OBJECTIVES:

This unit provides the definition and implementation of CQI in health care.

LEARNERS OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the basis of CQI;
- (2) Describe what CQI can accomplish; and
- (3) Discuss how CQI is implemented in perfusion health care.

OUTLINE:

- I. Definition of continuous quality improvement
- II. Core concepts of CQI
- III. Core steps in continuous improvement
- IV. Model for improvement
 - A. Commonly used CQI tools and methods
 - B. Brainstorming
 - C. Nominal group technique (NGT)
 - D. Multivoting
 - E. Cause & effect/fishbone diagram
 - F. Control charts
 - G. Flowchart
 - H. Histogram
 - I. Pareto chart
 - J. Run (trend) chart
 - K. Scatter diagram
 - L. Storyboard
 - M. Conducting effective meetings

UNIT 8: ETHICS

A. MEDICAL ETHICS

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit introduces contemporary issues related to medical ethics.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Discuss the contemporary ethical issues related to medicine and research.

OUTLINE:

- I. Ethics: a sense of morality and responsibility
- II. Medical ethics: defined as relating to moral action, conduct, motive or character in medicine
- III. Perfusionist's ethics: our responsibility is to the well-being of the patient
 - A. Bioethics
 - B. History
- IV. Research ethics
 - A. Informed consent
 - B. Institutional review board (IRB)
 - C. Data collection/record keeping
- V. Defining death
- VI. Reproductive medicine
- VII. Economic issues
- VIII. Society versus the individual
- IX. Future directions in medical ethics
 - A. The human genome
 - B. Gene therapies

- X. Physician-assisted suicide
- XI. Fertility and genetic controversy
- XII. Organ transplantation
- XIII. Artificial devices

UNIT 9: HISTORY

A. HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF EXTRACORPOREAL TECHNOLOGY

UNIT OBJECTIVE:

This unit describes the key historical discoveries and events in perfusion and cardiac surgery.

STUDENT OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe the key medical and scientific developments that led to cardiopulmonary bypass; and
- (2) List the individuals who pioneered the development of cardiopulmonary bypass.

OUTLINE:

- I. Key scientific developments for extracorporeal technology
- II. Key technical developments for extracorporeal technology
 - A. Pumps
 - B. Oxygenators
 - C. Membrane oxygenators with new materials
 - D. Hypothermia & myocardial preservation
- III. Significant pioneers in extracorporeal technology
- IV. Key developments facilitating the progress of open-heart surgery

UNIT 10: RESEARCH

A. INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS

UNIT OBJECTIVES:

This unit introduces the foundational knowledge base for research methodology in the biological sciences.

LEARNERS OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this unit the student will be able to:

- (1) Describe hypothesis development for biological research;
- (2) Describe experimental design and data analysis for biological research; and
- (3) Discuss various methods of presenting the results of biological research.

OUTLINE:

- I. Hypothesis development
- II. Experimental design
 - A. Control and experimental groups
 - B. Dependant and independent variables
 - C. Sample size
- III. Data analysis
 - A. Group demographics
 - B. Statistical analysis
- IV. Methods of presentation
 - A. Abstract
 - B. Poster presentation
 - C. Oral presentation
 - D. Manuscript preparation

