

# WHICH FLUIDS SHOULD BE USED IN THE CLINICAL SETTING?

- Big debate:      crystalloids  
                              colloids  
                              crystalloids + colloids

My “personal strategy”:

crystalloids + colloids

Why?



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# The intravascular volume effect of Ringer's lactate is below 20%: a prospective study in humans

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**Conclusions:** Substitution of isolated intravascular deficits in cardiopulmonary healthy adults with the three-fold amount of Ringer's lactate impedes maintenance of intravascular normovolemia. The main side effect was an impressive interstitial fluid accumulation, which was partly restored by the intravenous infusion of 20% human albumin. We recommend to substitute the five-fold amount of crystalloids or to use an isoncotic preparation in the face of acute bleeding in patients where edema prevention might be advantageous.



# Crystalloids + colloids end of the story?



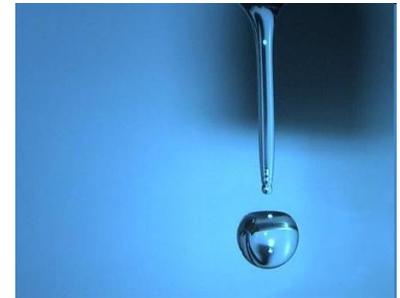
Variables:

- Patients (comorbidities...)
- Surgery (type, duration..)

•Quantity:



VS



•Quality:



VS



# We have different solutions...



- **Crystalloids**

Normal Saline

Lactate Ringer

Balanced Solutions

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- **Colloids**

HES (NS or Balanced S.)

Gelatines (NS or Balanced S.)

*Any relevance from the clinical point of view?*

# How much fluids should I give to my patients?

Early, very early!

*E. Rivers, NEJM 2001*



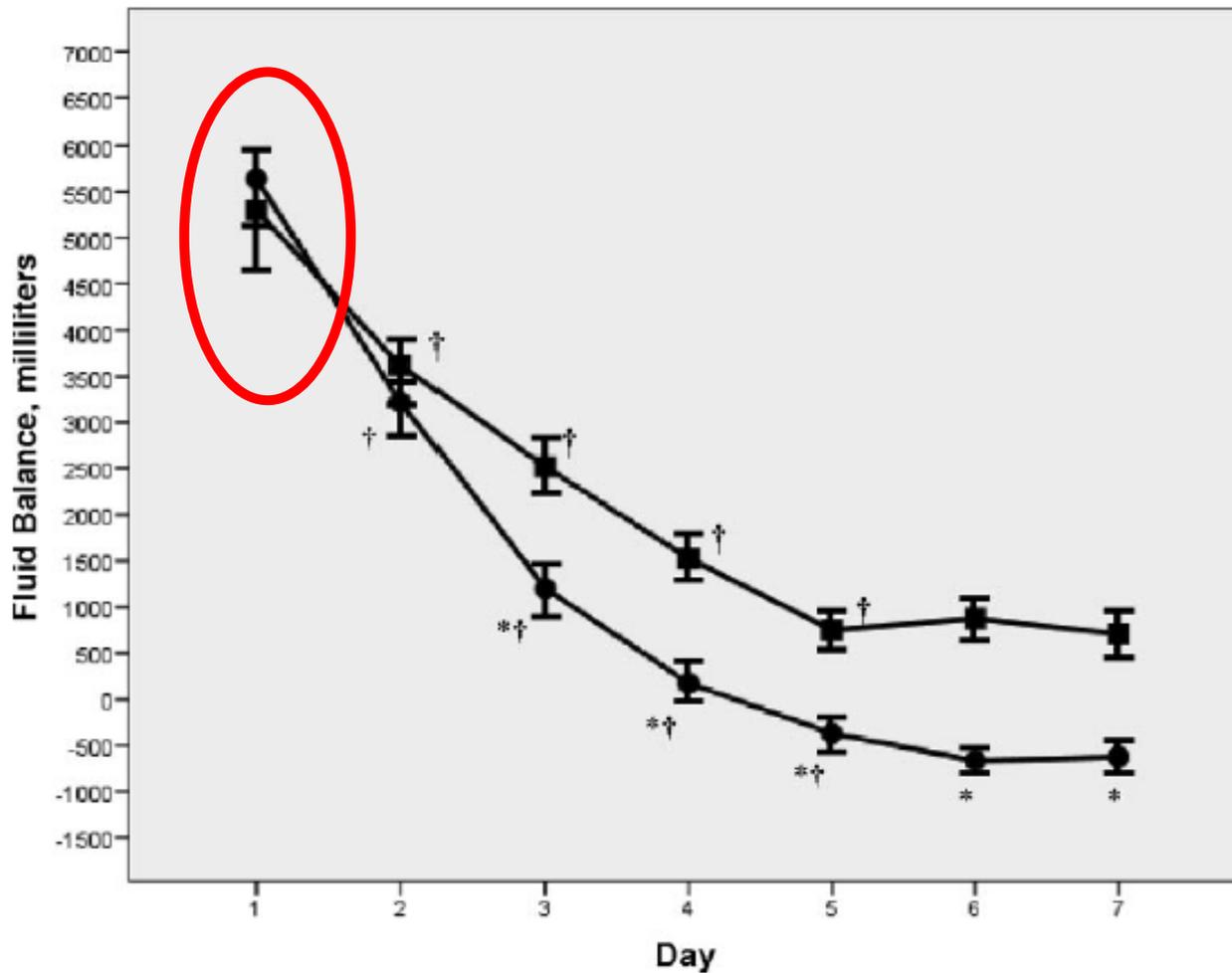


FIGURE 1. Mean ( $\pm$  SE) daily fluid balance (in milliliters) for days 1 through 7 following the onset of septic shock. Nonsurvivors are depicted by squares, and survivors by circles. \* =  $p < 0.05$  pairwise compared between survivors and nonsurvivors (ANOVA for repeated measures); † =  $p < 0.05$  compared with the previous time point (ANOVA for repeated measures).

Murphy et al: Chest 2009; 136:102-109



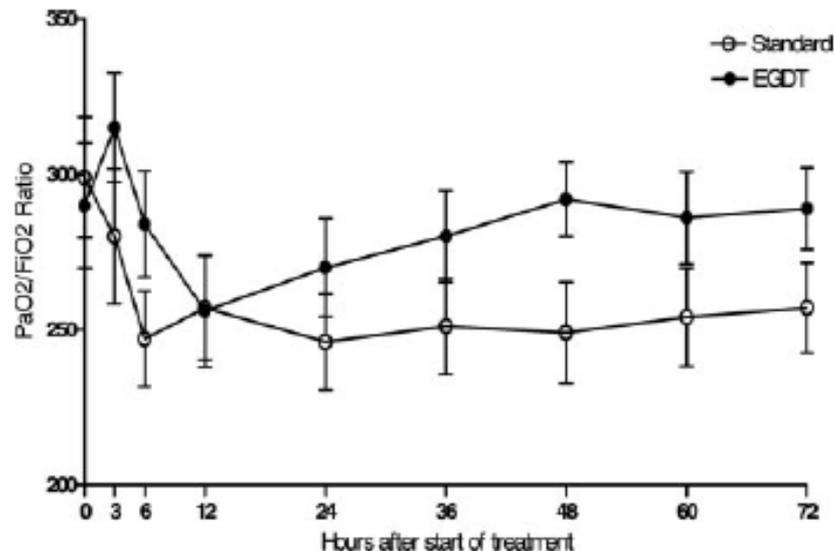


FIGURE 4. Comparing the PaO<sub>2</sub>/fraction of inspired oxygen (FIO<sub>2</sub>) ratios between the EGDT and standard-care groups. Despite more volume resuscitation in the EGDT group during initial 6 h, there was no net difference in PaO<sub>2</sub>/FIO<sub>2</sub> ratio ( $p = 0.34$ ).

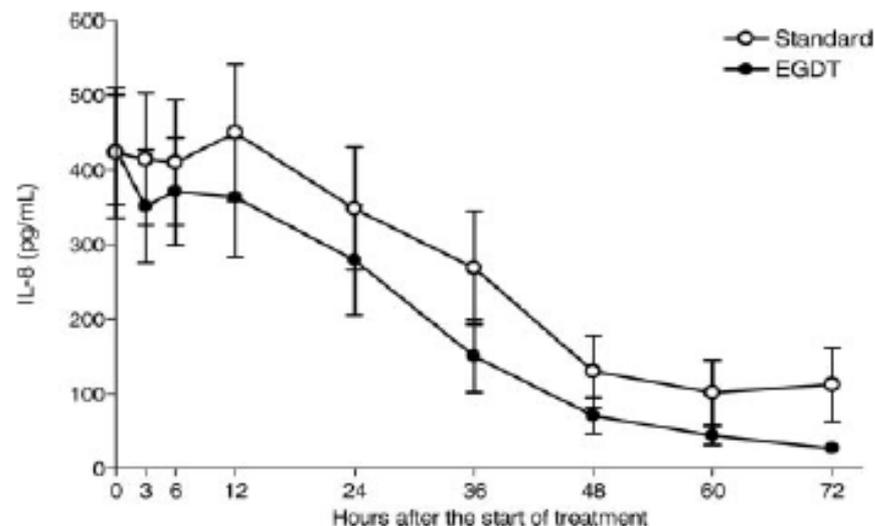


FIGURE 5. The effect of EGDT on inflammation. EGDT effects on inflammation (IL-8) associated with ALI. EGDT patients had a corresponding lower level of IL-8 and a decreased rate of mechanical ventilation in the subsequent 7 to 72 h time period ( $p = 0.045$ ).

(CHEST 2006; 130:1579–1595)



## Interaction Between Fluids and Vasoactive Agents on Mortality in Septic Shock: A Multicenter, Observational Study\*

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**Measurements and Main Results:** Fluids and vasoactive agents had strong, interacting associations with mortality ( $p < 0.0001$ ). Mortality was lowest when vasoactive agents were begun 1–6 hours after onset, with more than 1 L of fluids in the initial hour after shock onset, more than 2.4 L from hours 1–6, and 1.6–3.5 L from 6 to 24 hours. The lowest mortality rates were associated with starting vasoactive agents 1–6 hours after onset.

**Conclusions:** The focus during the first hour of resuscitation for septic shock should be aggressive fluid administration, only thereafter starting vasoactive agents, while continuing aggressive fluid administration. Starting vasoactive agents in the initial hour may be detrimental, and not all of that association is due to less fluids being given with such early initiation of vasoactive agents.

# Increased Fluid Administration in the First Three Hours of Sepsis Resuscitation Is Associated With Reduced Mortality

## A Retrospective Cohort Study

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**CONCLUSIONS:** Earlier fluid resuscitation (within the first 3 h) is associated with a greater number of survivors with severe sepsis and septic shock. CHEST 2014; 146(4):908-915

Fluid received in hours 0-3, mL	1,600 (600 to 3,010)	2,085 (940 to 4,080)	.007*
Fluid received in hours 3.1-6, mL	880 (360 to 1,680)	660 (290 to 1,485)	.09
Total fluid received in 6 h, mL	2,875 (1,390 to 47,20)	3,150 (1,630 to 5,665)	.10

**TABLE 2 ]** Clinical Hemodynamic Outcomes

Variable	Nonsurvivors	Survivors	P Value
CVP in hour 6, cm H <sub>2</sub> O	10 (5-16) (n=88)	10 (5-14) (n=279)	.52
MAP in hour 6, mm Hg	64.5 (59-72) (n=142)	68.5 (62-77) (n=452)	<.01*
Scvo <sub>2</sub> in hour 6	68.5 (61-78) (n=75)	73 (68-78) (n=252)	<.01*
Vasopressor use in first 24 h, %	76 (n=108)	54 (n=242)	<.01*
Oliguria in hour 6, %	71 (n=101)	41 (n=186)	<.01*
SOFA score day 1	8 (6-12) (n=142)	6 (4-9) (n=452)	<.01*

# We have different solutions...

- Crystalloids

Normal Saline

Lactate Ringer

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*Any relevance from the clinical point of view?*

# Normal saline.....



➤ The use of 0.9% saline originated from the *in vitro* studies of Hartold Jacob Hamburger, who, in the 1890s, found that the freezing point of 0.9% saline was the same as that of human serum (ie, iso-osmolar) and that erythrocytes were least likely to lyse in it. Hamburger called this solution “indifferent” saline, indicating that it had no effect on red blood cells.

➤ It is uncertain when 0.9% saline was first used intravenously in patients

➤ The side effects of administering large amounts of it were recognized as early as 1911 when Evans commented,

*“One cannot fail to be impressed with the danger ... (of) the utter recklessness with which salt solution is frequently prescribed, particularly in the postoperative period ... ” and observed that “ ... the disastrous role played by the salt solution is often lost in light of the serious conditions that call forth its use.”*

[Evans GH. The abuse of normal salt solution. *JAMA*. 1911]

# “Normal (?) saline”

- $\text{Na}^+$  154 mmol/L;  $\text{Cl}^-$  154 mmol/L

*[n.v.:  $\text{Na}^+$ : 140 mmol/L;  $\text{Cl}^-$  100 mmol/L]*

- It is chloride that induce acidosis

The trouble is to see  $\text{Cl}^-$  as an acid ( $\text{NaCl}$  is a salt)!

- Water is not only  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , but also  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{OH}^-$ ! If we add  $\text{NaCl}$  to pure water  $\rightarrow$  no effects on pH
- $\text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \text{H}^+ = \text{HCl}$  (acid)
- $\text{Na}^+ \rightarrow \text{OH}^- = \text{NaOH}$  (base)
- However, blood plasma is not pure water, is not neutral solution, but an alkaline one!
- Normal saline alters more  $[\text{Cl}^-]$  than  $[\text{Na}^+]$



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## Effects of two different strategies of fluid administration on inflammatory mediators, plasma electrolytes and acid/base disorders in patients undergoing major abdominal surgery: a randomized double blind study

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### *Primary outcome:*

to verify if the use of normal saline can be responsible for **alteration of electrolytes plasmatic levels** associated with hyperchloremic acidosis

### *Secondary outcomes:*

the influence of balanced solutions on

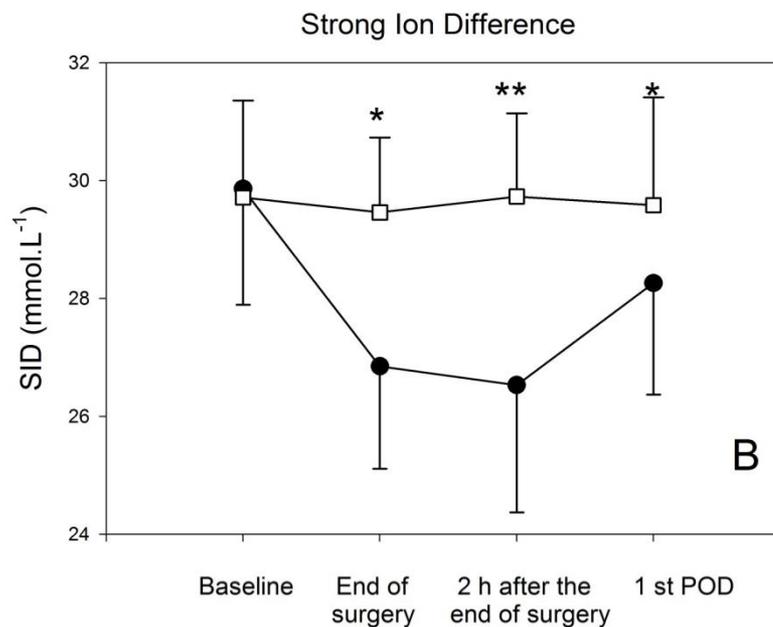
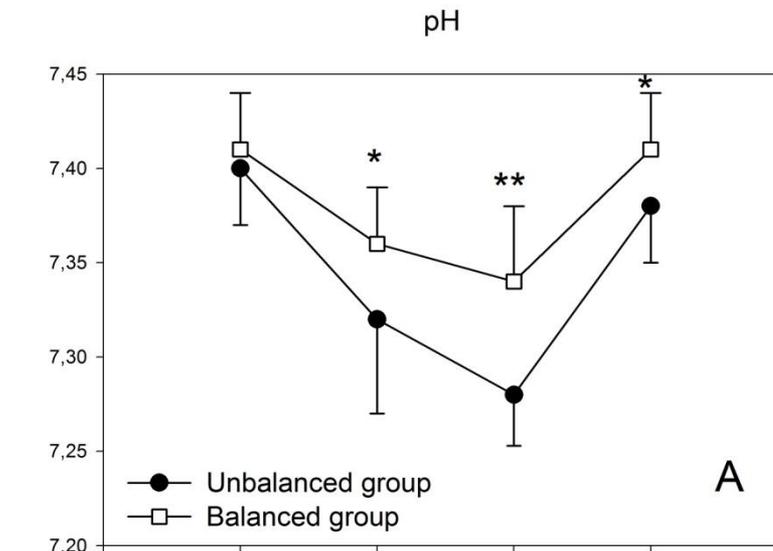
- a) renal function;**
- b) inflammatory cascade.**



# Acid – base disorders

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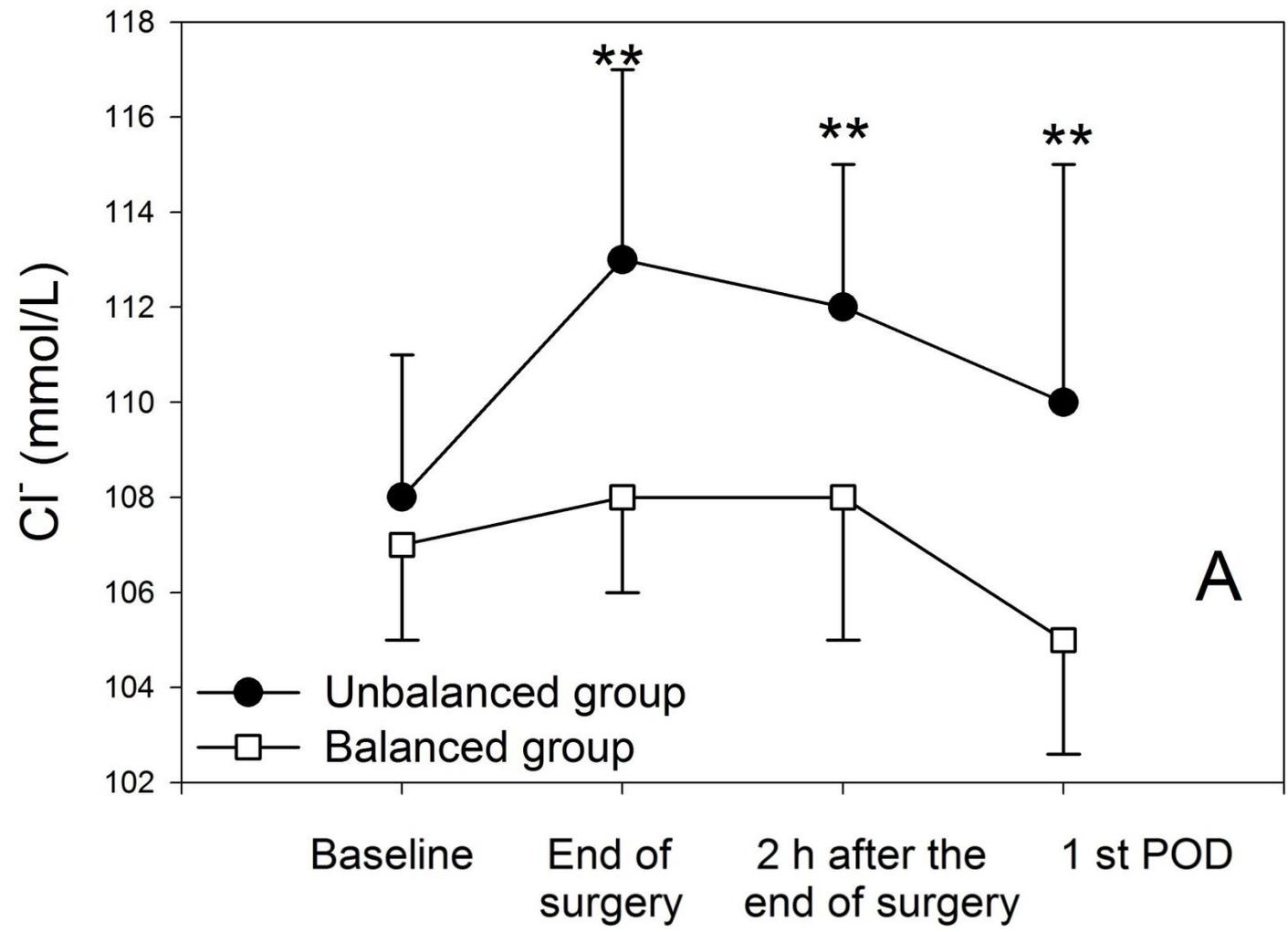


$$\text{SID} = [\text{HCO}_3^-] + [\text{Alb}^-] + [\text{Pi}^-]$$



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# Chloride (mEq/l)



- ◆ intramucosal acidosis (gastrointestinal tract)
  - ◆ prolongation of gastric emptying time
  - ◆ paralytic ileus and decreased smooth muscle contractility
  - ◆ oedema in the gastrointestinal tract (anastomotic swelling)
  - ◆ an increase in abdominal pressure (renal perfusion!)
  - ◆ reduced splanchnic blood flow
- *“Hyperchloremic acidosis was associated with higher mortality and postoperative morbidity in patients undergoing open abdominal surgery”*

*[Ann Surg, 2012]*

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# Hyperchloremia

- ◆ renal vasoconstriction
- ◆ increase in renal vascular resistance (approx. 35%)
- ◆ decrease of GFR (approx. 20%), reduction in diuresis
- ◆ suppression of renin activity (NaCl and not  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ )
- ◆ reduction in blood pressure

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### Human experiments

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Hydroxyethyl Starch or Saline for Fluid  
Resuscitation in Intensive Care

Normal saline group  
higher risk of positive urine output  
criterion



# Association Between a Chloride-Liberal vs Chloride-Restrictive Intravenous Fluid Administration Strategy and Kidney Injury in Critically Ill Adults

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**Conclusion** The implementation of a chloride-restrictive strategy in a tertiary ICU was associated with a significant decrease in the incidence of AKI and use of RRT.

**Table 3.** Incidence of Acute Kidney Injury Stratified by Risk, Injury, Failure, Loss, and End-Stage (RIFLE) Serum Creatinine Criteria

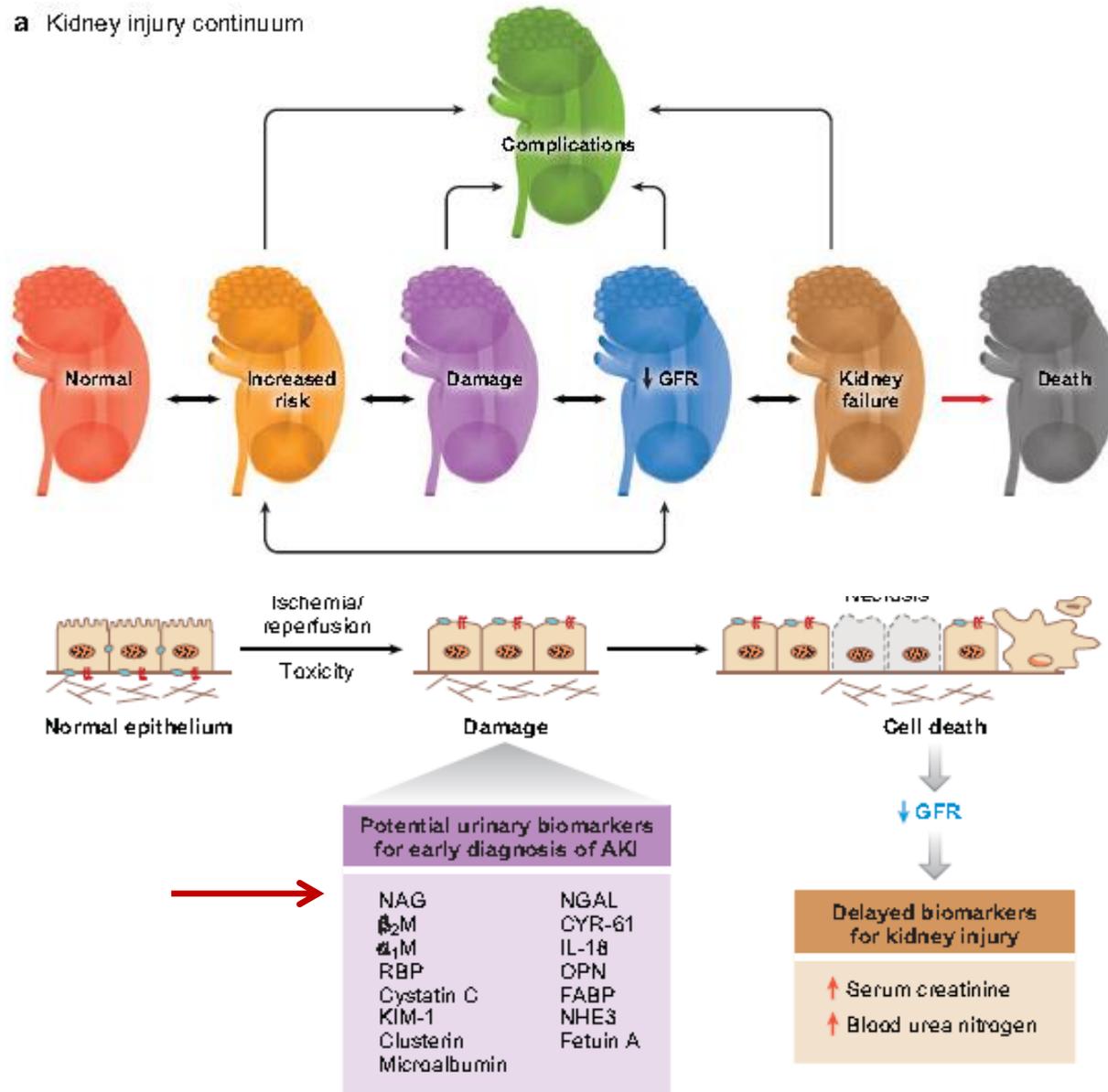
RIFLE class	No. (%) [95% CI] of Patients <sup>a</sup>		P Value
	Control Period (n = 760)	Intervention Period (n = 773)	
Risk	71 (9.0) [7.2-11.0]	57 (7.4) [5.5-9.0]	.16
Injury	48 (6.3) [4.5-8.1]	23 (3.0) [1.8-4.2]	.002
Failure	57 (7.5) [5.6-9.0]	42 (5.4) [3.8-7.1]	.10
Injury and failure	105 (14) [11-16]	65 (8.4) [6.4-10.0]	<.001

<sup>a</sup>The control period was from February 18 through August 17, 2008, and the intervention period was from February 18 through August 17, 2009.

# Renal function



a Kidney injury continuum



# Renal function and NGAL

NGAL is upregulated by ischemia in several segments of the nephron, predominantly in proximal tubules and it is suggested to be an early marker of acute renal injury

**This gelatinase significantly and rapidly (about two hours) increases in presence of kidney cellular damage**

The 2-hour NGAL a reliable predictor of severity and duration of AKI, length of hospital stay, renal replacement therapy requirement and mortality

**Urinary NGAL value should be : < 100 ng/mL.**

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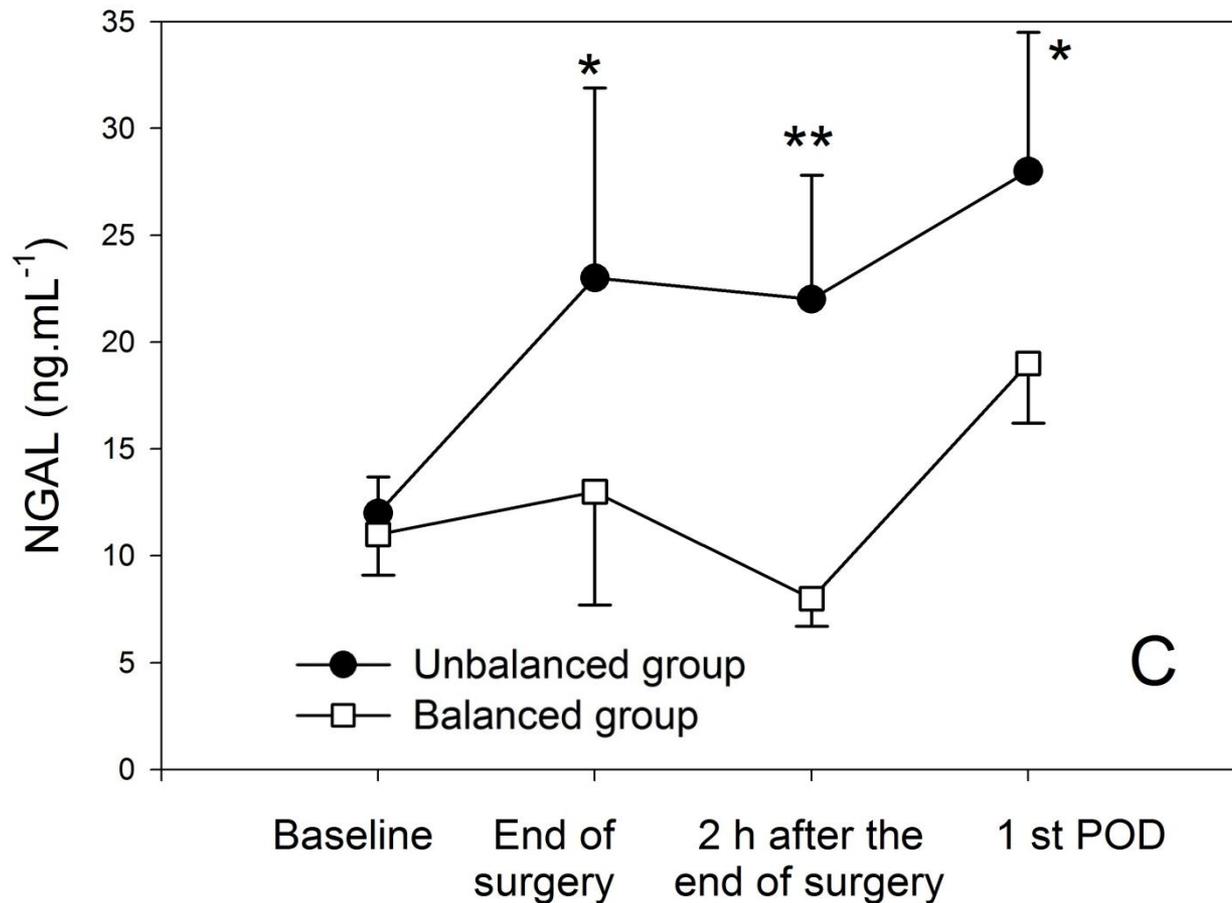
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# Renal function : NGAL (ng/ml)

Neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocain



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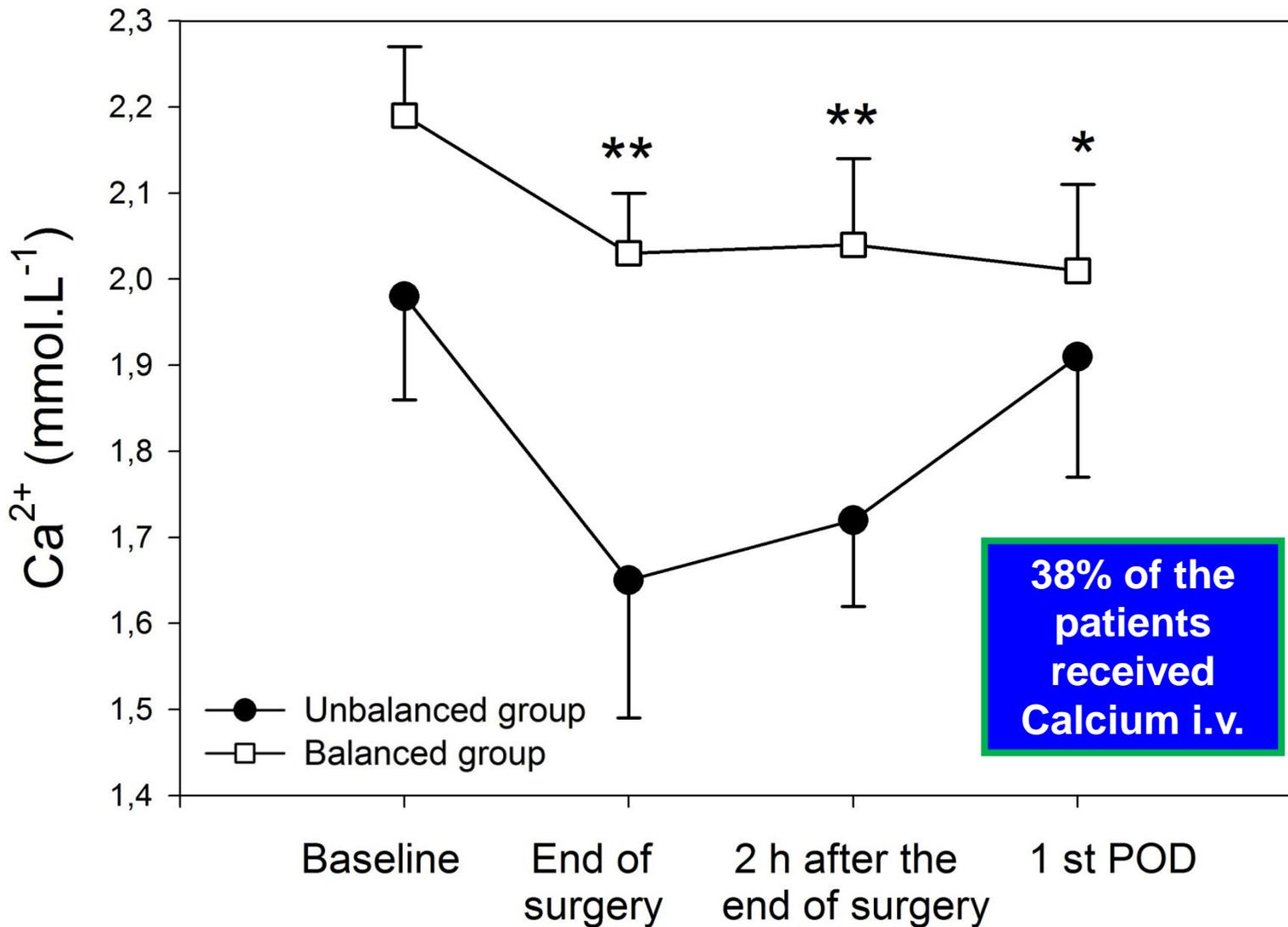




# Calcium

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# Calcium is essential for:

***Excitation-contraction coupling (cardiac arrhythmias)***

***Ciliary movements***

***Neurotransmitters release***

***Enzyme secretion***

***Hormonal secretion***

***Coagulation***

# Acidosis, Calcium and Coagulation status



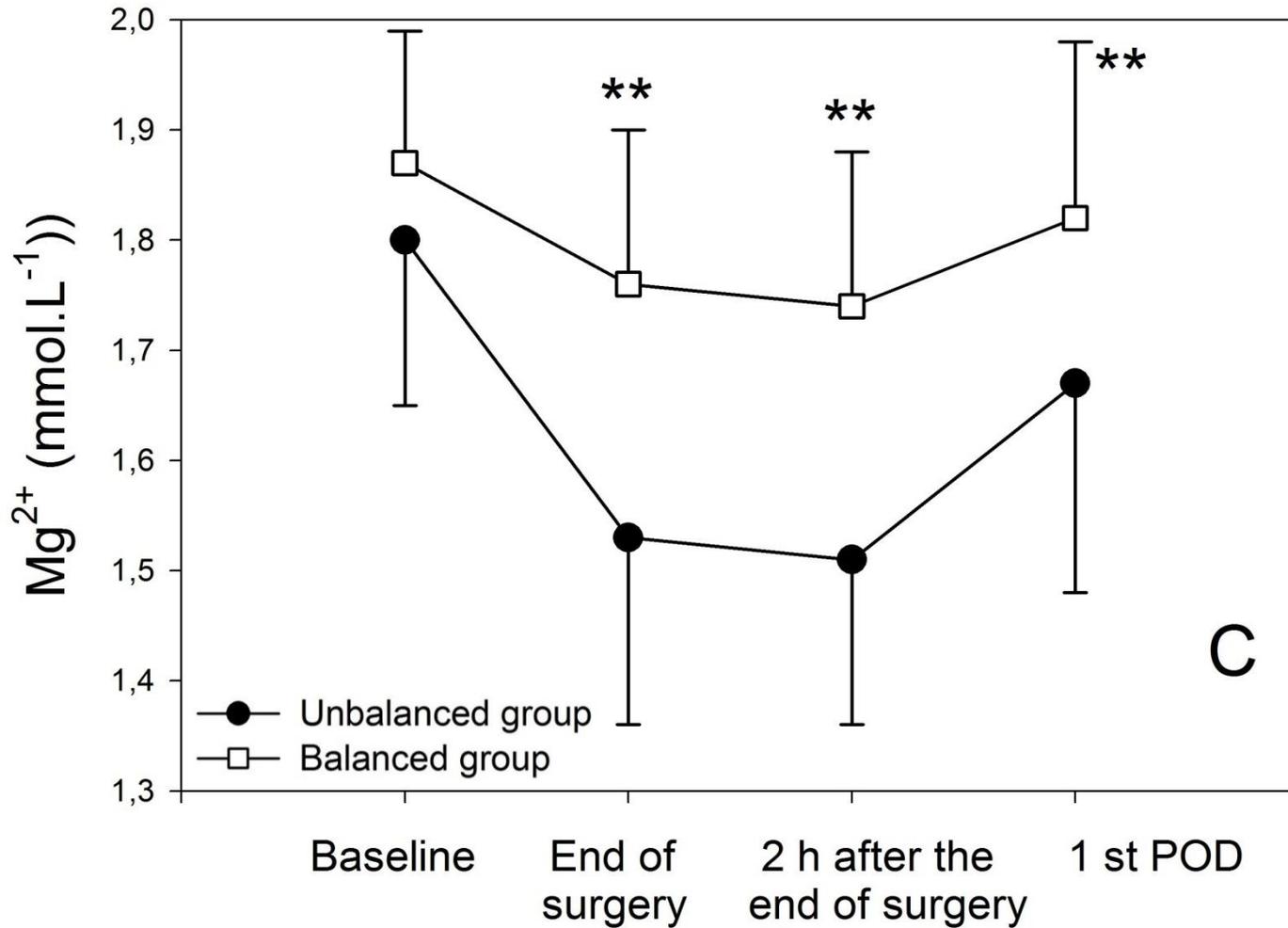
- Clotting activity is affected not only by temperature, but also by pH
- Hypocalcemia can affect clotting activity
- Lactate produces a linear decrease of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  concentration  
(*attention to Ringer's lactate administration*)



# Magnesium

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# Mg<sup>2+</sup> deficiency



- Magnesium reduces the catecholamine release during the stressful manouvres.
- Magnesium has anti-nociceptive effects (it reduces the need for intraoperative anesthetics and relaxant drugs and reduces the amount of morphine for the treatment of posoperative pain).
- The role of magnesium has been extensively studied in cardiology especially during **myocardial infarction, arrhythmia** and **cardiac surgery**.

## CLINICAL MANIFESTATION:

Tetany

Seizures

Arrhythmias

Neuromuscular irritability

Hypocalcemia

Hypokalemia



## **A Randomized, Double-Blind Comparison of Lactated Ringer's Solution and 0.9% NaCl During Renal Transplantation**

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2005

### **AIM OF THE STUDY:**

**to explore the effects of NS administration on graft function as reflected by:**

- intraoperative acid-base balance**
- intraoperative K concentration**
- serum creatinine concentration on postoperative day 3**
- postoperative urine output**
- blood loss and transfusions**
- postoperative hospital length of stay**

### **METHODS:**

- Randomized NS or LR for intraoperative fluid replacement during surgery for kidney transplantation**
- No algorithm for fluid administration or treatment of acidosis and hyperkalemia**
- Blood samples at baseline and every 30 min for the duration of surgery, then once a day**



**Table I. Demographic and Perioperative Variables**

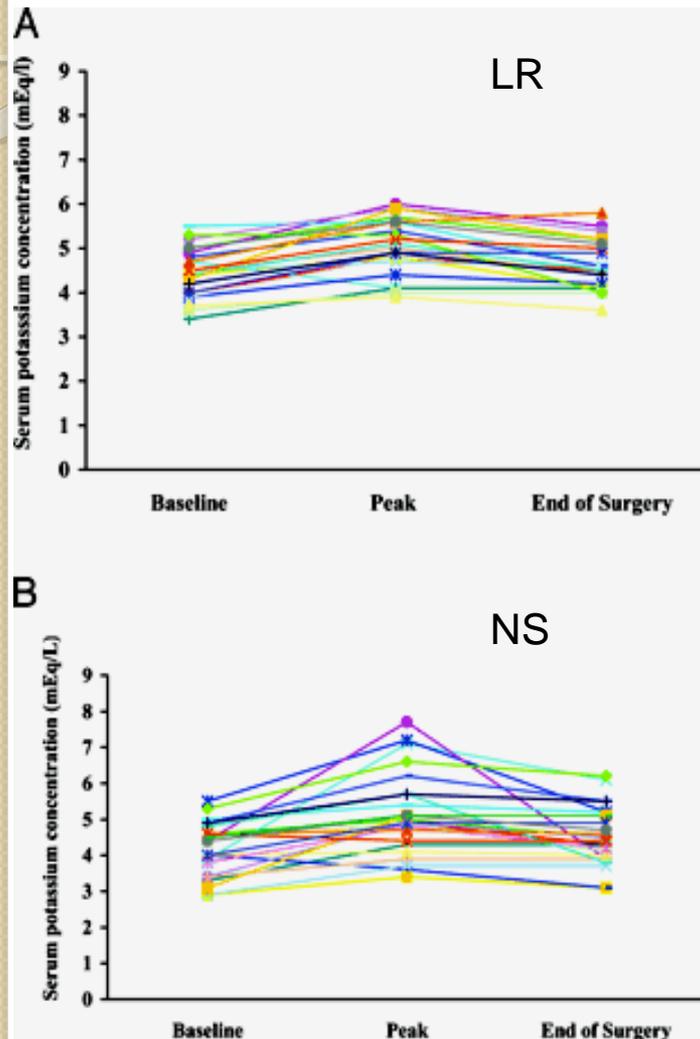
	NS ( <i>n</i> = 26)	LR ( <i>n</i> = 25)	<i>P</i> -value
Age, y	44 ± 13	44 ± 11	ns
Sex, No. (%) men	17 (65)	15 (60)	ns
Weight, kg	72 ± 14	75 ± 18	ns
Living donor, No. (%)	25 (96)	23 (92)	ns
Patients requiring preoperative hemodialysis, No. (%)	18 (69)	13 (52)	ns
Volume of study fluid, L	6.1 ± 1.2	5.6 ± 1.4	ns
Operating room time, h	5.6 ± 1.1	5.6 ± 1.3	ns
Warm ischemia time, min	34 ± 13	34 ± 9	ns
Patients receiving intraoperative dopamine, No. (%)	23 (85)	20 (80)	ns
Blood loss, mL	309 ± 162	310 ± 190	ns
Patients transfused, No. (%)	3 (11)	2 (8)	ns
Baseline serum creatinine, mg/dL	7.0 ± 2.7	8.0 ± 2.6	ns
Baseline serum potassium, mEq/L	4.2 ± 0.7	4.5 ± 0.5	ns
Peak intraoperative serum potassium, mEq/L	5.1 ± 1.1	5.1 ± 0.6	ns
End of surgery serum potassium, mEq/L	4.5 ± 0.8	4.6 ± 0.6	ns
Baseline pH	7.39 ± 0.05	7.36 ± 0.08	ns
Lowest intraoperative pH	7.26 ± 0.08	7.33 ± 0.07	0.001
End of surgery pH	7.28 ± 0.07	7.37 ± 0.07	<0.0001
End of surgery serum chloride, mEq/L	111 ± 4	106 ± 4	<0.0001
Baseline serum bicarbonate, mEq/L	22 ± 5	22 ± 6	ns
Lowest intraoperative serum bicarbonate, mEq/L	16 ± 3	19 ± 4	0.004
End of surgery serum bicarbonate, mEq/L	18 ± 3	21 ± 4	0.007

Data are mean ± SD unless otherwise stated.

NS = 0.9% NaCl (normal saline) group; LR = lactated Ringer's solution group.

**Metabolic acidosis, hypercloremia in NS group vs LR group**

Figure 1. Perioperative potassium concentrations in (A) LR- and (B) NS-treated patients



The study was stopped prematurely because, compared with none in those receiving Ringer's lactate, 19% of patients in the saline group had to be treated for hyperkalemia and 31% for metabolic acidosis.

*“...hyperkalemia in NS-treated patients is presumably through an extracellular shift of potassium caused by hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis..”*



# Fluids and “potential elevated ICP”

- However, RL is an hypotonic solution
- Intracranial compartment responses to changes in plasma osmolality. A decrease from 288 to 280 mosml/Kg/H<sub>2</sub>O results in an increase in brain volume by 3%, causing a decrease in blood and / or cerebrospinal fluid volume by 30%!
- A decrease from 288 to 287 (!) is able to increase the ICP by 10 mmHg

## **NS or balanced solution?**

- NS: acidosis, arrhythmias, hypocoagulability, hyperK<sup>+</sup> hypocalcemia' .... (+ hypothermia..)

Balanced versus chloride-rich solutions for fluid resuscitation in brain-injured patients: a randomized double-blind pilot study  
(*Critical Care*, 2013)

This study provides evidences that balanced solutions reduce the incidence of hyperchloraemic acidosis in brain-injured patients as compared with saline solutions..... intracranial pressure did not appear different between groups.