

Abstract

Is higher always better? HCT during cardiopulmonary bypass

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Haematocrit management during cardiopulmonary bypass has focused on nadir values to avoid critically low oxygen delivery to the end organs. But can the haematocrit be too high and if so, when should we haemodilute the patient? In this talk we will focus on how we can evaluate threshold values and where a potential cut-off value may be.