**American Society of ExtraCorporeal Technology**

**Standards and Guidelines**

**for Perfusion Practice**

The American Society of ExtraCorporeal Technology (AmSECT) has created the following document based on clinical evidence and currently accepted perfusion practices. Perfusionists are the only allied healthcare professionals formally trained and educated in the field of extracorporeal science and whose scope of practice expressly includes the utilization of extracorporeal devices. The document is intended to serve as a useful guide for teams developing institution-specific protocols to improve the reliability, safety, and effectiveness of extracorporeal support services.

**Goal Statement**

The goal of this project was to provide Perfusionists with a framework to guide safe and effective extracorporeal support care to their patients. AmSECT recommends that clinical teams use this document as a guide for developing institution-specific protocols for patients receiving extracorporeal support.

**Approach**

In 2011, the AmSECT Board of Directors (BOD) requested the International Consortium for Evidence-Based Perfusion (ICEBP) subcommittee to review and update the Essentials and Guidelines. In 2013, the revision was completed and adopted by the membership, and a report of this work published in the Journal of Extracorporeal Technology (J Extra Corporeal Technol. 2013 Sep;45(3):156-66). In recognition of the developing role of extracorporeal support the BOD requested that the 2013 Standards and Guidelines be updated. The ICEBP undertook this review and shared the suggested revision with the BOD and the perfusion community at AmSECT’s conferences in 2014 and 2015. ~~Based on feedback from conference attendees, and further review, the ICEBP submitted the current revised document for BOD and membership approval (approved May 2017).~~ Based on feedback from conference attendees, and further review, the ICEBP submitted a revised document that was approved by the BOD and membership in 2017. As a continuation to improve quality and focus on patient safety the Standards and Guidelines have been updated for 2022. Valuable community feedback from direct emails, four webinars, and an open-text response survey were received and applied towards editing the final document. With these goals in mind, the Standards and Guidelines will continue to be reviewed and updated as necessary or as deemed appropriate by AmSECT’s BOD.

The 2022 update includes extensive modifications to existing standards (and their respective guidelines) to enhance their interpretation and use. In addition, the update includes the addition of Standard 19 that focuses on crisis management.

To facilitate the understanding of the Standards and Guidelines, we define important terms used throughout the document. Unless otherwise stated, Standards and Guidelines are written for perfusion services, with the intent to be disseminated and adopted across members of this team.

**Definitions:**

***Standard:*** Practices, technology and/or conduct of care that institutions shall meet in order to fulfill the minimum requirements for ~~cardiopulmonary bypass~~ extracorporeal support procedures.

***Guideline*:** A recommendation that should be considered and may assist in the development and implementation of protocols.

***Protocol:*** An institution-specific written document, derived from professional standards and guidelines, which contains decision and treatment algorithms.

**Word Usage:**

**Shall:** In this document, the word shall is used to indicate a mandatory requirement.

**Should:** In this document, the word should is used to indicate a recommendation.

**Surgical Care Team**: In this document, the term surgical care team is used to indicate the group surgeon, anesthesiologist, Perfusionist, nurse and technicians.

Supervising Physician: In this document, the term supervising physician is intended to describe the physician responsible, at that given time, for the patient and their hemodynamics.

Continuously: In this document, the word ‘continuously’ describes an action that occurs without ceasing, whereas the word ‘continually’ is intended to describe an action that recurs frequently or regularly.

**Appendix:** The appendices are presented as documents to help with institutional implementation of specified Standards and Guidelines. As such, appendices are meant solely as supporting material.

**~~Disclaimer~~: Special Note:**

**AmSECT recognizes that individual medical centers may have local policies that may supersede AmSECT’s Standards and Guidelines. Likewise, AmSECT recognizes that some districts or states may have laws that supersede AmSECT’s Standards and Guidelines. As a result, Perfusionists practicing within those jurisdictions should comply in all respects with those policies and laws.**



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***Standard 1: Development of Institutionally-based Protocols***

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| **Standard 1.1**: | As a mechanism for applying each standard to clinical practice, an institution or service provider shall develop and implement an operating procedure (protocol) for each of the standards. |
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| **Standard 1.2**: | The protocol shall be:* Approved by the Chairman of Cardiac Surgery, or his/her designee, Director of Perfusion, or equivalent, and other relevant clinical governance committees if available.
* Reviewed and revised annually or more frequently when deemed necessary.
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| **Standard 1.3**:  | Perfusion emergency protocols shall be accessible to help guide the user during an event.[[1]](#footnote-1) |
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| Guideline 1.1: | Deviation from protocol or intended treatment care plan may be at the discretion of the supervising physician and should be documented in the perfusion record. |

***Standard 2: Qualification, Competency and Support Staff***

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| **Standard 2.1:** | A Perfusionist, who is Board Certified by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion or who demonstrates equivalent qualifications and competency, shall conduct extracorporeal support procedures.[[2]](#footnote-2) |
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| **Standard 2.2:** | Perfusionist competency shall be assessed annually to evaluate compliance with departmental protocols. |
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| **Standard 2.3:** | The Perfusionist shall attend, participate, and engage in perfusion-related continuing education courses on an annual basis.[[3]](#footnote-3) |
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| **Standard 2.4:** | Support staff shall be available on site to assist the primary Perfusionist during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| **~~Standard 2.5:~~**  | ~~A process to educate, train, and annually evaluate perfusion staff shall be developed and followed~~. |
| **Standard 2.5:** | An outline detailing the onboarding process shall be developed in order to ensure new hires are oriented and able to safely perform perfusion related responsibilities. The onboarding process shall be documented and retained upon completion. |
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| Guideline 2.1: | An individual graduating from an accredited perfusion education program should complete all requirements for American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion certification within 3 years of graduation. |
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| Guideline 2.2: | A standardized process should be developed and followed to identify, orient, and educate support staff to ensure they have general knowledge of the duties performed by the Perfusionist, flow of the operation and location of primary and ancillary items required during extracorporeal support procedures. Support staff may include a Perfusionist, nursing, technical, or non- technical staff. |

***Standard 3: Communication***

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| **Standard 3.1:** | A patient-specific management plan for the extracorporeal support procedure shall be prepared and communicated to the surgical team either during the pre-operative briefing or prior to beginning the procedure.[[4]](#footnote-4) |
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| **Standard 3.2:** | The primary Perfusionist shall use a set handoff protocol (e.g., SBAR- Situation, Background, Assessment, Communication) when transitioning the management of the case to a second Perfusionist.[[5]](#footnote-5) |
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| **Standard 3.3:** | The primary Perfusionist shall participate in the post-procedure debrief with the surgical team. |
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| Guideline 3.1: | The use of cellular telephone technology in the operating room should be guided by the principles of ST-59 Statement on use of cell phones in the operating room, written by the American College of Surgeons.[[6]](#footnote-6) |
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| Guideline 3.2: | Protocol driven communication (e.g., closed-loop), should be utilized to acknowledge verbal commands, verify the content, and reduce ambiguity.[[7]](#footnote-7),[[8]](#footnote-8),[[9]](#footnote-9) |
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| Guideline 3.3 | Topics that should be considered during the post-procedure debrief include, but are not limited to, communication, additional training, equipment or disposables issues, post-operative instructions, and safety events. |
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| Guideline 3.4 | Deviations from the intended treatment care plan should be documented and communicated to the supervising physician to allow for changes in the management plan. |

***Standard 4: Perfusion Record***

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| **Standard 4:1:** | The perfusion record (written and/or electronic) for each cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) procedure shall be included as part of the patient’s permanent medical record. The perfusion records shall be maintained and stored according to institution policy for retaining patient medical records. |
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| **Standard 4.2:** | The record shall include:* Patient information including demographics and pre-operative risk factors (Appendix A).
* Information sufficient to accurately describe the procedure, personnel, and equipment (Appendix B).
* Patient physiological parameters documented at a frequency determined by institutional protocol (Appendix C).
* Blood gas and anticoagulation monitoring results (Appendix D).
* Signature of the Perfusionist (and all relief Perfusionists) performing the procedure.
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| Guideline 4.1: | The perfusion record should include open text (factual) commentary including supervising physician verbal orders pertinent to the CPB procedure. |
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| Guideline 4.2: | The perfusion record should include the signatures of the supervising physician(s) providing oversight for the CPB procedure. |
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| Guideline 4.3: | Raw data (e.g., blood flow, pressure and temperature values) contained in electronic perfusion databases should be stored for a time period in accordance with the institution’s policy for retaining electronic patient medical records. |

***Standard 5: Checklist***

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| **Standard 5.1:** | The Perfusionist shall use a checklist for each extracorporeal support procedure.[[10]](#footnote-10) |
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| **Standard 5.2:** | Checklists shall be included as part of the patient's permanent medical record. |
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| **Standard 5.3:** | The perfusionist shall use a checklist when transferring primary perfusionist responsibilities. |
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| Guideline 5.1: | The Perfusionist should use checklists in a read-verify manner where critical steps that should have been performed are confirmed.[[11]](#footnote-11) Completion of the checklist should be performed by two people, one person being the primary Perfusionist responsible for operation of the heart lung machine during the intra-operative period. |
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| Guideline 5.2: | The Perfusionist should utilize a checklist throughout the entire peri-operative period (e.g., set-up, pre-bypass, initial onset of bypass, prior to cessation of bypass, post bypass, and/or any return to bypass). |
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| Guideline 5.3: | The Perfusionist should utilize a checklist for other ancillary perfusion services (e.g., autotransfusion, intra-aortic balloon pump, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation). |

***Standard 6: Safety Devices***

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| **Standard 6.1:** | Pressure monitoring of the arterial line, cardioplegia delivery systems and venous reservoir (when augmented venous drainage is utilized) shall be employed during extracorporeal support procedures.* The pressure monitor shall be either servoregulated to control the arterial/cardioplegia pump or to allow interruption to the arterial/cardioplegia flow.
* The pressure monitor shall include an audible and visual alarm.
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| **Standard 6.2:** | A bubble detector shall be employed during extracorporeal support procedures.* The gross/macro bubble detector shall be used to control the arterial pump or to allow interruption of the arterial blood flow.
* The detector system shall include an audible and visual alarm and be positioned according to manufacturer instructions for use to enable timely identification and action.
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| **Standard 6.3:** | A level sensor shall be employed during extracorporeal support procedures utilizing a (hard-shell) reservoir.* The level sensor shall be either servoregulated to control the arterial pump or to allow interruption of the arterial blood flow.
* The level sensor shall include an audible and visual alarm and be positioned according to manufacturer’s instructions to allow an appropriate reaction time and a safe operational volume.
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| **Standard 6.4:** | Temperature monitoring of the arterial outflow from the oxygenator shall be employed during extracorporeal support procedures.* The temperature sensor shall include an audible and visual alarm to prevent high arterial outlet temperatures.[[12]](#footnote-12)
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| **Standard 6.5:** | An arterial-line filter, external or integrated, shall be employed during cardiopulmonary bypass procedures. |
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| **Standard 6.6:** | A one-way valve in the vent line shall be employed during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| **Standard 6.7:** | A method for retrograde flow avoidance when using a centrifugal pump shall be employed during extracorporeal support procedures.* Examples of retrograde avoidance systems may include the following:
	+ One-way flow valves
	+ Hard stop detent controls to prevent accidental reduction in pump speed
	+ Electronically activated arterial line clamps
	+ Low speed visual and audible alarm.
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| **Standard 6.8:** | An anesthetic gas scavenge line shall be employed whenever inhalation agents are introduced into the circuit during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| **Standard 6.9:** | Hand cranks shall be readily available during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| **Standard 6.10:** | A back-up gas supply shall be available during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| **~~Standard 6.11:~~** | ~~A back-up battery supply for the extracorporeal support machine shall be available during CPB procedures.~~ |
| **Standard 6.11:** | The extracorporeal support machine shall have a backup power source that allows for uninterrupted power supply during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| Guideline 6.1: | A ventilating gas oxygen analyzer should be employed during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| Guideline 6.2: | A level sensor should be employed during extracorporeal support procedures utilizing a soft-shell reservoir.* The level sensor should be either servoregulated to control the arterial pump or to allow interruption of the arterial blood flow.
* The level sensor should include an audible and visual alarm and be positioned according to manufacturer’s instructions to allow an appropriate reaction time and a safe operational volume.
* The use of an air bubble detector distal to the outlet can be used utilized as a surrogate level detector.
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***Standard 7: Monitoring[[13]](#footnote-13)***

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| **~~Standard 7.1:~~** | ~~Patient arterial blood pressure shall be monitored continually during cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB).~~ |
| **Standard 7.1:** | Patient arterial blood pressure shall be monitored continuously during extracorporeal support procedures.[[14]](#footnote-14) |
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| **~~Standard 7.2:~~** | ~~Arterial line pressure shall be monitored continually during CPB.~~ |
| **Standard 7.2:** | Arterial line pressure shall be monitored continuously during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| **~~Standard 7.3:~~** | ~~Arterial blood flow shall be monitored continually during CPB.~~ |
| **Standard 7.3:** | Arterial blood flow shall be monitored continuously at a point in the extracorporeal support circuit where it accurately reflects the flow delivered to the patient during extracorporeal support procedures (e.g., distal to intra-circuit shunts). |
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| **Standard 7.4:** | Cardioplegia dose, delivery method, line pressure (antegrade), coronary sinus pressure (retrograde) and ischemic intervals shall be monitored continually during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| **Standard 7.5**: | Patient and device temperatures shall be monitored continually during extracorporeal support procedures.* Patient (e.g., nasopharyngeal, rectal, bladder, esophageal)
* Heart lung machine (arterial, venous and cardioplegia)
* Heater cooler (H20 temperature)
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| **Standard 7.6:** | Blood gas analyses shall be monitored continually or at regular intervals during extracorporeal support procedures (Appendix D). |
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| **Standard 7.7:** | Hematocrit (or hemoglobin) shall be monitored continually during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| **Standard 7.8:** | Oxygen fraction and gas flow rates shall be monitored continually during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| **Standard 7.9:** | The percentage of venous line occlusion of the venous occluder shall be monitored continually during CPB.[[15]](#footnote-15) |
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| **Standard 7.10** | Venous oxygen saturation shall be monitored continually during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| Guideline 7.1: | Carbon dioxide removal should be monitored continually during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| Guideline 7.2: | Arterial oxygen saturation should be monitored continually during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| Guideline 7.3: | The following patient pressures should be monitored during extracorporeal support procedures:* Central venous pressure and/ or
* Pulmonary artery blood pressure, if available
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| Guideline 7.4: | Continuous in-line blood gas monitoring should be used during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| Guideline 7.5: | Cerebral oximetry should be used during extracorporeal support procedures. |
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| ~~Guideline 7.6:~~ | ~~Arterial blood flow should be monitored continually at a point in the CPB circuit where it accurately reflects the flow delivered to the patient during CPB (eg distal to intra- circuit shunts).~~ |
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***Standard 8: Anticoagulation***

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| **Standard 8.1:** | The Perfusionist, in collaboration with the supervising physician, shall define the intended anticoagulation management algorithm, including:* Acceptable target and range for activated clotting time (ACT), considering relevant factors that include the variability in ACT measurement attributed to the measuring device’s performance characteristics.
* Monitoring and treating the patient’s anticoagulation status before, during, and after the cardiopulmonary bypass period at a determined frequency.
* Patient-specific initial heparin dosage using one of the following methods:
	+ Weight
	+ Dose Response Curve (automated or manual)
	+ Blood Volume
	+ Body Surface Area
* Preparing alternative means of anticoagulation for when heparin is not suitable.
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| **~~Standard 8.2:~~** | ~~The Perfusionist shall work closely with the surgical care team to monitor and treat the patient’s anticoagulation status before, during, and after the cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) period.~~ |
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| ~~Guideline 8.1:~~ | ~~The surgical care team should determine the target activated clotting time by considering relevant factors; including variability in the measurement of activated clotting time (ACT) attributed to the device’s performance characteristics.~~ |
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| ~~Guideline 8.2:~~ | ~~Patient-specific initial heparin dose should be determined by one of the following methods:~~* ~~Weight~~
* ~~Dose Response Curve (automated or manual)~~
* ~~Blood Volume~~
* ~~Body Surface Area~~
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| Guideline ~~8.3~~ 8.1: | Anticoagulation monitoring should include the testing of ACT. Additional monitoring tests may include:* Heparin level measurement (e.g., heparin/protamine titration or unfractionated heparin level)
* Partial Thromboplastin Time
* Thromboelastograph
* Thrombin Time
* Anti Xa
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| Guideline ~~8.4~~ 8.2: | Additional doses of heparin during extracorporeal support procedures should be determined by using an appropriate anticoagulation test.[[16]](#footnote-16) |
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| ~~Guideline 8.5~~  | ~~Heparin reversal should be confirmed by ACT and/or heparin/protamine titration.~~ |
| Guideline 8.3: | Heparin reversal management strategy should aim to limit over-exposure to protamine and should be confirmed by ACT and/or heparin/protamine titration. |

***Standard 9: Gas Exchange***

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| **~~Standard 9.1:~~** | ~~Gas exchange shall be maintained during cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) according to protocol, accounting for:~~~~The individual patient characteristics/risk profile~~~~Oxygenator type, design, and instructions for use~~~~Blood flow, temperature, and metabolic demand~~ |
| **Standard 9.1:** | Gas exchange shall be maintained during extracorporeal support procedures according to protocol, accounting for individual patient needs |
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| **~~Standard 9.2:~~** | ~~Devices used to measure gas exchange shall be calibrated according to the manufacturer’s instructions for use.~~ |
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| **~~Standard 9.3:~~** | ~~Blood gas analysis shall be performed and recorded according to protocol.~~ |
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| **Standard 9.2:** | Indexed Oxygen delivery and consumption calculations shall be utilized to evaluate and optimize gas exchange.[[17]](#footnote-17),[[18]](#footnote-18),[[19]](#footnote-19),[[20]](#footnote-20),[[21]](#footnote-21)* Oxygen Delivery: DO2i = 10 x CI x CaO2
* Oxygen Consumption: VO2i = 10 x CI x (CaO2 – CvO2)
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|  | Where: CaO2 (arterial oxygen content) = (Hb x 1.36 x SaO2) + (0.0031 x PaO2), andCvO2 (mixed venous oxygen content) = (Hb x 1.36 x SvO2) + (0.0031 x PvO2) |
|  | CI = cardiac indexHb = hemoglobinSaO2 = arterial oxygen saturationPaO2 = partial pressure of oxygen in arterial bloodSvO2 = venous oxygen saturationPvO2 = partial pressure of oxygen in venous blood |
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| Guideline 9.1: | Point-of-Care testing should be considered to provide accurate and timely information for blood gas analysis.[[22]](#footnote-22) |

***Standard 10: Blood Flow***

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| **Standard 10.1:** | Target blood flow rates shall be determined prior to extracorporeal support according to protocol. |
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| **Standard 10.2:** | The Perfusionist shall work closely with the ~~surgical care team~~ supervising physician to maintain targeted blood flow rate during extracorporeal support procedure. |
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| ~~Guideline 10.1:~~ | ~~Variance from intended and targeted blood flow should be communicated to the physician-in-charge.~~ |
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| Guideline ~~10.2~~ 10.1: | Appropriate blood flow rate should be determined by evaluation of:* Acid base balance
* ~~Base Excess~~
* Anesthetic level
* Arterial blood pressure
* Cerebral oximetry
* Lactate burden
* Oxygen delivery and consumption (refer to Standard 9.2 for formula)
	+ Venous pO2
	+ Arterial pO2
	+ Hemoglobin concentration
	+ Arterial oxygen saturation
	+ ~~Systemic vascular resistance (SVR)~~
* Temperature
* Venous oxygen saturation
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***Standard 11: Blood Pressure***

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| **Standard 11.1:** | The Perfusionist, in collaboration with the ~~physician-in-charge~~ surgical care team, shall define and communicate the intended treatment algorithm for blood pressure management prior to extracorporeal support procedures, including acceptable ranges for blood pressure.[[23]](#footnote-23) |
| ~~Guideline 11.1:~~ | ~~Variance from intended and targeted blood pressure should be documented and communicated to the physician-in-charge to allow for changes in the blood pressure management plan.~~ |
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***Standard 12. Protamine and Cardiotomy Suction.***

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| **Standard 12.1:** | Cardiotomy suction shall be discontinued at the onset of protamine administration to avoid clotting within the extracorporeal support circuit. |
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***Standard 13: Blood Management***

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| **~~Standard 13.1~~**~~:~~ | ~~The Perfusionist shall ,participate in efforts to minimize hemodilution and avoid unnecessary blood transfusions.~~ |
| **Standard 13.1**: | The Perfusionist shall utilize the timely and collaborative application of evidence-based medical and surgical concepts (see Guideline 13.1) designed to maintain hemoglobin concentration, optimize hemostasis, and minimize blood loss in an effort to improve patient outcome.[[24]](#footnote-24) |
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| **Standard 13.2**: | The Perfusionist shall minimize the extracorporeal support circuit size to reduce prime volume.20 |
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| **Standard 13.3**: | The Perfusionist shall calculate, prior to induction, and communicate to the surgical team prior to initiating extracorporeal support, a patient's predicted post-dilutional hemoglobin or hematocrit. |
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| Guideline 13.1: | Blood management efforts should include the following.20, [[25]](#footnote-25)* Participate in pre-operative briefings (discussions) with the surgical care team (Standard 3.1) regarding transfusion strategies and target hematocrit values.
* Participation in a multidisciplinary blood management team.
* Minimize hemodilution by:
	+ Ultrafiltration
	+ Matching the size of the extracorporeal support circuit to the size of the patient
	+ Autologous priming of extracorporeal support circuit, including retrograde arterial and/or venous antegrade priming
	+ Biocompatible coating on the surface of all extracorporeal support circuitry
	+ Perioperative blood cell recovery, appropriate processing, and reinfusion ~~after being appropriately processed~~.
	+ Extracorporeal support circuit blood salvage at the end of the procedure
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| Guideline 13.2: | Laboratory and Point-of-Care hemostasis monitoring should be utilized to minimize blood loss. Monitoring may include:* International normalized ratio
* Partial Thromboplastin time
* Prothrombin time
* Thrombin time
* Thromboelastography/Thromboelastometry
* Platelet count
* Platelet function analysis
* Fibrinogen
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***Standard 14:* Level of Readiness for Procedures that may require extracorporeal support**

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| **Standard 14.1:** | Procedures identified preoperatively to be at elevated risk of requiring conversion to an extracorporeal support procedure shall have a protocol for transition to such procedures. |
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| **Standard 14.2:** | One Perfusionist shall be assigned for each such standby procedure. |
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| **Standard 14.3:** | A heart-lung machine consisting of a sterile extracorporeal set-up and ancillary equipment (Ref: Appendix B) shall be readily available for the procedure. |
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| **Standard 14.4:** | Assembly and maintenance of circuit shall be regulated according to institutional protocol using aseptic technique. |
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| Guideline 14.1: | The level of readiness for utilizing extracorporeal support during a surgical procedure should be determined through consultation with the surgical team.  |
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| ~~Guideline14.2:~~ | ~~A heart-lung machine consisting of a sterile extracorporeal set-up and ancillary equipment (Ref: Appendix B) should be readily available for emergency procedures or as part of disaster planning protocols.~~ [[26]](#footnote-26) |
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***Standard 15: Staffing and On-call***

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| Guideline 15.1: | The “n+1” staffing model should be utilized at all times, where “n” equals the number of operating/procedure rooms in use at any given time at a single site. [[27]](#footnote-27) |
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| Guideline 15.2: | An on-call Perfusionist should be present and clinically ready for unscheduled and emergency procedures within 60 minutes of being called. |
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***Standard 16: Duty Hours***

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| **Standard 16.1:** | In order for the Perfusionist to ensure proper provision of care, he/she shall receive an adequate rest period between scheduled work hours.[[28]](#footnote-28) |
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| Guideline 16.1: | The Perfusionist should receive a minimum of 8 hours of rest period for every 16-hour consecutive work period. |
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***Standard 17: Quality Assurance and Improvement***

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| **Standard 17.1:** | The Perfusionist shall actively participate in both institutional and departmental quality assurance and improvement programs, as well as encourage the use of safety reporting structures and incident reporting. |
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| **Standard 17.2** | The Perfusionist shall collect data concerning the conduct of perfusion via a clinical registry or database to advance quality and safety.[[29]](#footnote-29),[[30]](#footnote-30) |
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| ~~Guideline 17.1:~~ | ~~The Perfusionist should collect data concerning the conduct of perfusion via a clinical registry or database.~~ |
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| ~~Guideline17.2:~~ | ~~The Perfusionist should use such data for quality assurance, and improvement projects.~~ |

***Standard 18: Maintenance***

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| **Standard18.1**: | The Perfusionist shall ensure that ~~properly maintained and functioning~~ equipment used in the conduct of extracorporeal support is properly maintained and functioning ~~including (but not limited to):~~* ~~Heart lung machine~~
	+ ~~Pumps~~
	+ ~~Timers~~
	+ ~~Pressure monitors~~
	+ ~~Temperature monitors~~
	+ ~~Low Level alarm~~
	+ ~~Air bubble detector(s)~~
	+ ~~Blood flow sensors~~
* ~~Heater/Cooler~~
* ~~Anesthetic vaporizer~~
* ~~Oxygen Blender/Flow Meter~~
* ~~Oxygen analyzer~~
* ~~Ancillary Equipment~~
	+ ~~IABP~~
	+ ~~VAD device~~
	+ ~~Cell salvage device~~
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| **Standard 18.2:** | Preventive maintenance on perfusion equipment shall be performed by appropriately trained and qualified manufacturer technicians, representatives, or Bio-Medical technicians. Regularly scheduled maintenance shall be documented by the perfusion department and/or Bio-Medical engineering staff. The interval of such maintenance shall be consistent with manufacturer recommendations, applicable external accrediting agency guidelines and institutional requirements. |
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| **Standard 18.3:** | The organization shall follow a protocol for perfusion equipment failures.[[31]](#footnote-31) |
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| **Standard 18.4:** | Appropriate backup perfusion supplies and equipment shall be readily available. |
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| **Standard 18.5:** | The organization shall follow a protocol for acknowledging and addressing perfusion equipment notices (e.g., recalls, warnings, and advisories). |
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***Standard 19: Crisis Management***

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| **Standard 19.1:** | The perfusionist shall participate in a collaborative effort to implement an actionable crisis management plan for unforeseen circumstances that may prohibit the ability to perform standard duties.[[32]](#footnote-32) |
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| Guideline 19.1: | Alternate vendors for vital equipment should be identified in order to address supply chain interruptions. |
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| Guideline 19.2: | Alternate storage and staging areas should be identified in the event primary/routine areas are compromised. |
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| Guideline 19.3: | Perfusionist should have a working knowledge of the infrastructure of the institution in order to identify operating room facilities that are suitable for extracorporeal support procedures when routine surgical suites are unavailable. |
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| Guideline 19.4: | Clinical personnel should have a procedure for patient evacuation and potential support for patients committed to extracorporeal support while evacuations are in progress. |
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| Guideline 19.5: | Clinical expertise, education, and proper role assignment should be considered if Perfusion staff repurposing is required. |

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**Appendix A: Patient information**

1. Medical Record Number
2. Patient Surname, first name
3. Demographics
4. Age (DOB)
5. Gender
6. Height
7. Weight
8. Body surface Area (BSA)
9. Blood Type
10. Laboratory Data
11. Hemoglobin/Hematocrit
12. Predicted Hematocrit on Bypass
13. White Blood Cell Count
14. Platelet Count
15. aPTT
16. Na
17. K+
18. BUN/CR
19. Glucose
20. Other Relevant Lab values
21. Patient Allergies
22. Planned Procedure
23. Medical History/Risk Factors ~~(recommended)~~
24. Cardiovascular
25. Pulmonary
26. Renal
27. Neurologic
28. GI/Endocrine

**Appendix B: Information sufficient to accurately describe the procedure, personnel, and equipment**

1. Date of Procedure

2. Type of Procedure

3. Perfusionist(s) Name

1. Detail to clearly demonstrate the Perfusionist in charge of the case at all times.

4. Surgeon(s) Name

5. Anesthesiologist(s) Name

6. Nurse (s) name

7. Operating Room Number

8. Comments/Events ~~(recommended)~~

9. Equipment

1. Heart Lung Machine
2. Cell Salvage (autotransfusion) Device
3. Heater/Cooler

Note: Items A-C must be uniquely identified (e.g., Pump 1, 2, 3 etc.) The related serial numbers for each component (e.g., roller pumps, vaporizer, blender, etc.) are documented and stored locally.

10. Disposables

1. Oxygenator
2. Cardiotomy reservoir
3. Tubing pack/Arterial line filter
4. Centrifugal pump head
5. Cardioplegia Delivery System
6. Cell Salvage (autotransfusion)
7. Ultrafiltration Device
8. Arterial Cannula
9. Venous Cannula
10. Cardioplegia Cannula
11. Sump/vent(s)

Note: Manufacturer, model, serial and/or lot numbers should be documented with items a-k.

**Appendix C: Patient physiological and Perfusionist practice parameters documented at a frequency determined by institutional protocol.**

1. Blood Flow Rates (RPM)

2. Arterial Blood Pressure

3. Arterial Line Pressure

4. Central Venous/Pulmonary Artery Pressure

5. Vacuum Assist Venous Return (VAVR)

1. VAVR pressure
2. Venous Inlet Pressure (VIP)

6. Arterial/Venous Blood Gases

7. Venous Oxygen Saturation

8. Patient Temperatures, including:

1. Patient core (at least one)
	1. Nasopharyngeal
	2. Bladder
	3. Esophageal
	4. Rectal
	5. Tympanic
2. Optional

i. Myocardium

9. CPB temperatures:

i. Venous return blood

ii. Arterial blood inflow

1. Optional

i. Water bath(s)

10. Oxygenator gases including gas flow rate and concentration(s)

11. Input fluid volumes including:

1. Prime
2. Blood Products
3. Asanguineous Fluids
4. Cardioplegic Solution
5. Autologous Components

12. Cardioplegia

1. Solution (ratio)
2. Route
3. Flow
4. Pressure
5. Temperature
6. Volume

13. Output Fluid Volumes, including:

1. Urine output
2. Ultrafiltrate

14. Medications and/or inhalational anesthetic agents administered via extracorporeal circuit.

**Appendix D: Blood gas, electrolyte and anticoagulation monitoring results**

1. Blood gases

1. pO2
2. pCO2
3. pH
4. Base excess
5. Bicarbonate concentration
6. Saturation
7. Potassium concentration
8. Ionized calcium concentration
9. Sodium concentration
10. Lactate
11. Glucose
12. Hemoglobin/hematocrit

2. `Activated Clotting Times (ACT) and/or Heparin/Protamine Assay Results and/or

Thromboelastography Results

**Appendix E: Regulatory documents, Revision 2016**

##### REGULATORY CITATION LEGEND

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| **Regulations, Standards and Guidelines Resources** | **Citation Prefix** |
| AABB Standards for Perioperative Autologous Blood Collection and Administration  (6th Edition  2014) | **AABB** |
| College of American Pathologists (7/28/2015 Checklists) | **CAP** |
| Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (April 2016) | **CIHQ** |
| Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Conditions of Participation (CoP) – Hospitals  (Title 42 Part 482) | **CMS-H** |
| CLIA Laboratory Regulations | **CMS-L** |
| Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation (January 2016) | **COLA** |
| Healthcare Facility Accreditation Program (2015 v2) | **HFAP** |
| National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations  (Rev 11 6-17-2014) | **NIAHO** |
| International Organization for Standardization    (Standard 9001:2008) | **ISO 9001** |
| Joint Commission Hospital Accreditation Standards 2016 | **TJC-H** |
| Joint Commission Laboratory Accreditation Standards 2016 | **TJC-L** |

**Please note, the ISO 9001 standards are included due to the link between NIAHO Accreditation and the requirement for the hospital to become either ISO Compliant**

**or Certified.**

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| Standard/Guideline | Regulations, Standards and Guidelines Resources | Section |
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|  | CAP-C | COM.10000 |
|  | CAP-G | GEN.20374, GEN.20375 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.11 |
|  | HFAP | 30.00.09 |
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|  | ISO 9001 | 4.1; 4.2; 4.2.1; 4.2.2; 5.1 |
|  | TJC-HAP | LD.04.01.07;LD.04.01.07\_EP2; LD.04.04.07\_EP1–EP3; NS.02.02.01\_EP3; NS.02.03.01  |
|  | TJC-L | DC.01.01.01\_EP1-EP3; DC.02.02.01\_EP1-EP4 |
|  |  |  |
| **Standard 1.2*** Dot point 1
 | AABB | 1.1.1; 1.3; 1.4; 6.0; 6.1 (6.1.1, 6.1.3) |
|  | CAP-C | COM.10000; COM.10200 |
|  | CAP-G | GEN.20375 |
|  | CIHQ | GL-4 |
|  | CMS – L | §493.1200 (a-c) |
|  | COLA | ORG 11 E; ORG 12 R; LDR 3 E; LDR 5 E |
|  | HFAP | 30.00.09 |
|  | NIAHO | NS.2\_SR.3 |
|  | ISO 9001 | 4.2.3 |
|  | TJC–HAP | LD.04.01.07\_EP1; LD.04.04.07\_EP4; NR.02.03.01\_EP1-EP2; |
|  | TJC-L | DC.02.01.01 |
|  |  |  |
| Dot point 2 | AABB | 6.1.4 (biennial) |
|  | CAP-C | COM.10100 (biennial) |
|  | CIHQ | GL-4 (triennial) |
|  | COLA | ORG 15 R (annual) |
|  | NIAHO | QM.5 (annual), SM.3\_SR.6 |
|  | ISO 9001 | 4.2.3, 5.6.1 |
|  |  |  |
| Guideline 1.1 |  |  |
|  | AABB | 1.3.1, 5.4.2.2.1 |
|  | CAP-C | COM.10000 |
|  | NIAHO | QM.5 |
|  | ISO-9001 | 1.2 |
|  |  |  |
| Standard 2.1 |  |  |
|  | AABB | 2.1; 2.1.1; 2.1.3 |
|  | CAP-G | GEN.54400, GEN.54750, GEN.55500 |
|  | CAP-P | POC.06800 |
|  | CIHQ | GL-3(G), HR-3(C), HR-4(E),MS-3(E), MS-5(B) |
|  | CMS-H | §482.11(c), §482.23(3), §482.23(5), §482.51(4) |
|  | CMS-L | §493.1423(e), §493.1423 |
|  | COLA | PER 2 E, PER 3 R, QC 31 |
|  | HFAP | 01.00.04, 03.00.02, 03.01.06, 15.02.39, 16.00.04, 16.00.11, 18.00.06, 30.00.05,  |
|  | NIAHO | GB.1\_SR.1c, NS.1, SM.1, SM.2, SS.3\_SR.1 |
|  | ISO 9001 | 6.2.1, 6.2.2 |
|  | TJC-HAP | HR.01.02.01, HR.01.02.05, HR.01.06.01 |
|  | TJC-L | DC.02.02.01\_EP1, HR.01.02.05\_EP1-EP3, EP6, HR.01.02.07\_EP1-EP2 |
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| Standard 2.2 |  |  |
|  | AABB | 2.1.3, 2.1.3.1 |
|  | CAP-G | GEN.55500, GEN.57000 |
|  | CAP-P | POC.06910 |
|  | CIHQ | HR-3(C) |
|  | CMS-H | §482.23(3) |
|  | CMS-L | §493.1235, §493.1423 |
|  | COLA | PER 5 R, QC 31 |
|  | NIAHO | SM.7\_SR.1, SM.7\_SR.2, SS.3\_SR.1 |
|  | TJC-HAP | HR.01.06.01, HR.01.07.01 (EP1, EP2, EP5) |
|  | TJC-L | HR.01.07.01\_EP1-EP2 |
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| Standard 2.3 |  |  |
|  | AABB | 2.1.4 |
|  | CAP-G | GEN.54200 |
|  | CIHQ | MS-3(E) |
|  | CMS-L | §493.557(a)(3)(iii) |
|  | COLA | PER 6 R |
|  | HFAP | 01.00.04, 03.00.02, 16.00.06 |
|  | NIAHO | MS.10, SM.7\_SR.6 |
|  | ISO 9100 | 6.2.2(e) |
|  | TJC-HAP | HR.01.05.03 |
|  | TJC-L | HR.01.05.03\_EP1, EP4-EP7 |
|  |  |  |
| Standard 2.5 |  |  |
|  | AABB | 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4 |
|  | CAP-G | GEN.54200, GEN.54400, GEN.54750, GEN.55500, GEN.57000 |
|  | CIHQ | GL-3(G), HR-3(C), HR-4(E), MS-3(E), MS-5(B) |
|  | CMS-L | §493.1423(e), §493.1423, §493.1235, §493.1423, §493.557(a)(3)(iii) |
|  | COLA | PER 2 E, PER 3 R, PER 5 R, QC 31 |
|  | HFAP | 01.00.04, 03.00.02, 03.01.06, 15.02.39, 16.00.04, 16.00.11, 18.00.06 |
|  | NIAHO | GB.1\_SR.1c |
|  | ISO 9001 | 6.2.1 (Note), 6.2.2 |
|  | TJC-HAP | HR.01.05.03\_EP1, EP4 |
|  | TJC-L | HR.01.05.03\_EP1, EP4-EP7 |
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| Guideline 2.2 |  |  |
|  | CMS-H | §482.51(3) |
|  | HFAP | 18.00.07, 30.00.04 |
|  | NIAHO | SS.2\_SR.3 |
|  | ISO 9001 | 6.2.1 (Note), 6.2.2(d) |
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| Standard 3.1 |  |  |
|  | CIHQ | NS-3 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.23(b)(4) |
|  | HFAP | 10.00.03; 10.01.26; 10.01.28; 16.00.10; 26.00.08; 26.0.11; 27.01.18 |
|  | NIAHO | NS.3\_SR.1 |
|  | TJC- HAP | PC.01.03.01\_EP1, EP3; PC.02.02.01\_EP1; PC.02.02.01\_EP1-EP2; UP.01.03.01\_EP1-EP5 |
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|  | TJC- HAP | PC.02.02.01\_EP1-EP2 |
|  | TJC-L | DC.03.03.01\_EP1 |
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|  | AABB | 5.2.3 |
|  | HFAP | 16.01.03, 16.01.04, 16.01.05 |
|  | NIAHO | MM.4\_SR.2-SR.4 |
|  | TJC- HAP | LD.03.04.01\_EP1; LD.03.04.02\_EP3; LD.03.04.01\_EP5 |
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| Standard 4.1 | AABB | 5.1.6.1; 6.2; 6.2.1 |
|  | CAP-G | GEN.20377 |
|  | CAP-P | POC.04400 |
|  | CIHQ | MR-4; OI-8; AN-2 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.24 |
|  | HFAP | 10.00.03; 10.01.01; 10.01.02;  |
|  | NIAHO | SS.6; AN.3; MR.2; MR.3\_SR.1; MR.5; MR.7  |
|  | ISO 9001 | 4.2.1(c), 4.2.1(d) |
|  | TJC-H | RC.01.01.01\_EP1; RC.01.05.01 |
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| Dot point 1, Appendix A | AABB | 6.2; 6.2.1 |
|  | CAP-P | POC.04400 |
|  | CIHQ | OI-7; OI-8; AN-2 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.24 |
|  | HFAP | 30.00.18 |
|  | NIAHO | SS.6; MR.5 |
|  | TJC-H | RC.01.01.01\_EP5 |
|  |  |  |
| Dot point 2, Appendix B | AABB | 6.2.4 |
|  | CIHQ | OI-7 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.51 |
|  | HFAP | 10.01.03; 30.00.18 |
|  | NIAHO | SS.6; SS.8 (SR.1 - SR.3); AN.3 (SR.2c, SR.2d1); MR.5; MR.7 |
|  | TJC-H | RC.01.01.01; RC.02.01.01 |
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| Dot point 3, Appendix C | AABB | 6.2.4 |
|  | CIHQ | AN-2 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.24; §482.52 |
|  | HFAP | 0.01.03; 30.00.19 |
|  | NIAHO | SS.6; SS.8 (SR.1 – SR.3); AN.3 (SR.2c, SR.2d1); MR.5\_SR.1c; MR.7 |
|  | TJC-H | RC.01.01.01\_EP7 |
|  |  |  |
| Dot point 4, Appendix D | CAP-C | COM.29950 |
|  | CIHQ | AN-2 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.24 |
|  | HFAP | 10.01.03; 30.00.19 |
|  | NIAHO | SS.6; SS.8 (SR.1 - SR.3); AN.3 (SR.2c, SR.2d1); MR.5\_SR.1c; MR.7 |
|  | TJC-H | RC.01.01.01\_EP7 |
| Dot point 5  |  |  |
|  | AABB | 6.2.4 |
|  | CAP-P | POC.04700 |
|  | CIHQ | MR-4 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.23; §482.24; §482.51 |
|  | HFAP | 10.01.03; 10.01.04; 30.00.19 |
|  | NIAHO | SS.8\_SR.2; MR.5 (SR.2b, SR.4, SR.4a); MR.6 |
|  | TJC-H | RC.01.02.01; RC.02.03.07\_EP1 |
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| Guideline 4.1 | NIAHO | MR.5 (SR.2 – SR.5) |
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| Guideline 4.2 | AABB | 5.2.3 |
|  | CIQH | MR-4 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.23; §482.24; §482.51 |
|  | COLA | WAV 9 R |
|  | HFAP | 10.01.03; 10.01.04; 30.00.19 |
|  | NIAHO | MR.5 (SR.2b, SR.3, SR.4, SR.5) |
|  | TJC-H | RC.01.02.01; RC.02.03.07 |
|  |  |  |
| Guideline 4.3 | AABB | 6.2.8; 6.2.9 |
|  | CAP-G | GEN.20377; 20425 |
|  | CIHQ | MR-3 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.23; §482.24 |
|  | CMS-L | §493.1101; §493.1105 |
|  | COLA | WAV 9 R |
|  | HFAP | 10.00.03 |
|  | NIAHO | MR.3 (SR.1 – SR.2) |
|  | TJC-H | RC.01.05.01 |
|  | TJC-L | DC.02.04.01 |
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| Standard 5.1 | TJC-H | UP.01.01.01 |
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| Standard 6 | NIAHO | SS.1; AS.1 |
|  | TJC-H | NPSG.06.01.01; LD.04.04.05 |
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| Standard 6.1 | CIQH | QS-9 |
|  | TJC-H | NPSG.06.01.01 |
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|  | TJC-H | NPSG.06.01.01 |
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|  | TJC-H | NPSG.06.01.01 |
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| Standard 6.7 | CIQH | QS-9 |
|  | TJC-H | NPSG.06.01.01 |
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| Guideline 6.2 | CIQH | QS-9 |
|  | TJC-H | NPSG.06.01.01 |
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| Standard 7 | CIHQ | AN-2 E |
|  | HFAP | 15.02.17 |
|  | NIAHO | AS.3\_SR.2d(1) |
|  | TJC-H | PC.01.02.01 |
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| Standard 8 | TJC | NPSG.03.05.01 |
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| Standard 8.1 | CIHQ | NS-3 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.23(b)(4) |
|  | HFAP | 10.00.03; 10.01.26; 10.01.28; 16.00.10; 26.00.08; 26.0.11; 27.01.18 |
|  | NIAHO | NS.3\_SR.1 |
|  | TJC- HAP | PC.01.03.01\_EP1, EP3; PC.02.01.01\_EP1; PC.02.02.01\_EP1-EP2; UP01.03.01\_EP1-EP5 |
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| Standard 9.2 | CAP-C | COM.40610; |
|  | CAP-P | POC.07300; POC.07512; POC.07540; POC08980; POC.09035; POC.09090; POC09145 |
|  | COLA | LDR 2 E; QC 1 E; CA 1 R |
|  | TJC-L | EC.02.04.03; QSA.02.02.01; QSA.02.03.01 |
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| Standard 9.3 | CAP-G | GEN.41304; |
|  | CAP-P | POC.04400; POC.04700 |
|  | COLA | LIS 2.7; APM 18 (PST) R |
|  | TJC-L | DC.02.03.01 |
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| Guideline 9.1 | CAP-G | GEN.41304; GEN.41345 |
|  | TJC-L | QSA.02.10.01; QSA.06.01.01; DC.02.03.01 |
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| Standard 10.1 | CIHQ | NS-3 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.23(b)(4) |
|  | HFAP | 10.00.03; 10.01.26; 10.01.28; 16.00.10; 26.00.08; 26.0.11; 27.01.18 |
|  | NIAHO | NS.3\_SR.1 |
|  | TJC- HAP | PC.01.03.01\_EP1, EP3; PC.02.01.01\_EP1; PC.02.02.01\_EP1-EP2; UP.01.03.01\_EP1-EP5 |
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| Standard 11.1 | CIHQ | NS-3 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.23(b)(4) |
|  | HFAP | 10.00.03; 10.01.26; 10.01.28; 16.00.10; 26.00.08; 26.0.11; 27.01.18 |
|  | NIAHO | NS.3\_SR.1 |
|  | TJC- HAP | PC.01.03.01\_EP1, EP3; PC.02.01.01\_EP1; PC.02.02.01\_EP1-EP2; UP.01.03.01\_EP1-EP5 |
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| Standard 11.2 | CIHQ | NS-3 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.23(b)(4) |
|  | HFAP | 10.00.03; 10.01.26; 10.01.28; 16.00.10; 26.00.08; 26.0.11; 27.01.18 |
|  | NIAHO | NS.3\_SR.1 |
|  | TJC- HAP | PC.01.03.01\_EP1, EP3; PC.02.01.01\_EP1; PC.02.02.01\_EP1-EP2; UP.01.03.01\_EP1-EP5 |
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| Guideline 11.1 | AABB | 1.3.1; 5.4.2.2.1 |
|  | CAP-C | COM.10000 |
|  | NIAHO | QM.5 |
|  | ISO-9001 | 1.2 |
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| Standard 12.1 | AABB | 5.2.3 |
|  | HFAP | 16.01.03; 16.01.04; 16.01.05 |
|  | NIAHO | MM.4\_SR.2-SR.4; |
|  | TJC- HAP | LD.03.04.01\_EP1; LD.03.04.02\_EP3; LD.03.04.01\_EP5 |
|  |  |  |
| Standard 14.1 | CIHQ | NS-3 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.23(b)(4) |
|  | HFAP | 10.00.03; 10.01.26; 10.01.28; 16.00.10; 26.00.08; 26.0.11; 27.01.18 |
|  | NIAHO | NS.3\_SR.1 |
|  | TJC- HAP | PC.01.03.01\_EP1,EP3; PC.02.01.01\_EP1; PC.02.02.01\_EP1-EP2; UP.01.03.01\_EP1-EP5 |
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| Guideline 14.1 | CIHQ | NS-3 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.23(b)(4) |
|  | HFAP | 10.00.03; 10.01.26; 10.01.28; 16.00.10; 26.00.08; 26.0.11; 27.01.18 |
|  | NIAHO | NS.3\_SR.1 |
|  | TJC- HAP | PC.01.03.01\_EP1, EP3; PC.02.01.01\_EP1; PC.02.02.01\_EP1-EP2; UP.01.03.01\_EP1-EP5 |
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| Standard 17.1 | AABB | 5.1.2; 8.2; 9.0 |
|  | CAP-C | COM.04000; COM.04200 |
|  | CAP-G | GEN.13806 |
|  | CIHQ | QA-1 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.21 |
|  | CMS-L | §493.1200; §493.1230; §493.1239 |
|  | COLA | QA 1 E |
|  | HFAP | 12.00.00; 12.00.04 |
|  | NIAHO | QM.1 (SR.1-SR.2); QM.2; QM.3; QM.6 |
|  | ISO 9001 | 8.1; 8.2.1; 8.5.1; 8.5.3 |
|  | TJC-H | LD.04.04.01 (EP1-EP4); PI.01.01.01 (EP1-EP3) |
|  | TJC-L | PI.01.01.01 |
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| Guideline 17.1 | AABB | 5.1.2.1; 5.1.2.2; 8.3; 9.0; 9.1 |
|  | CAP-C | COM.04200 |
|  | CAP-G | GEN.20316 |
|  | CIHQ | QA-2 (A-C) |
|  | CMS-H | §482.21 |
|  | COLA | QA 2 E |
|  | HFAP | 12.00.01; 12.00.04 |
|  | NIAHO | QM.5; QM.7 |
|  | ISO 9001 | 8.2.3 |
|  | TJC-H | PI.01.01.01 (EP |
|  | TJC-L | PI.02.01.01 |
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| Guideline 17.2 | AABB | 5.1.2.1; 5.1.2.2; 8.3; 9.0; 9.1; 9.2 |
|  | CAP-G | GEN.16902; GEN.20316 |
|  | CIQH | QA-2 (D-E); QA-4; QA-5 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.21 |
|  | CMS-L | §493.1200; §493.1230; §493.1239 |
|  | COLA | QA 3 R; QA 4 R; QA 5 R |
|  | HFAP | 12.00.02; 12.00.04; 12.01.02 |
|  | NIAHO | QM.7; QM.8 |
|  | ISO 9001 | 8.2.2; 8.3; 8.4; 8.5.1; 8.5.2; 8.5.3 |
|  | TJC-H | PI.02.01.01; PI.03.01.01 |
|  | TJC-L | PI.03.01.01 |
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| Standard 18.1 | AABB | 3.5; 3.5.1; 3.5.1.1 |
|  | CIHQ | CE-8\_A |
|  | CMS-H | §482.26; §482.41; §482.53 |
|  | CMS-L | §493.1101; §493.1254 |
|  | HFAP | 11.06.09; 11.06.10 |
|  | NIAHO | PE.1; PE.7 |
|  | TJC-H | EC.02.04.01; EC.02.04.03 |
|  | TJC-L | EC.02.04.01; EC.02.04.03 |
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| Standard 18.2 | AABB | 3.5; 3.5.1; 3.5.1.1 |
|  | CIHQ | CE-8 (B, D) |
|  | CMS-H | §482.26; §482.41; §482.53 |
|  | CMS-L | §493.1101; §493.1254 |
|  | HFAP | 11.06.09 |
|  | NIAHO | PE.1; PE.7\_SR.6 |
|  | TJC-H | EC.02.04.01; EC.02.04.03 |
|  | TJC-L | EC.02.04.01; EC.02.04.03 |
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| Standard 18.3 | CIQH | CE-8 (M, N) |
|  | NIAHO | PE.7 (SR.4-SR.5) |
|  | TJC-H | EC.02.04.01\_EP9 |
|  | TJC-L | EC.02.04.01; EC.02.04.03 |
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| Standard 18.4 | NIAHO | PE.7 |
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| Standard 18.5 | HFAP | 08.00.06; 25.00.00 |
|  | CMS-H | §482.25 |
|  | NIAHO | PE.1; PE.3; PE.7 |
|  | TJC-H | EC.02.02.01\_EP11; MM.05.01.017 |
|  | TJC-L | EC.02.02.01\_EP11 |

**Appendix F: Perfusion Checklist**



**Patient ID** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Check each item when completed, sign and date. If not applicable, ~~draw line through.~~  ***Bold italicized items for expedited set-up.***

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* **PATIENT**
***Patient identity confirmed***
***Procedure confirmed***
***Blood type, antibodies confirmed***
***Allergies checked***
Blood bank number confirmed
Medical record number confirmed
Chart reviewed
* **STERILITY/CLEANLINESS**
***Components checked for package integrity/expiration***
Equipment clean
Heat exchanger(s) leak-tested
* **PUMP**
***Occlusion(s) set***
***Speed controls operational***
***Flow meter in correct direction and calibration***
***Flow rate indicator correct for patient and/or tubing size***
***Rollers rotate freely***
Pump head rotation smooth and quiet
Holders secure
Servoregulated connections tested
* **ELECTRICAL**
***Power cord(s) connection(s) secure***
***Servoregulation connections secure***
Batteries charged and operational
* **CARDIOPLEGIA**
***System debubbled and operational***
System leak-free after pressurization
Solution(s) checked
* **GAS SUPPLY**
***Gas line(s) and filer connections secure***
***Gas exhaust unobstructed***
***Source and appropriate connections of gas(es) confirmed***
***Flow meter / gas blender operational***
Hoses leak-free
Anesthetic gas scavenge line operational
* **COMPONENTS**
***System debubbled and operational***
***Connections / stopcocks / caps secure***
***Appropriate lines claimed / shunts closed***
***Tubing direction traced and correct***
***Patency of arterial line / cannula confirmed***
No tubing kinks noted
One-way valve(s) in correct direction
Leak-free after pressurization
* **SAFETY MECHANISMS**
***Alarms operational, audible and engaged***
***Arterial filter / bubble trap debubbled***
***Cardiotomy / hardshell venous reservoir(s) vented***
***Vent(s) tested***
Venous line occluder(s) calibrated and tested
Devices securely attached to console
* **ASSISTED VENOUS RETURN**
***Cardiotomy positive-pressure relief valve present***
***Negative- pressure relief valve unobstructed***
Vacuum regulator operational
* **MONITORING**
***Circuit / patient temperature probes placed***
Pressure transducers / monitors calibrated and on proper scales
Inline sensors calibrated
Oxygen analyzer calibrated
* **ANTICOAGULATION**
***Heparin time and dose confirmed***
Anticoagulation ~~tested and reported~~ target achieved and results communicated
* **TEMPERATURE CONTROL**
***Water source(s)connected and operational***
Temperature range(s) tested and operational
Water lines unobstructed
* **SUPPLIES**
***Tubing clamps available***
Drugs available and properly labeled
Solutions available
Blood products available
Sampling syringes / laboratory tubes available
Anesthetic vaporizer correct
Vaporizer operational and filled
* **BACKUP**
***Hand cranks available***
***Duplicate circuit components / hardware available***
Emergency lighting / flashlight available
Backup full oxygen tank with flow meter available
Ice available
* **EMERGENT RESTART OF BYPASS**
***Heparin time and dose confirmed***
***Components debubbled***
***Gas flow confirmed***
***Alarms reengaged***
Water source(s) connected
* **WEANING/TERMINATION CHECKLIST**
***Venous assist off / cardiotomy / venous reservoirs vented***
***Shunt(s) closed***
***Vent(s) clamed / removed***
* **POSTBYPASS CHECKLIST**
***Announce bypass terminated***
***Arterial and venous lines clamped***
***Arterial circuit bubble-free before transfusing perfusate***
Pump suction(s) off
* All cannulas out
* Perfusion lines disconnected from patient

Bottom of Form

Comments:

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**These perfusion checklists, or a reasonable equivalent, should be used in perfusion practice. This is a guideline, which Perfusionists are encouraged to modify to accommodate difference in circuit design and variations in institutional clinical practice. Users should refer to manufacturers’ information, including Instructions for Use, for specific procedures and/or precautions. AmSECT disclaims any and all liability and responsibility for injury and damages resulting from following this suggested checklist. Origination 1990; revision 2004 by AmSECT Quality Committee.**

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