PICCO -USES AND PITFALLS



Preload

Effective blood volume Capacitance Obstruction Septal shift IV fluid volume C.O.P.

Pump failure

Arrhythmias Ischaemia Valvular problems Septal shift

Afterload

RAA adaptaion Sepsis Valvular problems Pulmonary embolism Hypertension Shunts



Anaemia

x Hb

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Fe def Dilutional Inflammatory Vitamin deficiency Aplastic

Abnormal Hb

Sickle cell Thalassaemia met Hb CO Hb

Hemolysis

free Hb and NO Pulmonary hypertension

Hyperviscosity

PRV Acclimatisation

Inspired O2

Altitude Hyperbaric O2

% Sat O2

Hypoventilation

Decreased respiratory drive drug induced CVA Fatigue (asthma) Obstruction Sleep apnoea syndrome Decreased consciousness

Ventilation/perfusion abnormalities

Shunt Pneumonia Pulmonary oedema Dead space Pulmonary embolism Fat embolism Mixed COPD Asthma

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MEASUREMENTS



Determination of Thermodilution Cardiac Output



The more dilute the "dye", the larger the volume





Determination of Thermodilution Cardiac Output

Cardiac output calculated by thermodilution curve.

Central venous injection of cold indicator,

Thermistor at the tip of the arterial catheter measures the temperature change downstream.



The Area under the curve is inversely proportional to the C.O.



CALCULATIONS

Calculation of ITTV and PTV







Calculation of Volumes



Intrathoracic Volumes

- |TTV| = thermal volume of chest $= CO \times MTt$
- PTV = thermal volume of lung $= CO \times DSt$
- GEDV = volume of blood in heart = ITTV - PTV
- ITBV = volume of blood in chest = $1.25 \times \text{GEDV}$



Volumetric preload parameters - ITBV



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Calibration of the Pulse Contour Analysis

The PCA is calibrated through the transpulmonary thermodilution and is a beat to beat real time <u>analysis</u> of the arterial pressure curve



Dynamic tests of fluid responsiveness - Stroke Volume Variation (SVV)



The SVV is the variation in stroke volume over the ventilatory cycle.

Always test your measuring system



Pitfalls in Measurement

- Loss of indicator before injection:
 - if 10 ml was "expected" and only 9 ml actually injected, overestimate CO by 11%
- Loss of indicator after injection:
 - Conductive rewarming more pronounced in low flow states or when distances are longer (ex. femoral injection).
 - Mass diversion:
 - ✤ R-L shunt
 - W extracorporeal circulation
 - Valvulopathy
 - Femoral to femoral transfer of indicator if catheters placed together
- Fluctuations of baseline temperature:
 - Therapeutic hypothermia

Anesth Analg 2010;110:799–811

Pitfalls in Measurement

Consider:

Sources of error of CO MTt and DSt are all <u>calculated</u> from

the same graph and the volumes all use CO.

All this **magnifies** any error.

CLINICAL CASES

Clinical Case

21 yr old pregnant woman with Swine Flu CO - 3.9l/min P/F of 11 EVLW increasing rapidly (7->35!) SVV - 17

Later needed renal dialysis Given her poor lung state, where would you cannulate? Effect on PICCO readings?

EVLW - How much?

- 7-10 ml/kg predicted body weight
- * 50 kg person 1/2 of a liter
- ✤ 1/2 liter = 0.9 pints

The lung is dry and dry is good

- * Lung is a dry place
- Increase EVLW by only 200- 300 ml your drowning
- In ALI, mortality approaches 100% if EVLW >14 ml/kg on

day 1

Alveolar surface area covers a tennis court



Normal volume of lung water











High EVLW is not reliable identified by blood gas analysis



EVLW as a quantifier of lung oedema



CHEST 188151NOVEMBER, 19

Amount of EVLW is a predictor for mortality



EVLW (mL/kg) (%)

CHEST / 122 / 6 / DECEMBER, 2002

CVP and PAOP do not correlate with development of lung water



Boussat Intensive Care Medicine 2002;28

Validation of extravascular lung water measurement: human autopsy study



Not all cases of ARDS/ALI have a high EVLW

All cases of ARDS/ALI as defined by the European/ US consensus definition.



Chest 2004; 125:1166-1167

EVLW as a quantifier of lung oedema



EVLW= 14mL/kg

Extravascular lung water index (EVLW) normal range: 3-7 mL/kg



EVLW= 8 mL/kg

Differentiating Lung Oedema

Pulmonary Vascular Permeability Index (PVPI) = EVLW / PBV



PVPI is the ratio of EVLW to Pulmonary Blood
Volume

Differentiates transudate from exudate

Classification of Lung Oedema with the PVPI

Difference between the PVPI with hydrostatic and permeability lung oedema:



Differentiation of hydrostatic pulmonary oedema from ARDS



Validation of the PVPI



16 patients with congestive heart failure and pneumonia. In both groups the EVLW was 16 ml/kg

Benedikz et al ESICM abstract 2003

EFFECT OF CATHETER SITE

	Subclavian or Jugular	Femoral	
CI (L/min/m2)	4.3	5.1	
GEDVi (ml/m2)	835.6	1043	
EVLWi (ml/kg)	12.5	15.1	



FAULTY CATHETER POSITION: DIALYSIS CATHETER IS PLACED IN <u>BETWEEN</u> THERMODILUTION INJECTION AND DETECTION SITE

EFFECT OF CATHETER POSITION + CVVH ON PICCO PARAMETERS

	Correct catheter position		Faulty catheter position	
	without CVVH	with CVVH	without CVVH	with CVVH
CI (L/min/m2)	4 .	3.6	5.1	4.1
GEDVi (ml/m2)	895	802	1178	920
EVLWi (ml/kg)	10.8	11.6	12.3	13.9

Drop in CI and GEDVi and increase in EVLWi during CVVH is more pronounced in faulty catheter position

Malbrain M et al ESICM 2010

Clinical Case

32 yr old woman with acute viral myocarditis GEDI - 500 CO - 3.9 l/min SVV - 7 EVLW - 10 P/F - 23 IPPV and PEEP

A double hump was noticed on calibration of PICCO

Found to have mitral regurgitation on ECHO

Response to IPPV tells you where you are on Starling Curve Not fluid responsive

Fluid responsive

Cardiac output



Preload

Static measures

British Journal of Anaesthesia 94 (3): 318–23 (2005) doi:10.1093/bja/aei043 Advance Access publication December 10, 2004

Assessing fluid responsiveness during open chest conditions

D. A. Reuter¹*, M. S. G. Goepfert¹, T. Goresch¹, M. Schmoeckel², E. Kilger¹ and A. E. Goetz¹

"No correlation between values of global end-diastolic volume (GEDI) nor left ventricular end-diastolic area (ECHO) and response to fluid loading."

Preload is not the same as preload responsiveness!

What is Preload?



Preload (= muscle stretch)

Ventricular Failure



Valvular regurgitation-effect on PICCO

Tends to overestimate CO

increased transit times (increases its dissipation)

Or

Flat prolonged curve gives an underestimation of CO (i.e., large area under curve)

INCREASES IN **CALCULATED** VOLUMES : ITBV GEDVI EVLW

Watch that TPTD Curve Premature hump?





Cross talk Phenomenon



Injection and detection femoral

Injection subclavian and detection femoral

THE CAMEL CURVE



CHEST / 127 / 4 / APRIL, 2005

Detection of right-to-left intracardiac shunt using transpulmonary indicator dilution



Intra cardiac shunt

Prevalence of moderate to large PFO shunting - **19%** in ARDS and IPPV with PEEP

Dye Dilution Curves in Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease

By H. J. C. SWAN, PH.D., M.B., M.R.C.P. (Lond.), J. ZAPATA-DIAZ, M.D., AND EARL H. WOOD, M.D., PH.D.



Circulation, Volume VIII, July, 1953

Monitoring Right-to-Left Intracardiac Shunt in Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome



Crit Care Med 2004 Vol. 32, No. 1

Contractility Parameters

Cardiac Function Index (CFI)



CFI is a parameter of both left and right ventricular contractility

Cardiac function index (CFI) as an indicator of LV systolic function

CFI = CO / GDEV

A low CFI can alert the clinician and incite to perform an echo



Introduction to the PiCCO-Technology – Contractility parameters

Contractility parameters from the thermodilution measurement





Combes et al, Intensive Care Med 30, 2004

CFI was compared to the gold standard TEE measured contractility in patients without right heart failure

MATHEMATICAL PITFALLS

The mathematical analysis of the indicator- dilution curve (MTt, DSt) allows for the extrapolation of volumes (volume=flow x time)

Small errors in the determination of CO by Transthoracic Thermal Dilution which are unlikely to affect the validity of each individual measurement may acquire substantial weight when repeated in subsequent calculations.

Ex., determining the ITTV requires the use of three integrals (one from the CO and two from the MTt) obtained from the same thermodilution curve.

The mathematical derivation of the GEDV intimately ties it with the CO because CO is the "flow" term of both ITTV and PTV calculations and both MTt and DSt are calculated based on the same thermodilution curve used for the determination of the CO

WRAP IT UP

- Any measurement stands or falls with its accuracy
- Know the pitfalls of your tool
 - Calibration
 - * TPTD
 - Functional HD
- Identify the "Camel Curve"
- EVLW low + CXR white = Pleural fluid



