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# DO2: Is it ALL That It's Cracked up to Be?

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# What is DO2 and why are we interested?

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- Delivery of Oxygen or DO<sub>2</sub> is the amount of oxygen delivered to the body's tissues each minute. Normal DO<sub>2</sub> is 600ml/min/m<sup>2</sup> and normal VO<sub>2</sub>, volume of oxygen consumed is 120ml/min/m<sup>2</sup>. Or a 5:1 ratio of delivery:consumption
- Oxygen Delivery(DO<sub>2</sub>) = Cardiac output X oxygen content
- When DO<sub>2</sub> is impaired more oxygen is extracted leading to a lower venous oxygen content.
- When Delivery of oxygen(DO<sub>2</sub>)/Volume oxygen consumed(VO<sub>2</sub>) nears 2:1, anaerobic metabolism will occur with resultant lactic acidosis, multi-organ- failure, and cardiovascular collapse.
- This is human physiology and clinicians manage this ratio in critical care settings.
- Does it make sense to monitor DO<sub>2</sub> on cardio-pulmonary bypass?

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Ranucci 2005 Oxygen Delivery during cardiopulmonary bypass and acute renal failure after coronary operations

- Established the critical value at 272ml/min/m<sup>2</sup> as the lowest oxygen delivery as the best predictor for acute renal failure and serum creatinine level rise post op in adult patients.

deSomer 2011 O<sub>2</sub> delivery and CO<sub>2</sub> production during Cardiopulmonary Bypass as determinants of AKI for goal directed perfusion management operations

- Used a Nadir DO<sub>2</sub> level less than 262ml/min/m<sup>2</sup> and Nadir DO<sub>2</sub>/VCO<sub>2</sub> ratio as independently associated predictors of AKI
- Both variables were predictive of AKI, with DO<sub>2</sub> being the most accurate predictor of AKI stage 2 postoperative status

## DO2 and Outcome Variables

What Clinical variables are reported in the literature to be improved with targeted DO2 levels on CPB?

- Acute Kidney Injury(AKI) is reported in numerous Adult and Pediatric studies involving the measurement of DO2 on CPB, 40% AKI rate in adults, 52% in infants and 64% in neonate populations
  - 225-272ml/min/m2 has been reported as the critical low threshold of DO2
- Hospital Length of Stay(LOS) has been shown to be decreased in studies comparing Nadir DO2 levels. High DO2 pt group had lowest LOS
- Prolonged Ventilation Times are associated with DO2 levels below 280ml/min/m2 and improved when comparing DO2 levels in the literature
- Lactate clearance below 3.0mmol/L associated with positive association of increased DO2 on CPB
- Decreased glucose levels associated with positive effects of increased DO2
- STS data correlation to DO2 may be associated with morbidity/mortality rates
  - DO2 levels in the targeted 280-300ml/min/m2 and cardiac index below 2.2l/min
  - Hemoglobin less than baseline and lower Blood Pressure

**Where do we go  
from here?**



## DO<sub>2</sub> as a component of Goal Directed Perfusion

- Goal Directed Perfusion(GDP) refers to individualized goal-directed therapy using comprehensive monitoring and optimizing the delivery of oxygen and uptake of oxygen during cardiopulmonary bypass
- Delivery of Oxygen is a multi-factorial variable representing a target value derived from arterial pump flow and oxygen content.
- DO<sub>2</sub> is a measurable variable in a GDP model
- Reagor presented a cardiac index of 3.0l/min showed improved outcomes vs lower index of 2.4l/min and transfusing RBC to increase DO<sub>2</sub> levels
  - High arterial pump flow with lower accepted Hgb, vs Lower arterial pump flow and higher Hgb
  - optimization of oxygen delivery via higher flow index rather than increased hematocrit is more comprehensive in reflecting tissue oxygen supply than the independent parameters.
- No agreed upon target DO<sub>2</sub> reported
  - Adult range 272-300 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup> supports improved risk of minimizing AKI
  - Pediatric levels have been reported to range from 300-353ml/min/m<sup>2</sup>, 400ml/min/m<sup>2</sup> has been reported

# Where do we go from here?

Rannucci 2024 The multifactorial dynamic perfusion index: A predictive tool of cardiac surgery associated acute kidney injury

- The MDPI has better predictive ability than the existing static risk models and is promising tool to integrate different factors into an advanced concept of goal directed perfusion.

# In Summary

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- DO2 is one of the most measurable and adjustable variables to help clinicians reduce deleterious effects of hypoperfusion relating to AKI and other measured quality variables.
- No consensus is determined for a target DO2 number, but a consensus range is 275-350ml/min/m2, lower values considered the critical threshold.
- 340ml/min/m2 in pediatrics was determined to maintain aerobic metabolism and reduce AKI in separate studies.
- Studies support time under a target DO2 as well as the absolute DO2 number have role in outcomes
- Temperature correlations not strongly studied to support that critical DO2 levels may be decreased at temperatures below 32 degrees. Many studies only include procedures above 32 degrees.
- Cardiac Index flow has an important influence in Delivery of Oxygen target value
- Incorporating Goal directed Perfusion variables with DO2 measurement may provide best results
- Multifactorial dynamic perfusion index model may provide future considerations for DO2 and quality improvement studies.

# Thank You

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simple and  
endlessly  
complicated.

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# DO<sub>2</sub> and Associated Clinical Outcomes

**Today 600+ articles on a Pubmed search on the topic Delivery of Oxygen and Cardiopulmonary Bypass exist.**

Numerous studies address the benefits of measuring and targeting DO<sub>2</sub> critical thresholds for decreasing risk of AKI and other measurable Variables of patient care

Pediatric studies show higher required target levels compared to adult

- Cyanotic disease
- Increased Metabolic rates
- Time under the DO<sub>2</sub> threshold, or area under the curve studied in numerous articles reflecting time vs an absolute low value may affect AKI not just the Nadir DO<sub>2</sub> on Cardio-pulmonary bypass.