

EXTRAVASCULAR LUNG WATER ACCUMULATION IN PATIENTS FOLLOWING CORONARY ARTERY SURGERY

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AFTER AORTO-CORONARY BYPASS SURGERY (A-C Bypass) with haemodilution, the colloid osmotic pressure is reduced. Simultaneously, the pulmonary hydrostatic pressure may be elevated because of left ventricular dysfunction. These factors should promote formation of pulmonary oedema; but attempts to quantitate an increase in pulmonary extravascular water following A-C Bypass surgery have not succeeded.¹ The tritiated water double indicator dilution technique (TH₂O) for measuring lung water, has demonstrated a decrease in post-operative lung water,¹⁻⁴ when applied to patients following cardiopulmonary bypass (C-P Bypass). This finding has been attributed to perfusion dependence of the TH₂O technique.² In animals, the extravascular thermal volume of the lung (ETV_L) measured by a thermal indicator dilution technique appeared to minimize perfusion dependence and to reduce the underestimation of actual lung water.^{5,6} We applied the ETV_L measurement to patients undergoing A-C Bypass surgery to determine whether it would detect an increase in lung water. We demonstrated an increase in ETV_L in these patients and related it to changes in intravascular hydrostatic pressure and colloid osmotic pressure.

METHODS

We studied 17 elective patients, chosen at random, who were undergoing saphenous vein A-C Bypass procedures. One patient with pre-operative evidence of pulmonary oedema and another with post-operative cardiac tamponade were excluded.

Patients were premedicated with perphenazine 5 to 10 mg, diazepam 5 to 10 mg and morphine 10 to 15 mg. Anaesthesia was induced with Innovar 2 ml, d-tubocurarine 4 mg, a sleep dose of sodium thiopentone and succinylcholine 100 mg. The patients were intubated and ventilated ($F_{I_{O_2}} = 0.33$; f 8-12/min; and V_T 10-12 ml/kg). Anaesthesia was maintained with nitrous oxide, morphine, diazepam, Innovar and d-tubocurarine as necessary. Halothane was used to control hypertension. Base deficits were corrected with NaHCO₃ and no steroids were administered. Otherwise anaesthetic management, fluids, vasopressors, diuretic and oxygen administration were left to the discretion of an anaesthetist who was not involved in the study. Extracorporeal circulation was maintained with a non-occlusive roller pump and a bubble oxygenator (Travenol VF-1) with flow rates of 60 ml/kg/min.

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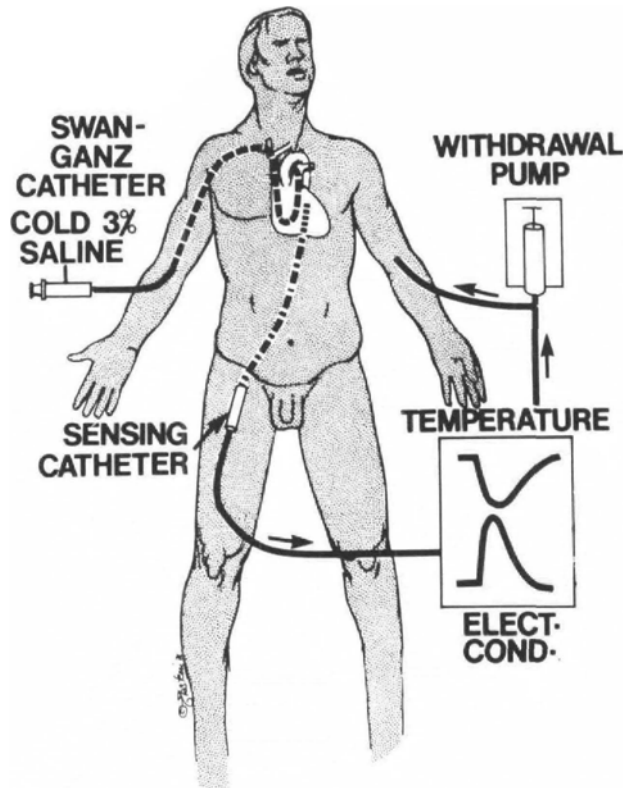


FIGURE 1. Catheter positions for ETV_t technique.

The patients were assigned alternately to one of two groups. In one group (PLASMA) the oxygenator was primed with 400 ml of plasma and 1600 ml of lactated Ringer's solution. In the other group (RINGER'S) the oxygenator was primed with two litres of lactated Ringer's solution alone. Moderate hypothermia (30° C) was utilized during extracorporeal circulation and heparinization was maintained with an initial dose of 300 units/kg followed by half of the preceding dose every 90 minutes while on bypass.

Studies were performed at the following times: *CONTROL* after anaesthetic induction but prior to operation; *POST-OP* one to two hours post-operatively; *AM 1*- the following morning; *PM 1*- the afternoon of the first post-operative day and *AM 2*- the morning of the second post-operative day. Since the patients were extubated after the AM 1 measurement, three studies were made while the patient was being ventilated mechanically.

At each study we quantitated extravascular lung water using the technique described by Noble and Severinghaus.⁵ This ETV_t technique requires a Swan-Ganz catheter with an internal thermistor and an arterial line (Figure 1). Eight ml of cooled 3 per cent saline were injected into the pulmonary artery (PA). The exact temperature difference between injectate and blood was measured by the thermistor in the Swan-Ganz catheter. The diffusible indicator (calories) and

TABLE 1
INDIVIDUAL PATIENT DATA

Group	Age (yrs)	Body wt (kg)	Total fluid + balance (litres)	ETV _L (ml/kg)					
				Control	PostOP	AM 1	PM 1	AM 2	
Ringers	62	77	7.6	6.02	8.09	9.46	8.80	8.80	
	54	78	7.4	4.90	5.63	6.38	5.86	8.40	
	46	82	4.7	5.92	6.67	4.98	4.15	—	
	41	73	5.5	5.22	8.42	7.05	—	6.41	
	44	90	8.0	5.91	5.35	6.21	6.77	—	
	65	72	5.7	5.79	5.03	5.87	5.43	5.64	
	48	62	6.6	4.65	—	6.23	6.43	6.11	
	53	64	4.1	3.91	—	4.57	—	—	
	Mean	52.9	74.8	6.2	5.29	6.53	6.34	6.24	7.07
	±1 S.D.	±3.4	±3.3	±0.5	±0.26	±0.59	±0.52	±0.63	±0.64
Plasma	51	72	8.5	4.87	5.11	6.62	5.50	—	
	37	64	4.1	7.06	8.85	6.90	6.79	7.73	
	62	74	6.0	4.84	4.17	4.75	6.54	6.20	
	43	83	4.7	5.01	5.34	6.74	5.76	—	
	58	68	6.5	6.56	6.61	7.33	6.52	7.06	
	55	68	8.2	5.45	—	7.45	7.32	—	
	53	70	13.6	7.15	7.73	8.09	7.72	10.81	
	Mean	51.3	71.3	7.4	5.85	6.30	6.84*	6.59*	7.95
±1 S.D.	±3.3	±2.4	±1.2	±0.39	±0.72	±0.40	±0.30	±1.0	

*Indicates significantly different from control $p < 0.05$.
— No ETV_L data due to technical problems.

the intravascular indicator (sodium ions) were measured simultaneously by withdrawing blood from the thoracic aorta through the femoral arterial line and through an external sensing catheter.⁷ From the curves obtained we calculated ETV_L , cardiac output (\dot{Q}), and central blood volume (CBV). At each study four or five measurements were made. Shunt fraction (\dot{Q}_s/\dot{Q}_t),⁸ physiologic deadspace (V_D phys)/tidal volume (V_D/V_T),⁹ plasma protein concentration (Technicon N-14 Method),¹⁰ $\overline{P_A}$, wedge (P_{wedge}), central venous and systemic pressures were measured at each study. Pulmonary vascular resistance (P.V.R.) was calculated from the equation:

$$P.V.R. = \frac{\overline{P_A} - P_{\text{wedge}}}{\dot{Q}} \quad (1332)$$

where P.V.R. is dynes.sec.cm⁻⁵, $\overline{P_A}$ and P_{wedge} is in mm Hg and \dot{Q} is in ml/sec.

The colloid osmotic pressure of plasma was calculated from the plasma protein concentration.¹¹ A direct measure of colloid osmotic pressure was made using an osmometer¹² and compared to that calculated from plasma protein concentrations in the range encountered in the study. Microvascular hydrostatic pressure (P_{MV}) was estimated using the formula described by Gaar: ($P_{MV} = P_{\text{wedge}} + 0.4 (P_{\overline{P_A}} - P_{\text{wedge}})$).¹³

Data are presented as means \pm 1 S.E.M. Serial measurements in the same patient are compared to control values using a t-test for independent groups. If $p < 0.05$ the changes are labelled as significant.¹⁴

RESULTS

(1) Group Comparability

The number of successful studies were similar in the two groups as shown in Table I. Mean values for all patients were: total fluid balance in the operating room 6.8 ± 0.6 litres, time on pump 122 ± 12 min; total anaesthetic time 5.6 ± 0.4 hours (includes right heart catheterization and measurement time), aortic cross clamp time 10.9 ± 3.2 min; total blood products in the operating room 1146 ± 188 ml and the number of vessels grafted 2.0 ± 0.2 . The two groups of patients did not differ significantly with respect to these factors. The two groups were also similar in the amount and type of drugs used pre-operatively (e.g. propranolol) and intra-operatively (e.g. digoxin, furosemide, halothane). There were seven smokers in each group.

(2) Extravascular Lung Water (ETV_L) Measurements

Mean control ETV_L is 5.77 ± 0.24 ml/kg total body weight for all patients (Table II). The coefficient of variation for all values of ETV_L was 7.07 per cent. There is no difference in ETV_L between the RINGER'S and PLASMA groups of patients at any time during the study period. There is not a significant increase in ETV_L measured immediately following bypass (Figure 2), although the mean value is higher. There is a significant increase in ETV_L from control to AM 1 measurement in the PLASMA group ($p < 0.025$) (Table I). When all patients are combined there is a highly significant increase in lung water ($p < 0.005$) on the

TABLE II
MEAN VALUES FOR 15 PATIENTS IN EACH PHASE OF STUDY

	Control	Post-OP	AM 1	PM 1	AM 2
ETV ₁ (ml/kg)	5.77 ± 0.24	6.44 ± 0.45	6.57 ± 0.33*	6.43 ± 0.32*	7.22 ± 0.53*
Q (l/min)	4.4 ± 0.3	6.0 ± 0.7*	6.5 ± 0.4*	6.6 ± 0.5*	7.0 ± 0.4*
CBV (ml/kg)	12.0 ± 0.6	12.2 ± 0.7	13.9 ± 0.7*	12.6 ± 0.6	14.0 ± 0.8
COP (mm Hg)	18.9 ± 0.7	14.2 ± 0.8*	15.0 ± 0.9*	16.1 ± 1.1*	16.1 ± 1.2*
P _{MV} (mm Hg)	12.3 ± 0.8	12.6 ± 1.0	15.0 ± 1.2	16.0 ± 1.5	14.6 ± 1.6
P _{wedge} (mm Hg)	10.5 ± 0.8	9.2 ± 1.0	12.6 ± 1.1	13.1 ± 1.2	12.0 ± 1.6
P _{MV} - COP _{MV} (mm Hg)	-5.2 ± 1.5	-1.5 ± 1.0*	0.2 ± 1.1*	0.1 ± 1.5*	-1.1 ± 1.6*
Q _s /Q _t (%)	15.6 ± 1.4	17.3 ± 2.1	16.9 ± 1.2	15.4 ± 1.7	17.0 ± 1.9
V _D /V _T (%)	34.2 ± 3.3	41.6 ± 2.1*	37.5 ± 2.2	45.3 ± 2.4*	46.2 ± 2.9*
PVR dynes. sec. cm ⁻⁵	78.8 ± 13.1	141.8 ± 28.0*	93.3 ± 15.0	93.3 ± 15.0	74.0 ± 13.7

*Significantly different from control p < 0.05.

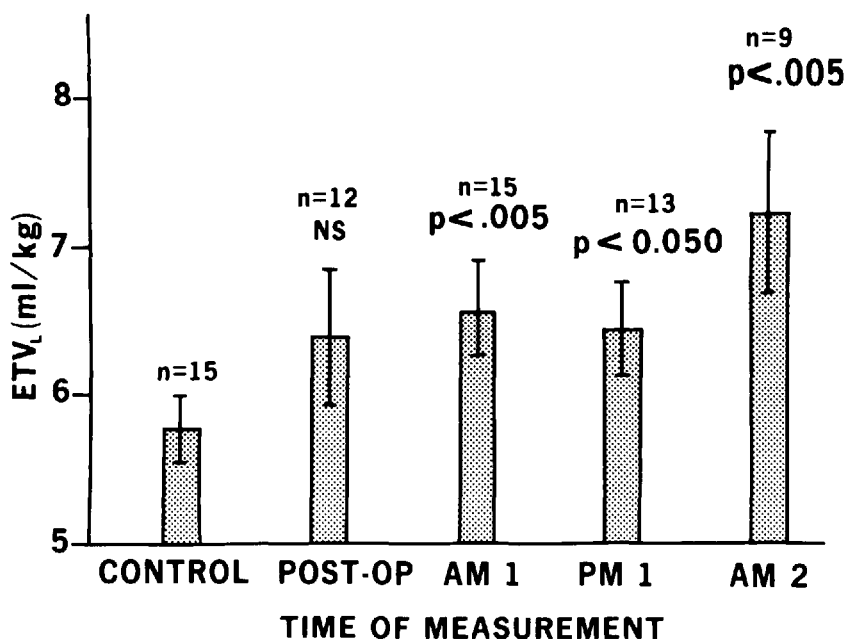


FIGURE 2. Mean value \pm S.E.M. of ETV_L for 15 patients at the time measurements were made. p value was obtained with a paired t-test comparing all post-operative values in each patient to his own control value. p < 0.05 is considered a significant change.

first and second post-operative days as compared to our control measurement (Figure 2). The increase in ETV_L did not correlate with the time of C-P Bypass ($r = 0.04$).

(3) Colloid Osmotic Pressure (COP)

The colloid osmotic pressure calculated from plasma protein concentration related linearly to the direct measurement¹² ($r = 0.98$). Control colloid osmotic pressure was 18.9 ± 0.7 mm Hg after a night of bed rest and the difference between the RINGER'S and PLASMA groups was not significant (Figure 3 and Table II).

The calculated colloid osmotic pressure of plasma during extracorporeal circulation was significantly higher in the PLASMA group than in the RINGER'S group, but post-operatively this difference disappeared (Figure 3).

Immediately following operation COP rises quickly from a mean of 9.3 ± 0.2 mm Hg during C-P Bypass to 14.2 ± 0.8 mm Hg. The post-operative value is still significantly lower ($p < 0.001$) than the control value. Post-operative COP then increases slowly for the duration of our study but remains significantly lower than the control value (Table II and Figure 3). This confirms the results of other investigators¹⁵ concerning the rapidity of oncotic normalization following C-P Bypass.

(4) Microvascular Hydrostatic Pressure

Control P_{MV} was 12.3 ± 0.8 mm Hg. It was not significantly elevated after operation although all mean post-operative values are elevated (Table II). There is a

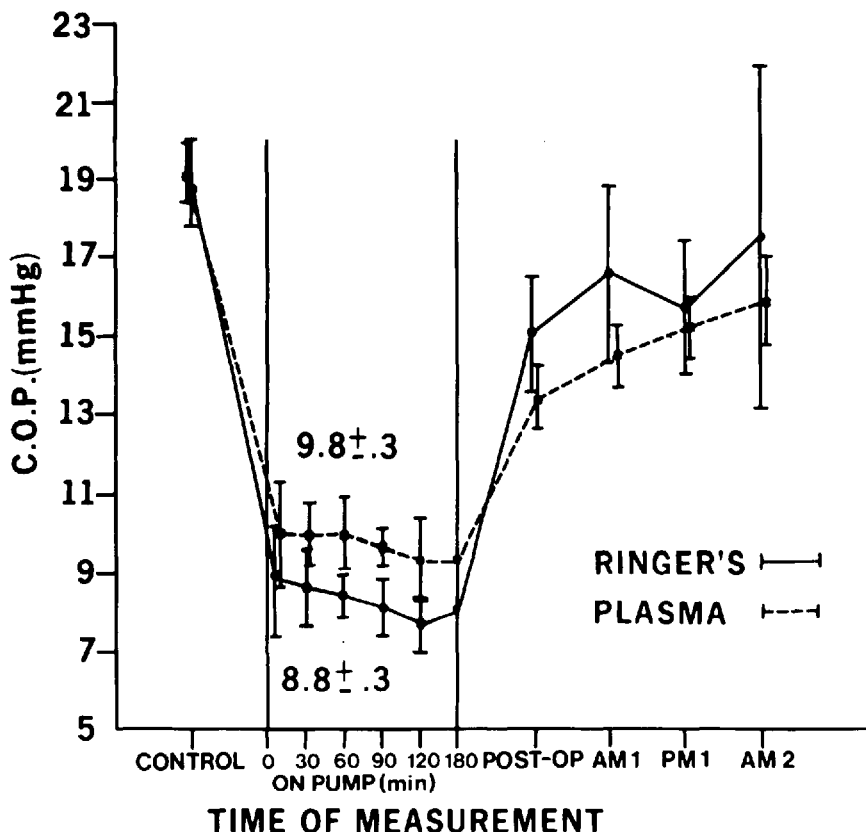


FIGURE 3. Colloid osmotic pressure (COP) changes during cardiopulmonary bypass (on pump) and during the study period.

significant ($r = 0.42$, $p < 0.01$) although not a good relationship between changes in P_{MV} and ETV_L from control when all values are plotted. The best significant correlation is between the increase in ETV_L measured on the first post-operative morning and the increase in calculated P_{MV} above the control ($r = 0.78$, $p < 0.01$). This correlation is also good when P_{wedge} is substituted for the calculated P_{MV} ($r = 0.76$, $p < 0.01$) Figure 4.

(5) Intravascular Balance of Starling Forces

$$(P_{MV} - COP_{MV})$$

Starling's Law of capillary fluid exchange¹⁶ states: Fluid transfer = $K [(P_{MV} - P_T) - (COP_{MV} - COP_T)]$ where K denotes capillary permeability, P_T is tissue hydrostatic pressure, COP_{MV} is the colloid osmotic pressure in the microvasculature and COP_T is colloid osmotic pressure in the tissue. Since K , P_T or COP_T cannot be measured clinically $[P_{MV} - COP_{MV}]$ is used as an estimate of Starling's relationship, representing the balance of intravascular Starling forces.

The control value for $[P_{MV} - COP_{MV}]$ was significantly lower than all post-operative values (Table II). The $[P_{MV} - COP_{MV}]$ rose to its highest value the

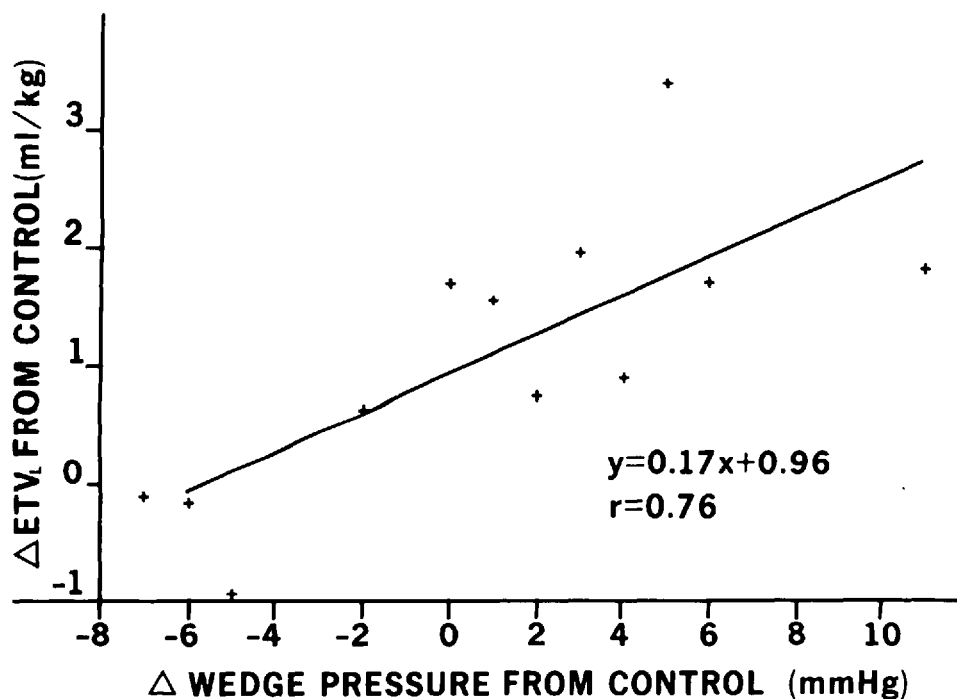


FIGURE 4. Relationship between the increase in wedge pressure from control to AM 1 measurement and the increase in ETV_L over the same period of time.

first day post-operatively (Table II). This rise is a result of both an increase in P_{MV} and a reduction in COP_{MV} .

The increase of ETV_L above control at AM 1 correlates well, with the change in the intravascular balance of Starling's Forces ($r = 0.78$, $p < 0.01$), (Figure 5). This balance is derived from the equation [$P_{MV} - COP_{MV}$].

(6) *Shunt Fraction and Physiological Dead Space*

The control \dot{Q}_s/\dot{Q}_t was 15.6 ± 1.4 per cent, range 7.0 to 23.3 per cent, and did not increase significantly at any time (Table II). There was no significant statistical relationship at any time between the change in ETV_L and the change in \dot{Q}_s/\dot{Q}_t . However, one patient who showed the largest single increase in lung water from control to the post-operative measurement (61.3 per cent) above the control value) also demonstrated the largest increase in \dot{Q}_s/\dot{Q}_t (19 per cent above control). This was associated with radiologically visible pulmonary oedema which did not occur in other patients. This was the only patient in whom PA pressure measured during C-P Bypass remained elevated (> 20 mm Hg), presumably due to inadequate left ventricular venting during operation.¹⁷

The V_D/V_T ratio increased significantly from the control value (34.20 ± 3.26) to the immediate post-operative value (41.59 ± 2.09) (Table II). Since V_t was held constant from control to AM 1 measurements inclusive this represented an increased V_D phys and indicates reduced lung perfusion. The ratio was not signi-

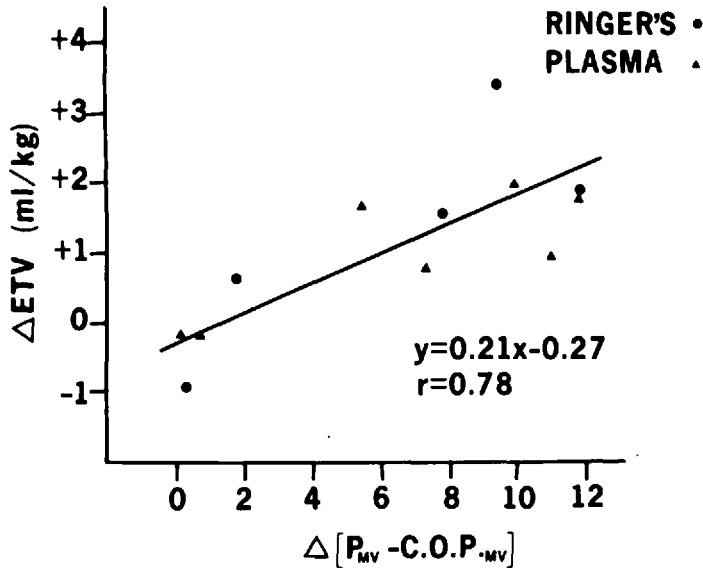


FIGURE 5. Relationship between the change in intravascular Starling forces ($P_{MV} - COP_{MV}$) and the change in ETV_L from control to AM 1 measurements.

ificantly different from the control value at AM 1. However, following extubation the mean V_D/V_T did increase significantly (Table II) at PM 1 and AM 2. This probably represented a fall in V_T after extubation, with an increased respiratory rate.

(7) Pulmonary Vascular Resistance (PVR)

PVR was significantly elevated immediately after operation when \dot{Q} and V_D phys were also increased (Table II). Since \dot{Q} was elevated the increased PVR means either obstructed or constricted pulmonary vessels. The increased V_D phys at the same time supports this conclusion. PVR returned toward control values at AM 1 and remained there throughout the study period. The increased PVR following operation did not correlate with the change in lung water from control to post-operative measurements.

(8) Patient Course

All patients recovered uneventfully. The only complication of the technique was benign, transient arrhythmia on insertion of the Swan-Ganz catheter. Six balloons ruptured before the second post-operative day, so that no wedge pressure measurements could be made at these times.

DISCUSSION

(I) Accuracy of Extravascular Lung Water (ETV_L) Measurement

The ETV_L technique used in patients was modified⁷ from the technique used in animals.⁵ The modification was the use of an external sensing catheter placed into

the standard femoral artery line 50 cm, 5.5 Fr. polyethylene (Dynetech) instead of an internal sensing catheter. The modified technique gave excellent correlation when compared to the animal technique ($r = 0.96$).⁷ The ETV_L technique was evaluated by the coefficient of variance (7.07 per cent) of 4 or 5 measurements made at each study for all ETV_L values, assuming that lung water did not change at each study. The 7.07 per cent variance indicates ETV_L is a reliably repeatable technique.

The TH_2O technique for measuring lung water has shown a decrease after A-C Bypass.¹ In contrast our ETV_L data shows an increase in lung water. This difference can be accounted for by the limited repeatability and perfusion dependence of the TH_2O technique so that only 60 per cent to 70 per cent of lung water is measured. Since the ETV_L technique can be repeated many times we used an average value for ETV_L , minimizing technical variations which would be present in the one value obtained with the TH_2O technique. In a direct comparison of TH_2O and ETV_L techniques Anderson, *et al.*⁶ found TH_2O consistently underestimated lung water while ETV_L was very accurate. If perfusion to the lung was increased post-operatively ETV_L might rise but V_D/V_T and PVR should fall. In these patients, our data show that neither mean V_D/V_T nor PVR fell from control to post-operative values (Table II). Therefore, perfusion dependence did not cause the increases in ETV_L seen here. Theoretically the nonmolecular thermal indicator would be expected to diffuse better than the molecular TH_2O . This probably accounts for the lack of perfusion dependence with the ETV_L technique. In summary, the ETV_L technique is superior to the TH_2O technique because of repeatability, lack of perfusion dependence at the levels of perfusion in these patients, and greater accuracy in measuring all of the lung water both during control periods and early interstitial changes in lung water.^{6,18} Therefore, ETV_L has measured an increase in lung water after A-C Bypass which verifies a widely held clinical impression.

(II) Aetiology of Increased Lung Water

The time sequence of lung water accumulation does not support the concept that pulmonary oedema develops during C-P Bypass. Although the colloid osmotic pressure on pump was significantly lower in the RINGER'S group of patients, there is not a significant increase in ETV_L in the immediate post-operative period. Haemodilution with a balanced electrolyte solution leads to little clinical deterioration in pulmonary function.¹⁹ It is also well tolerated in patients undergoing C-P Bypass.^{20,21} If Starling's relationship applies during C-P Bypass, net fluid transfer will depend on the hydrostatic pressure minus the COP in the microvascular bed at that time. The single case in which the PA pressure during C-P Bypass was elevated above 20 mm Hg had the largest increase in ETV_L (3.2 ml/kg) immediately following cardiopulmonary bypass. This suggests that adequate left ventricular venting may protect the lungs as well as the heart during bypass.^{22,17}

Capillary permeability changes cannot be commented upon from our data. However, Brigham,¹ *et al.* suggest that there is no gross increase in lung vascular permeability after A-C Bypass.

On the first post-operative day the elevation in P_{wedge} relates well with ETV_L

changes (Figure 4, $r = 0.76$). The most obvious cause of the post-operative elevation in P_{wedge} is left ventricular dysfunction. However, these patients also reabsorb a large fluid load accumulated in the systemic circulation during the perfusion. Diuresis and dehydration may be effective in reducing formation of pulmonary oedema by lowering P_{wedge} , but diuresis has the potential danger of increasing myocardial oxygen consumption by a hypovolaemia-induced tachycardia.¹⁵ P_{wedge} might also be reduced with vasodilators (phentolamine or nitroprusside) and positive fluid balance in these patients might be reduced by priming the pump with larger quantities of colloid than were used in our study. In this way post-operative systemic fluid reabsorption might be reduced and the increase in P_{wedge} prevented.

COP remained significantly reduced from control levels at all times post-operatively. When two units of plasma were used to prime the pump there was not sufficient colloid to increase COP post-operatively. This amount of colloid did not reduce lung water accumulation. However, it is possible that more colloid in the pump prime would maintain the balance of Starling's Forces ($P_{\text{MV}} - \text{COP}_{\text{MV}}$) so that lung water would not accumulate at higher wedge pressures.

Technical difficulties and balloon breakage leave only six patients by AM 2 for the correlation of [$P_{\text{MV}} - \text{COP}_{\text{MV}}$] with increased ETV_L . The small number of patients as well as the change to spontaneous ventilation, diuretic therapy and reabsorption of the fluid load make it difficult to interpret the data at AM 2.

(III) Pulmonary Dysfunction

The relatively high control values for \dot{Q}_s/\dot{Q}_t and V_D/V_T obtained here are attributed to pre-operative ventilation-perfusion mismatch accentuated by the induction of anaesthesia and ventilation.²³ Norden²⁴ reported similar values.

While the mean \dot{Q}_s/\dot{Q}_t was elevated post-operatively (Table II) a significant increase was not found. This is compatible with the increased ETV_L found post-operatively since ETV_L increases of less than three ml/kg probably represent interstitial oedema which, in dog experiments, has not created shunting. Post-operative shunt fraction is also increased more in patients undergoing open-heart surgery than in closed-heart procedures.²⁶

The significant elevation of V_D/V_T immediately after operation must represent either new V/Q mismatching or lack of perfusion to portions of the lungs, since V_T is constant. Since PVR is elevated at the same time, reduced lung perfusion seems logical. By AM 1 lung perfusion has improved, since both V_D/V_T and PVR have fallen towards control values. Since PM 1 and AM 2 measurements were made with the patients breathing spontaneously the reduced V_T probably contributed to the increased V_D/V_T at these times.

In summary pulmonary dysfunction as measured in gas exchange was not a major problem in these patients with the exception of one patient whose lung water increase exceeded 3 ml/kg.¹⁷

(IV) Clinical Significance of Lung Water Changes

The demonstrated increase in lung water did not impair gas exchange. The relevance of this increase in ETV_L to the patient's clinical condition must be dis-

cussed. Early oedema formation is the result of overwhelming of the defense mechanism of the lung (e.g. lymphatic drainage) and subsequent oedema will develop rapidly. It has also been shown by Noble, *et al.*²⁷ that altered compliance resulted from pulmonary congestion and small increases in ETV_L in dogs. Thus, the increases in ETV_L may cause or aggravate changes in lung compliance associated with cardiopulmonary bypass.²⁸ Prevention of this increase in ETV_L should increase the patient's respiratory reserve and reduce the incidence of post-perfusion pulmonary dysfunction. This should be possible by altering the balance of Starling's Forces ($P_{MV} - COP_{MV}$).

SUMMARY

We studied patients undergoing A-C Bypass with haemodilution. The bubble oxygenator was primed with either two units of plasma and lactated Ringer's solution (PLASMA) or with lactated Ringer's solution (RINGER'S) alone. We found no difference in pulmonary function or lung water determinations between the Ringer's and the Plasma groups. When all patients were grouped together we found no significant increase in lung water (ETV_L)⁵ immediately post-operatively. This suggests lung water did not increase during cardiopulmonary bypass. By the following morning there was a highly significant increase in lung water which was related to changes in the balance between hydrostatic pressure and colloid osmotic pressure and which continued through the second post-operative day. Pulmonary dysfunction, as measured by gas exchange, was not a major problem except in one patient whose lung water increase exceeded 3 ml H_2O/kg of total body weight (52 per cent increase) and in whom there was increased shunting. We consider the increase in lung water important, since it may reduce lung compliance and further lung water accumulation. Since the increased lung water was associated with a change in the balance of Starling's forces ($P_{MV} - COP_{MV}$), treatment designed to reduce that balance should reduce lung water accumulation.

RÉSUMÉ

Chez 17 malades opérés pour pontage aorto-coronarien, nous avons voulu mesurer l'effet de l'hémodilution occasionnée par la circulation extra-corporelle sur le volume d'eau pulmonaire extra-vasculaire (ETV_L).

L'oxygénateur à bulles a été amorcé avec un mélange de lactate ringer et de plasma (deux flacons) dans un premier groupe et avec du lactate seul dans un deuxième.

On n'a décelé aucune différence entre les deux groupes au plan de la fonction pulmonaire post-opératoire et des volumes d'eau pulmonaire extra-vasculaire. Lorsqu'on réunit ces malades en un groupe unique, on ne décèle pas d'augmentation de l'eau pulmonaire extra-vasculaire dans les suites opératoires immédiates. Ceci tendrait à démontrer que la circulation extra-corporelle comme telle ne produit pas d'extravasation d'eau au niveau du poumon. Le lendemain matin cependant, l'augmentation de l'eau pulmonaire extra-vasculaire était nettement significative et rattachable à des changements dans l'équilibre des forces hydrostatiques et osmotiques. Cette augmentation continua à se manifester au deuxième jour post-opératoire.

La mesure des échanges gazeux n'a pas montré d'insuffisance pulmonaire importante à l'exception d'un seul malade dont l'augmentation de l'eau pulmonaire extra-vasculaire a dépassé les 3 ml/kilo (augmentation de 52 pour cent) et chez qui on a aussi mis en évidence une augmentation de shunt intra-pulmonaire.

Nous considérons que l'augmentation de l'eau pulmonaire extra-vasculaire revêt une importance particulière car elle entraîne une diminution de la compliance pulmonaire et ainsi mène à une plus grande accumulation d'eau extra-vasculaire.

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