

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS RELIGIOUS & ETHICAL POSITION ON BLOOD

WITNESSES DO NOT ACCEPT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Blood • Packed Red Blood Cells • Plasma • White Blood Cells | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Platelets • Autotransfusion of pre-deposited blood • Any technique that involves blood storage |
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| <p>Surgical Devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrocautery • Laser Surgery • Argon Beam Coagulator • Gamma Knife Radiosurgery • Microwave Coagulating Scalpel • Endoscope • Arterial Embolization <p>Operative & Anesthetic Techniques For Surgery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypotensive Anesthesia • Induced Hypothermia • Mechanical occlusion of bleeding vessel | <p>Blood Oxygen Monitoring Devices & Techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcutaneous Pulse Oximeter • Pulse Oximeter • Pediatric ultra-micro-sampling equipment <p>Volume Expanders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystalloids: Ringer's Lactate
Normal and Hypertonic Saline
Perfluoro Chemicals • Colloids: Dextran
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- Hemostatic Agents for Bleeding/Clotting**
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| <p>Topical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avitene • Gelfoam • Oxygel • Surgicel | <p>Injectable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desmopressin (DDVP) • E-aminocaproic acid (Amicar) • Tranexamic acid (Cyklokapron) • Vitamin K | <p>Other Drugs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vasopressin (Pitressin) • Conjugated estrogens • Aprotinin • Vincristine (Oncovin) |
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- Therapeutic Agents & Techniques for Anemia**
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iron Dextran (Imferon) • Folic Acid • Vitamin B-12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perfluorocarbon solutions (Fluosol DA-20) • Granulocyte-Colony Stimulating Factor (G-CSF) • Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy |
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AREAS OF PERSONAL DECISION

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albumin • Erythropoietin • Immune Globulins • Hemophiliac preparations • Dialysis & Heart-Lung equipment
(non-blood primed) • Intraoperative blood salvage (cell saver) where
extracorporeal circulation is a closed circuit
without blood storage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intraoperative hemodilution
(if blood is not stored and equipment is
arranged in a constantly linked circuit) • Hypervolemic hemodilution • Tissue adhesives • Organ transplants and donations |
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