



Plasma (state of matter): matter with electrons ripped away from atoms - forming an ionized gas. (usually superheated)



Plasma therapy

Plasma transfusion Plasmapheresis/ TPE

Plasma therapy

Plasma transfusion Replace different plasma components (coag factors, etc, circulating complement regulators)

Rosenberg & Urevitch

 1913, Published 1914 "For the question regarding washing of blood outside the body and the vitality of red blood cells." **Russki Vratch.**

John Abel et al.

Plasma removal with return of corpuscles (plasmaphaeresis). The Journal of Pharmacology and experimental therapeutics Vol. V. No. 6, July, 1914



John J. Abril

By Doris Ulmann (1882-1934) -http://www.photogravure.com/



ἀφαίρεσις • Aphairesis (GK) • Take away, remove



removal & replacement PE

Why would you want to remove plasma?



Why would you want to remove plasma?

Containing a substance
Acutely toxic/ harmful/ pathological

Can be efficiently removed

(think of antibodies)

Relation to HUS?

- FFP can restore functional circulating complement regulatory proteins, as well as ADAMTS-13
- Large volume transfusions may be difficult during AKI
- Removal of antibodies, abnormal factors
 & activation products

American Society for Apheresis (ASFA) The Apheresis Applications Committee



Cat I	1st line therapy alone or with other therapy	TTP aHUS, Factor H AB
Cat II	2nd line alone/ with other therapy	
Cat III	decision-making individualized	aHUS, complement factor mutations
Cat IV	suggested ineffective or harmful	typical diarrhea- associated HUS

Particle size



Specific gravity





Membrane filtration (MPS)

- Continuous flow
- Volume change only during priming/ return
- The ability to perform downstream secondary filtration

With standard HD equipment



-Intense monitoring

-UF/ substitution separate

-Vol. errors & lags

NOT volumetrically controlled



With CRRT equipment

•CVVH-like

Volume controlled

Separation	Centrifuge	Membrane	
Blood flow	Lower	Higher	
Access	Periph./ Central	Central	
Anticoagulation	High citrate	Any or none	
Circulation	Cycles	Continuous	
Equipment	Specific	HD or CRRT	
Other therapies	Cell apheresis	Dialysis	
		Double filtration	
Cost & experience			

Plasmapheresis prescription

- REMOVAL how much?
- REPLACEMENT with what?
- FREQUENCY with what?
- DURATION with what?

Plasmapheresis prescription

• REMOVAL how much?

1PV=62%, 1.5PV=75%, More ↓ efficiency

• FREQUENCY repeat Q1-2d

• **DURATION** arbitrary 5+x, taper

Plasmapheresis prescription



Pediatr Nephrol. 2009

Guideline for the investigation and initial therapy of diarrhea-negative hemolytic uremic syndrome

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PE for aHUS

- Complement disorders are the most common. Most will benefit from PE
- aHUS can rapidly progress to ESKD
- Treatment started within 24h of diagnosis as aHUS, Empirical before subgroup identified

- Children >6Mo age (arbitrary) with diarrhea or bloody diarrhea: establish cause
- Confirm a suspected invasive pneumococcal infection
- Regard all others as atypical
- A low C3 indicates complement dysregulation but normal C3 cannot exclude



Exclusions/ reservations

- Confirmed Shiga-E.coli infection
- Highly suspected condition not requiring PE Sibling with ADAMTS-13 mutation (transfusion)
- Cobalamin C disorder (hypotonia – megaloblastic an.)
- Consider procedure requirements



 "The dosage, frequency and duration are all arbitrary, but are influenced by the experience of the authors and rare published cases"

Hematological remission: Platelets > 150x109/L for 2 wks No evidence of hemolysis (LDH, frag RBCs) Independent of renal function





- The guideline does NOT address further management for those who do/ or do not attain remission
- Recognizing that subgroup confirmation may not be available then

Long-term PE/ transfusion?

• What about transplantation?



We're now in 2023

• We have modern complement inhibitors





Plasma therapy should no longer be the first line for confirmed aHUS, except

- When eculizumab is not available
- In cases with antiFH-AB

PI transfusion (without PE) will only help when just factor replacement is needed

Turk J Pediatr. 2021

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Could plasma based therapies still be considered in selected cases with atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome?

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Clinical Practice

Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome: Consensus of diagnosis and treatment in Taiwan

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Indian Guidelines Bagga et al., 2019

- Start PE
- + Induction with oral steroids and IV CPA (preferred) or IV RTX for aFH-Ab
- Taper PE once hematological remission
- Maint PRD-MMF 1 year, monitor AB
- ECULIZUMAB suggested for failure of remission with PE, life-threatening seizures, cardiac emergencies, PE complications



