

Extracorporeal Blood Purification Therapies for Sepsis and Immune Dysregulation – Are we there yet?

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## Outline: Extracorporeal Blood Purification

- Definition: Extracorporeal Therapies
- Historical Perspectives. Extracorporeal Therapies: Blood Purification Techniques TAM vs Hemodialysis
- Existing Evidence Base: JCA Special Issue, Clinical Trials.

## Extracorporeal Therapies:

procedures .... include .. diversion of blood through an external artificial circuit for ... blood “purification,” gas exchange, or correction of metabolic abnormalities.

Stegmayr B, Ramlow W, Balogun RA. Semin Dial. 2012 Mar-Apr;25(2):207-13.





### Extracorporeal Therapies RPA 2001

- Hemodialysis
- Hemofiltration
- Hemodiafiltration
- Continuous renal replacement therapies
- Hemoperfusion
- **Apheresis (TPE)**
- Immunoabsorption
- Liver dialysis






## Humans treating Disease

### Bloodletting



- Bloodletting is the removal or large amounts of blood from a patient's body.
- The practice of bloodletting began in the ancient world.
- Ancient Greeks, Aztecs, and Egyptians used bloodletting because they believed that many diseases were caused by having too much blood.

Adapted from [http://neer.tamu.edu/NSF\\_Files/Revolutionary%20Medical%20Treatment.ppt](http://neer.tamu.edu/NSF_Files/Revolutionary%20Medical%20Treatment.ppt)

### Manual "Plasmapheresis"


**PLASMA REMOVAL WITH RETURN OF CORPUSCLES  
(PLASMAPHAERESIS)**

FIRST PAPER

**JOHN J. ABEL, L. G. ROWNTREE AND B. B. TURNER**  
*From the Pharmacological Laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University*


Received for publication, July 16, 1914

I. In connection with our experiments on vividiffusion with a view to the ultimate use of the method for the relief of toxæmia the idea suggested itself to try the effects of the repeated removal of considerable quantities of blood, replacing the plasma by Locke's solution and reinjecting this together with the sedimented corpuscles.



J. Pharmacol Exp Ther, 5:625, 1914

J Clin Apher. 2010 00;25(5):240-249.  
Okafor C, Ward DM .... Balogun RA.




### John Jacob Abel (1857–1938)

#### Father of (American) pharmacology and the Inventor of the artificial kidney machine (vividiffusion)


**ON THE REMOVAL OF DIFFUSIBLE SUBSTANCES  
FROM THE CIRCULATING BLOOD OF LIVING  
ANIMALS BY DIALYSIS**

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### Principles of Separation: Indications and Therapeutic Targets for Plasma Exchange

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**Summary**  
 Extracorporeal "blood purification," mainly in the form of hemodialysis has been a major portion of the clinical activity of many nephrologists for the past 5 decades. A possibly older procedure, therapeutic plasma exchange, separates and then removes plasma as a method of removing pathogenic material from the patient. In contrast to hemodialysis, therapeutic plasma exchange preferentially removes biologic substances of high molecular weight such as autoantibodies or alloantibodies, antigen-antibody complexes, and Ig paraproteins. These molecular targets may be cleared through two alternative procedures: centrifugal separation and membrane separation. This review presents operation specific to each molecular targets for common renal

Kidney Disease	Target Molecule
Anti-GBM disease	Autoantibody reactive with type IV collagen; rapid decline in anti-GBM antibodies with TPE
Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura	Acquired autoantibody reactive with ADAMTS13 enzyme
Pauci-immune rapidly progressive GN	Autoantibodies against components of the cytoplasm of neutrophils-sequential ANCA levels have not been performed
Multiple myeloma	Free $\kappa$ and $\lambda$ light chains
Cryoglobulinemia	IgM anti-IgG antibody, immune complexes
Recurrent FSGS	Circulating glomerular permeability factor, suPAR (clinical remission correlated with reduction in suPAR levels below approximately 2000 pg/ml (45))
Atypical HUS	Complement regulatory components or autoantibodies, not specifically shown
Kidney transplantation	Alloantibodies reactive with HLA antigens; T2As can be removed from plasma by TPE

See the text for specific characteristics of molecules. TPE, therapeutic plasma exchange; GBM, glomerular basement membrane; ADAMTS13, a disintegrin-like and metalloprotease with thrombospondin type 1 motif-13; suPAR, soluble urokinase receptor; HUS, hemolytic uremic syndrome; FSGS, donor-specific antibody. Adapted from Sanchez and Ward (46).

### Blood Purification; Size Matters

Immunoglobulin G  
 Molecular Weight kD 160kDa; 2 LC: 23-25 kDa each; 2 HC: ~53 kDa each

BUN	Cr	VitB12	B2-mic	K Lig C	L Lig C	Album	IgG
0.06	0.113	1.355	11.8	25	50	66	160

Small Molecules      Middle Molecules      Large Molecules

Hemodialysis: Diffusion Clearance      Hemofiltration: Convective Clearance      Therapeutic Plasma Exchange

Williams ME, Balogun RA. Clin J Am Soc Nephrol. 2013 Oct 31.

### Destructive Immunologic Dissonance

Figure 1 Sepsis is a state of disrupted inflammatory homeostasis often initiated by infection with a multifactorial progression. Overactivity of pro- and anti-inflammatory processes can interfere with each other, creating a state of destructive immunologic dissonance and risk of death.

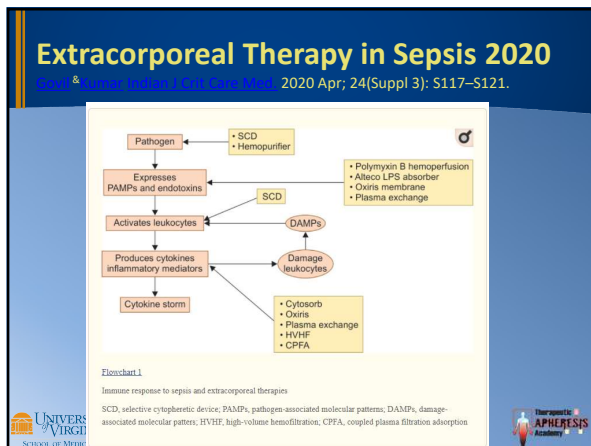
Extracorporeal Therapies in Sepsis  
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### Extracorporeal Blood Purification Therapies for Sepsis

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Blood purification therapy targets:

- 1 Removing pathogens from the blood
- 2 Removing endotoxins or other PAMPs
- 3 Removing activated leucocytes or reprogramming leucocytes
- 4 Reducing cytokine blood levels



**Table 1. Substances removed by various adsorbers and techniques**

Adsorbers	Plasma removal (33)
Polymyxin-B (22-24)	Toxins, free and protein-bound
Endotoxin T, IL-6, IL-10, PAI-1 activity	Free myoglobin, hemoglobin
MDS-microspheres (25-27)	Activated complement components
Endotoxin	Activated coagulation components
TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-18, IL-6	C-reactive protein
HELP (29)	Cytokines, cytokine-complexes
Endotoxin	Amylase
C-reactive protein	Proteases
Fibrinogen	Ghost cells
TNF- $\alpha$	Cell debris
Biologic sorbent (28)	Lysosomal enzymes
Cytokines, protein-bound toxins	Physiologically essential substances
Removal of adverse products	
Substitution of essential substances by e.g., plasma from healthy donors	
Presenlus adsorber (31)	
Endotoxin (LPS), TNF- $\alpha$	

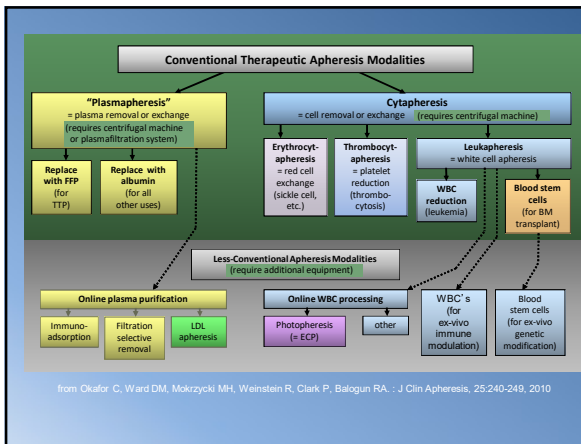
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**Bernd G. Stegmayr,**  
**Volume 5, Issue 2**  
**April 2001**  
**Pages 123-127**

**Table 1. Extracorporeal Blood Purification Techniques in Sepsis.**

Technique	Aim	Principle	Reported Results
High-volume hemofiltration (HVHF)	Nonselective removal of inflammatory mediators	Convection	Reduces vasopressor requirements, reduces concentrations of inflammatory mediators in blood, and observed mortality lower than predicted mortality
High cutoff membranes (HCOM)	Nonselective removal of inflammatory mediators	Convection	Reduces vasopressor requirements, high clearance of inflammatory mediators moderates leukocyte proliferation, normalizes PMN phagocytosis
Polymyxin-B column (PMX-F)	Selective removal of endotoxin	Adsorption	Reduces vasopressor requirement, increases blood pressure, ameliorates organ dysfunction, reduces short-term mortality
Coupled plasma filtration adsorption (CPFA)	Nonselective removal of inflammatory mediators	Plasma adsorption	Reduces concentrations of inflammatory mediators in blood, restores leukocyte responsiveness
Cytokine adsorbing columns	Nonselective removal of inflammatory mediators	Plasma adsorption	Reduces cytokine levels, improvement in respiratory parameters
Renal assist device (RAD)	Substitute the filtration, transport, metabolic, endocrine and immunologic functions of the kidney	Cell-based therapy	Ameliorates the cytokine profile, improves calcium, phosphate, urea, and creatinine levels
Extracorporeal immune support system (ESS)	Attenuation of excessive antiinflammatory response	Cell-based therapy	Reduces vasopressor requirement, reduces concentrations of endotoxin and inflammatory markers (eg CRP, procalcitonin) in blood
Leukocyte inhibition module (LIM)	Attenuation of excessive proinflammatory response	Antibody-based therapy	No studies in sepsis

Abbreviations: CRP, C-reactive protein; PMN, polymorphonuclear.

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## Therapeutic Apheresis Modalities

**Plasmapheresis**

**Superflux Hemofiltration**

- Albumin as substitute

**Single filtration/Centrifugation**

- Plasma removal
- Albumin as substitute
- Plasma as substitute
- Combinations

**Cascade filtration**

- (Albumin as substitute)

**Filtration + Adsorption**

- (Albumin as substitute)
- Precipitation i.e., heparin
- Combinations

**Biological devices**

- (Albumin as substitute)

**Hemoperfusion**

**Adsorption principles**

- Hydrostatic
- Ionic
- Antibody mediated
- Combinations/other

**Leukapheresis principles**

- Filtration, selectively
- Fcγ-receptor adhesion
- other

**Cytapheresis**

**Cell removal/replacement**

- Erythrocytes (sickle cells etc)
- Platelets (thrombocytosis)
- Leukocytes (leukemia, ECP)

**Leukocyte collection**

- Stem cells
- ex-vivo immune modulation

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## Selective Apheresis Procedures

**Secondary Purification of Plasma**

- DFFP
- Cryofiltration
- Immunoadsorption
- Adsorption Resins

**Procedures Targeting Specific Cellular Element**

- ECP
- Leukocyte apheresis
- SPA
- Immobilized antibody
- Immobilized antigen
- Immobilized peptides
- LCAP
- GMA

DFFP: Double filtration plasmapheresis; SPA: staphylococcal protein A; ECP: extracorporeal photopheresis; LCAP: leukocytapheresis; GMA: granulocyte-monocyte apheresis.

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### Beyond Dialysis: Current and Emerging Blood Purification Techniques

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**ABSTRACT**

Extracorporeal blood purification using various techniques and hardware is a major part of the modern day practice of clinical nephrology. Although the various modalities of hemodialysis and hemofiltration are the most commonly used extracorporeal therapies in clinical nephrology, blood purification using other techniques have become necessary to remove pathogenic, toxic, or waste substances not easily cleared by hemodialysis or hemofiltration due to factors

such as molecular size, protein binding, and lipid solubility. The following review is an up to date summary of extracorporeal therapies, beyond hemodialysis and hemofiltration, in current clinical use as practiced by nephrologists and others in the United States and beyond. This comprises therapeutic apheresis (plasma exchange and cytaphteresis), plasma adsorption, hemoperfusion, and the bio-artificial devices.

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### Septic Shock with Multiorgan Failure: From Conventional Apheresis to Adsorption Therapies

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**ABSTRACT**

Septic shock is often associated with multiorgan failure, a life threatening clinical condition during which there is an imbalance in the proinflammatory and anti-inflammatory cytokines, chemokines, antigens, endotoxins, procoagulant, and anticoagulant factors and also resultant effects of therapeutic intervention like volume overload. Various extracorporeal therapies have shown some positive results as adjunctive therapeutic intervention to traditional antimicrobials in an effort to bring the inflammatory mediators to a homeostatic balance and to improve poor organ perfusion caused by hypotension and thrombosis in the microcirculation. This review

focuses on current information on the use of therapeutic apheresis procedures as adjunctive therapy in such clinical situations as well as the exciting prospects for the near future. The sometimes disappointing results of early phase clinical studies may, in some cases, be related to the well known barriers to successful clinical trials in critically ill patients rather than to failure of the novel concept of adjunctive extracorporeal treatment of septic shock. It should be noted that some of the specialized apheresis technologies reviewed in this article are not yet available for clinical use in the United States as they are not yet approved for use by the US Food and Drug Administration.

Stegmayr B, Abdel-Rahman EM, Balogun RA. Semin Dial. 2012 Mar-Apr;25(2):171-75.

### Septic Shock with Multiorgan Failure: From Conventional Apheresis to Adsorption Therapies

**TABLE 2. Various clinical studies using adsorption techniques in the treatment of sepsis, severe sepsis, and in MODS**

Study/adsorber	n	Main mode of therapy	Survival (%)	p
<b>Polymyxin B</b>				
Tani et al. (36)	37/33c	AdsPmx	54/36	< 0.05
Nemoto et al. (21)	98	AdsPmx	41/11c	< 0.05
Suzuki et al. (37)	24/24c	AdsPmx	75/25c	< 0.05
Vincent et al. (23)	17/19c	AdsPmx	71/72c	ns
Cruz et al. (22)	34/30	AdsPmx	68/47c	< 0.05
<b>Albumin as adsorber</b>				
Staubach et al. (19)	67/76c	Albu. adsc		

AdsPmx, adsorption column using group; ns, not significant.

**TABLE 3. Various randomized studies using plasma exchange/plasmapheresis in the treatment of severe sepsis and in MODS**

Study	n	Main mode of therapy	Survival (%)	p
Reeves et al. (26)	14/16c	PF	57/50	ns
Busund et al. (27)	54/52c	PE	67/44	0.05
Nguyen et al. (28)	5/5c	PE	100/20	< 0.05

PE, plasma exchange by centrifugation technique; PF, plasma exchange by filtration; c, control.

### Septic Shock with Multiorgan Failure: From Conventional Apheresis to Adsorption Therapies

HD is necessary .... severe MOD, including AKI to survive.... uremic solutes, cytokines, chemokines, superantigens, modulators of apoptosis, endotoxins, drugs, and fluid overload.

..... prognosis is poor in severe cases. In the future.... additional approach ..... may be the use of apheresis procedures (centrifugation, filtration or adsorption).

Stegmyr, Abdel-Rahman and Balogun  
2012

## Apheresis Practice Guidelines

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7<sup>th</sup> Special Issue (2016) | 8<sup>th</sup> Special Issue (2019)  
3 YEARS

- Fact sheets renamed to co-locate similar disorders
- Select fact sheets merged, one fact sheet retired
- Several category recommendations changed based on new evidence or reassessment of existing evidence

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## Category Definitions: 2023

Category	Description
I	Disorders for which apheresis is <b>accepted as first-line therapy</b> , either as a primary standalone treatment or in conjunction with other modes of treatment.
II	Disorders for which apheresis is <b>accepted as second-line therapy</b> , either as a standalone treatment or in conjunction with other modes of treatment.
III	Optimum <b>role of apheresis therapy is not established</b> . Decision making should be individualized.
IV	Disorders in which <b>published evidence demonstrates or suggests apheresis to be ineffective or harmful</b> . IRB approval is desirable if apheresis treatment is undertaken in these circumstances.

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**SEPSIS WITH MULTIORGAN FAILURE**

Incidence: 300/100,000/yr (US)	Procedure		Recommendation		Category
	TPE	Grade 2B	CS	CR	
No. of reported patients: >300	RCT	CT	CS	CR	III
4 (194)	5 (155)	12 (223)	11	11	III

PADMANABHAN et al.

2019

**SEPSIS WITH MULTIORGAN FAILURE**

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Incidence: Severe sepsis in adults: 300/100,000/yr (US); 8% prevalence in pediatric intensive care	Procedure		Recommendation		Category
	TPE	Grade 2B	III	CR	
# reported patients: >300	RCT	CT	CS	CR <td>III</td>	III
4 (194)	6 (215)	16 (1,216)	NA	NA	III

CONNELLY SMITH et al.

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**SEPSIS WITH MULTIORGAN FAILURE**

Incidence: severe sepsis in adults: 300/100,000/year (United States); 8% prevalence in pediatric intensive care

Indication	Procedure		Category		Grade	
	TPE	III	2A	CR	NA	NA
# reported patients: >300	RCT	CT	CS	CR	NA	NA
Sepsis*	5 (234)	7 (295)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sepsis, COVID-19 related	1 (87)	6 (359)	NA	NA	NA	NA

\*excluding sepsis due to COVID-19

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## ClinicalTrials.gov October 9, 2021 Sepsis and "Extracorporeal" All Phases, All Time

- Sepsis and Extracorporeal Results 45 all time
- Suspended or Terminated: 2
- Completed: 17
- Completed + Has Results: 3

Row	Saved	Status	Study Title	Conditions
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2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Completed <a href="#">Has Results</a>	Safety and Efficacy of Polymyxin B Hemoperfusion (PHB) for Septic Shock	Septic Shock Endotoxemia
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Completed <a href="#">Has Results</a>	The Effects of Polymyxin-B Protects on Sepsis Induced Kidney Dysfunction: a Randomized Clinical Trial	Gram-Negative Bacterial Infections Sepsis



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### Sepsis and "Extracorporeal" All Phases, All Time

- Sepsis and Extracorporeal Results 71 all time
- Suspended or Terminated: 4
- Completed: 22
- Recruiting: 26
- Completed + Has Results: 4



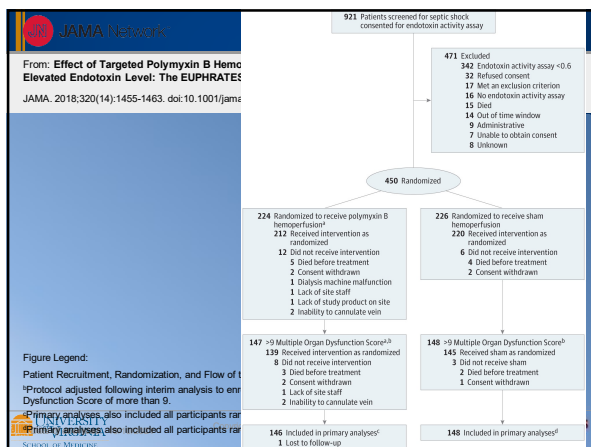

Research

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## Effect of Targeted Polymyxin B Hemoperfusion on 28-Day Mortality in Patients With Septic Shock and Elevated Endotoxin Level

### The EUPHRATES Randomized Clinical Trial

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**Table 2. Summary of the Primary End Point of 28-Day Mortality for All Participants and for Patients With MODS of More Than 9**

	No./Total (%)		(95% CI)		P Value <sup>a</sup>
	Polymyxin-B Hemoperfusion	Sham	Risk Difference	Risk Ratio	
All Participants	84/223 (37.7)	78/226 (34.5)	3.15 (-5.73 to 12.04)	1.09 (0.85 to 1.39)	.49
>9 MODS <sup>b</sup>	65/146 (44.5)	65/148 (43.9)	0.60 (-10.75 to 11.97)	1.01 (0.78 to 1.31)	.92

<sup>a</sup> P values were calculated by  $\chi^2$  and were unadjusted.

<sup>b</sup> Multiple Organ Dysfunction Score (MODS)—measure of altered organ function in acutely ill patients using 6 organ systems with weighted scores (0, normal; 4, severe) of each organ system (MODS range, 0-24). A higher score is associated greater burden of organ dysfunction. A MODS of 9 to 12 points has a hospital mortality of approximately 50%. Prior to the protocol amendment, the MODS score was calculated at baseline (time of randomization to the initiation of the study treatment). After the amendment, MODS of more than 9 was included at the time of screening, prior to randomization.

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## Effect of Targeted Polymyxin B Hemoperfusion on 28-Day Mortality in Patients With Septic Shock and Elevated Endotoxin Level

### The EUPHRATES Randomized Clinical Trial

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**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** Among patients with septic shock and high endotoxin activity, polymyxin B hemoperfusion treatment plus conventional medical therapy compared with sham treatment plus conventional medical therapy did not reduce mortality at 28 days.

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## Polymyxin-B hemoperfusion inactivates circulating proapoptotic factors

Extracorporeal therapy with PMX-B reduces the proapoptotic activity of the plasma of septic patients on cultured renal cells. These data confirm the role of apoptosis in the development of sepsis related ARF.

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Significant progress has been made .....but till date no conclusive evidence has emerged to support a routine use of any of these modalities as an adjunct to standard sepsis care.

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## Post Hoc Analysis: Not there yet but....

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## Polymyxin B hemoperfusion in endotoxemic septic shock patients without extreme endotoxemia: a post hoc analysis of the EUPHRATES trial

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