



# Il bilancio del sodio e la dialisi ipotermica per la prevenzione dell'ipotensione arteriosa in emodialisi

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It is well recognised that haemodialysis (HD) patients suffer **excess cardiovascular morbidity and mortality**

Despite recent improvements in dialysis patient outcomes, **cardiovascular events** remain the **leading cause of death** accounting for **50 to 55% of mortality** according to estimates of the United States Renal Data System.

Severe **arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death** account for almost 28% of cardiac death while coronary ischemic disease, **congestive heart failure or vascular events** are responsible for the rest.

There is growing evidence focusing on the mechanisms underpinning this **excess cardiac mortality including HD-induced cardiac injury**

**Fluid overload** is quite common in hemodialysis patients. In a large cohort of incident hemodialysis patients (>40.000), moderate fluid overload (>2.5 l) assessed by multifrequency bioimpedance was noted in 46% of patients, while a more severe one (>6 l) was observed in about 10%.

**Hypertension** was noted in 20% of patients in the same cohort and more frequently associated with fluid overload.

In addition, **cardiac health issues tended to aggravate over the next 12 months** in about half of the patients, contributing to worsened outcomes and almost doubling the relative risk of death.

**Left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH)**, a surrogate marker of chronic fluid overload and/or hypertension was detected up to 75% in patients starting dialysis with a continuous increase over time.

**Hyponatremia**, a biomarker strongly associated with poor outcome in dialysis patients, is observed in 10 to 19% of hemodialysis patients. In a recent study, it has been shown that hyponatremia was in fact associated with combined fluid overload (EC and IC fluid excess) with intercompartmental fluid imbalance, translating into the occurrence of an intercurrent illness (cardiac failure, inflammation, oxidative stress) being likely associated with protein energy wasting.

Lastly, **pulmonary edema** and related **congestive heart decompensation** episodes are among the most **frequent causes of hospitalization** (44%) and readmissions creating a significant burden both on patient and healthcare system.

**Fluid volume depletion** and care management of hemodialysis patients is another critical point that may affect outcomes.

Too aggressive dry weight policy based on **high ultrafiltration rate** (> 13 ml/hr/kg, for example), is associated with critical hypovolemia and serious **intradialytic hypotension** (IDH), that may lead to **repetitive systemic hemodynamic stress episodes with end-organ damage**.

Repetitive ischemic insults result from inadequate hemodynamic response to volume depletion but not only. In fact, ischemic insult is part of a broader multifactorial stress condition, namely dialysis-induced systemic stress syndrome, that includes hemobiological reactions, hypoxemia, thermal imbalance, osmotic and electrolytic shifts.

**Dialysis induced systemic stress may contribute to morbidity and mortality** in dialysis patients as a potent disease modifier including protein energy wasting process.

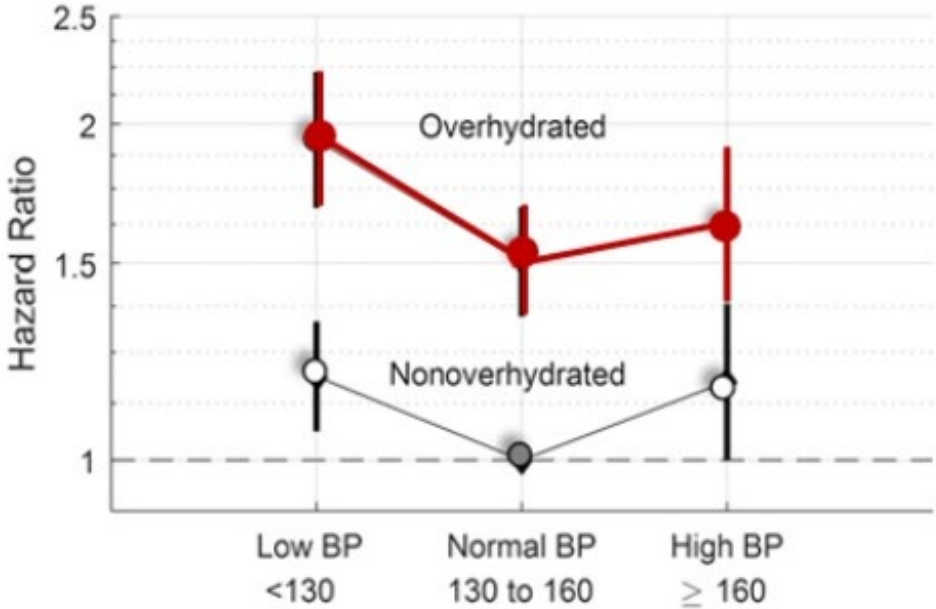
A **call for action** is needed to mitigate this additional cardiovascular risk in maintenance hemodialysis patients.

It is easily recognized that sodium and water related disorders contribute significantly to cardiac burden in hemodialysis patients, either from chronic fluid overload exposure during the interdialytic period or from acute fluid depletion during dialytic time

# Chronic fluid overload and mortality in ESRD

39,566 patients with incident ESRD  
Large dialysis network in 26 countries  
Relationship of fluid overload with mortality

## 1 year cumulative FO-based analysis



Zoccali et al, *J Am Soc Nephrol* 2017

## IIPOTENSIONE ARTERIOSA INTRADIALITICA

- E' l'ipotesione arteriosa che si verifica durante il trattamento emodialitico, in un paziente non ipoteso all'inizio della HD
- E' frequente
- Può ridurre l'efficacia dialitica e contribuire all'eccesso di morbilità e mortalità associata all'HD
- Alcuni pazienti necessitano di una terapia infusioneale ev per ripristinare valori pressori «normali» durante l'HD

## IIPOTENSIONE ARTERIOSA INTRADIALITICA



DEFINIZIONE (Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative (KDOQI), European Best Practice Guidelines):

- **Riduzione della pressione sistolica  $\geq 20$  mmHg** o una riduzione della pressione arteriosa media  $[(2 \cdot \text{PAD} + \text{PAS})/3] \geq 10$  mmHg, associate **con sintomi clinici e necessità di intervento infermieristico**.
- Una riduzione della pressione arteriosa sistolica intradialitica  $< 90$  mmHg nel 30% delle sedute HD è associata con una maggiore mortalità

### FREQUENZA

-L'ipotensione arteriosa durante (o immediatamente dopo) il trattamento HD complica **dal 5 al 30% di tutti i trattamenti HD**. In alcuni pazienti, più del 50% delle sedute di HD sono complicate da ipotensione arteriosa.

-Tra i **fattori di rischio** demografici associati all'ipotensione arteriosa intradialitica abbiamo: **età avanzata, età dialitica elevate, diabete mellito, pressione arteriosa pre-HD bassa, bassa albuminemia, sesso femminile, etnicità ispanica e elevato BMI**



# IIPOTENSIONE ARTERIOSA INTRADIALITICA

## ETIOLOGIA

-In alcuni casi, i pazienti che sviluppano una ipotensione arteriosa, hanno delle **condizioni cliniche serie** che richiedono un'immediata valutazione.

Queste condizioni includono:

- infezioni sistemiche (sepsi)
- aritmie
- infarto miocardico
- emolisi
- emorragie
- embolia gassosa
- reazione al «filtro» (membrana) e/o alle linee

**N.B. E' SEMPRE NECESSARIO ESCLUDERE QUESTE CONDIZIONI NEI PAZIENTI CHE SVILUPPANO UN'IPOTENSIONE INTRADIALITICA**

# IIPOTENSIONE ARTERIOSA INTRADIALITICA

## ETIOLOGIA

-Più frequentemente, l'ipotensione intradialitica si verifica in **assenza delle condizioni cliniche serie/gravi viste prima.**

-I fattori principali che contribuiscono all'ipotensione intradialitica sono:

- **Eccessiva e/o rapida ultrafiltrazione**
- **Rapida riduzione dell'osmolarità plasmatica**
- **Prescrizione di un peso secco troppo basso**
- **Neuropatia autonoma**
- **Ridotta riserva cardiaca**

-Altri fattori includono:

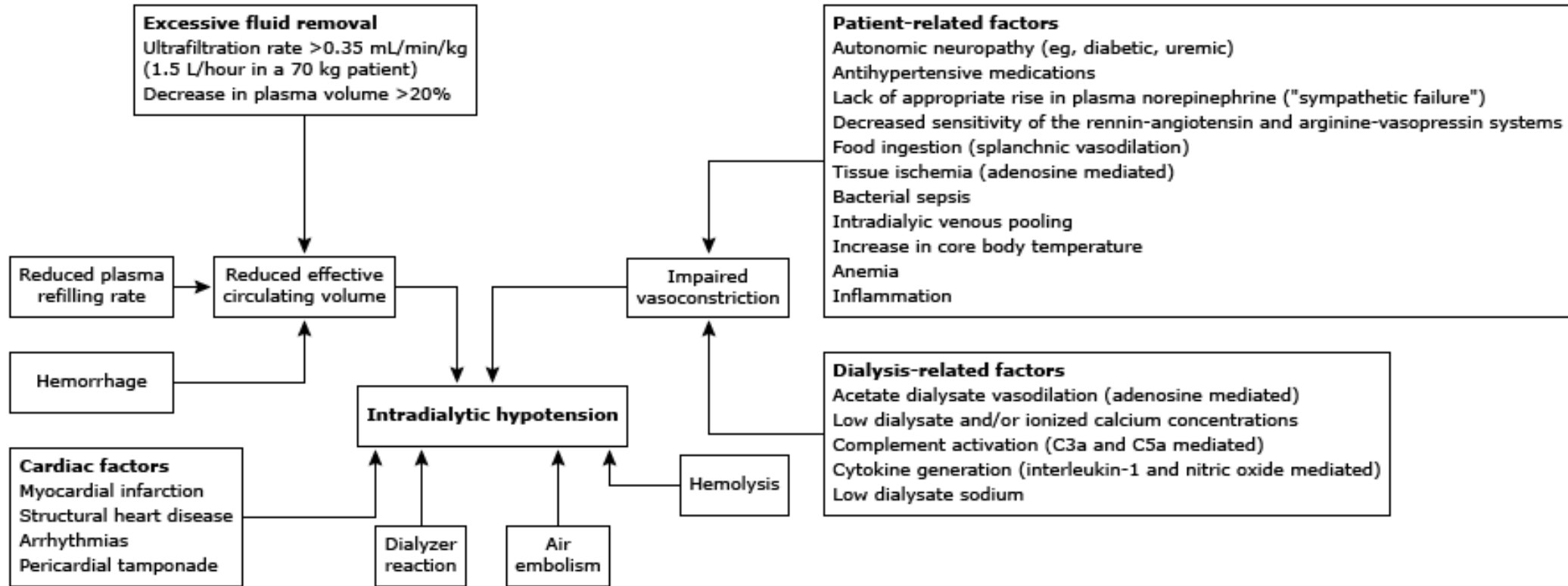
- Assunzione di **farmaci antipertensivi** prima del trattamento HD
- Assunzione di **cibo (o bevande zuccherate)** immediatamente prima o durante l'HD

-La **composizione e la temperatura del dialisato** possono contribuire all'ipotensione arteriosa intradialitica:

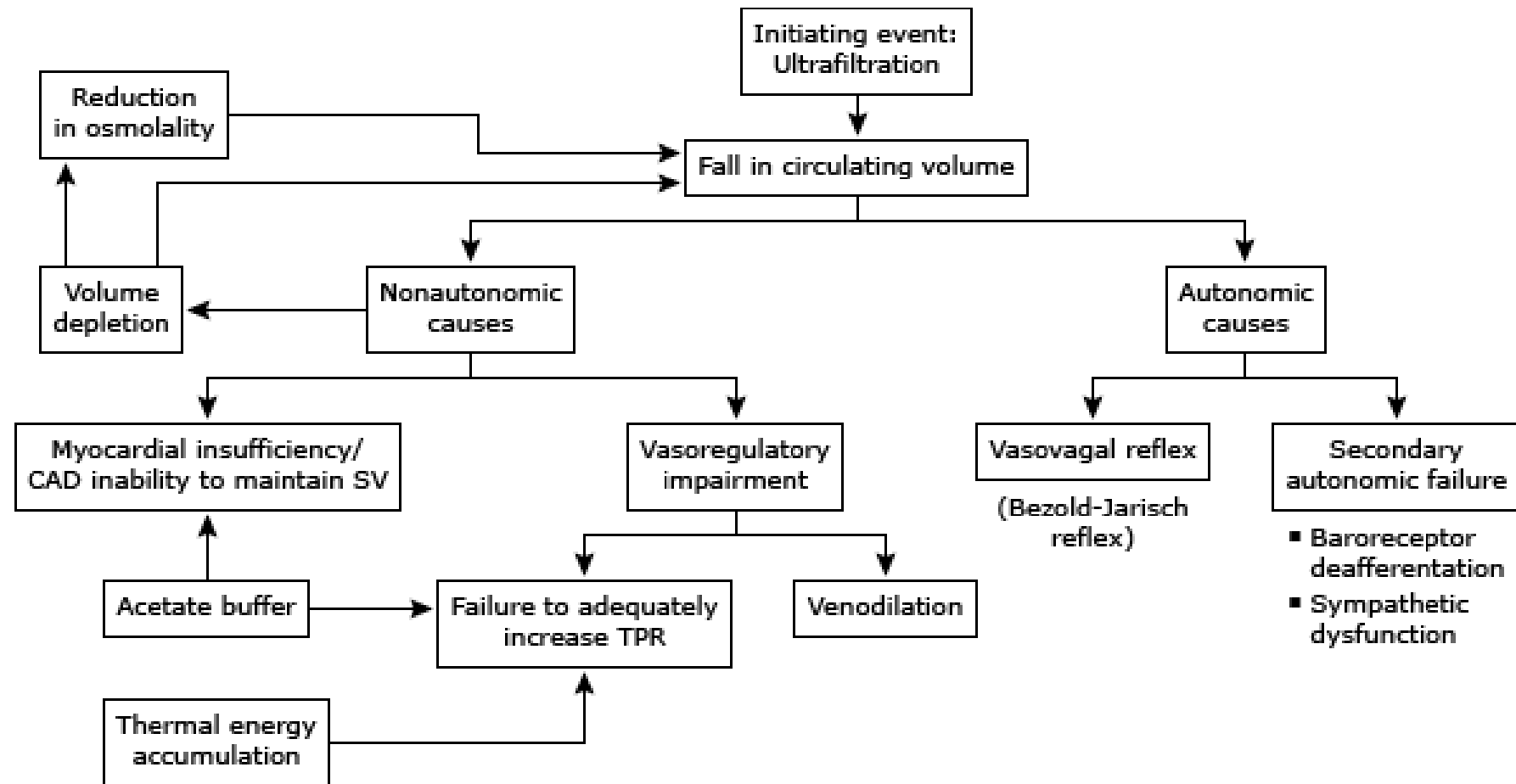
- Utilizzo **dell'acetato, bassa concentrazione di sodio e calcio, elevata concentrazione di magnesio**
- **Temperatura del dialisato maggiore della temperatura corporea**

-Rilascio di adenosina durante l'ischemia d'organo, aumentata sintesi di vasodilatatori endogeni (ossido nitrico), inappropriate bassi livelli plasmatici di vasopressina

## Causes of intradialytic hypotension



# Physiologic response to hemodialysis that might be involved in the pathogenesis of intradialytic hypotension



CAD: coronary artery disease; TPR: total peripheral resistance.

## IPOENSIONE ARTERIOSA INTRADIALITICA

### PREVENZIONE DEGLI EPISODI RICORRENTI

- I pazienti che hanno ripetuti episodi di ipotensione intradialitica devono essere **accuratamente valutati** e devono essere messe in atto delle misure preventive al fine di evitare il ripetersi delle ipotensioni.
- L'approccio deve essere per gradi, iniziando con semplici misure. Una valutazione ed un intervento successive dipenderà dalla risposta del paziente alle misure iniziali (European Best Practices Guideline).

# IPOPENSIONE ARTERIOSA INTRADIALITICA

## PREVENZIONE DEGLI EPISODI RICORRENTI

### 1. Approccio iniziale

Comprende:

- Rivalutazione del peso secco
- Evitare di mangiare durante il trattamento emodialitico
- Sospendere i farmaci antipertensivi prima della dialisi
- Dieta iposodica per limitare l'incremento ponderale interdialitico e per ridurre l'UF oraria

# IPOPOTENSIONE ARTERIOSA INTRADIALITICA

## PREVENZIONE DEGLI EPISODI RICORRENTI

### 2. Approccio di 2° livello

Comprende:

- Valutazione cardiologica**: insufficienza cardiaca, cardiomegalia, malattia ischemica coronarica, versamento pericardico
- Utilizzo di una temperatura bassa nel dialisato**
- Aumento del tempo dialitico**: si può effettuare aumentando la durata del trattamento o effettuando un trattamento emodialitico supplementare durante la settimana

## IPOENSIONE ARTERIOSA INTRADIALITICA

### PREVENZIONE DEGLI EPISODI RICORRENTI

#### 3. Approccio di 3° livello

Se **tutte le altre misure falliscono** si possono utilizzare dei farmaci o cambiare metodica dialitica

##### -Midodrina (Gutron)

E' un agonista adrenergico alfa-1. Nei pazienti con neuropatia autonoma e in altri pazienti la midodrina può essere efficace se ben tollerata. In genere si somministrano 2.5-5 mg, 15-30 minuti prima della dialisi. Nei casi in cui l'ipotensione si verifica nella seconda parte del trattamento dialitico, la midodrina si può somministrare dividendo la dose e somministrando metà dose 30 minuti prima della dialisi e metà dose dopo la 2° ora di trattamento (in ogni caso dopo 3 ore dalla prima dose).

Tuttavia, gli studi al riguardo sono contrastanti e non viene utilizzata molto spesso

##### -Cambio della modalità dialitica

Nei pazienti che hanno delle ipotensioni intradialitiche ripetute e debilitanti si deve pensare anche al cambio della modalità dialitica come l'emodiafiltrazione, la dialisi peritoneale, la dialisi quotidiana o la dialisi notturna

##### -Altre terapie

Correggere sempre **l'anemia**

Sertralina, vasopressina, carnitina



The historical focus on small solute clearance precipitated by the **NCDS study**, improvements in HD technology and economic factors have driven an inexorable pressure to **reduce treatment times**

This has promoted a reliance on **higher dialysate sodium concentrations from 130 to 145 mmol/l or more** as this is thought to reduce adverse intradialytic symptoms and haemodynamics associated with shorter treatment times

However, truly **adequate dialysis should be isonatric** allowing for complete removal of the *interdialytic* sodium gain and avoiding *intra* dialytic sodium loading and consequently higher interdialytic weight gain (IDWG)

Increased IDWG or increased ultrafiltration volumes are associated with increased blood pressure (BP), left ventricular mass and mortality

Furthermore, ultrafiltration volume is a potent and modifiable determinant of HD-induced myocardial stunning and this may be an integrating factor linking IDWG to excess mortality

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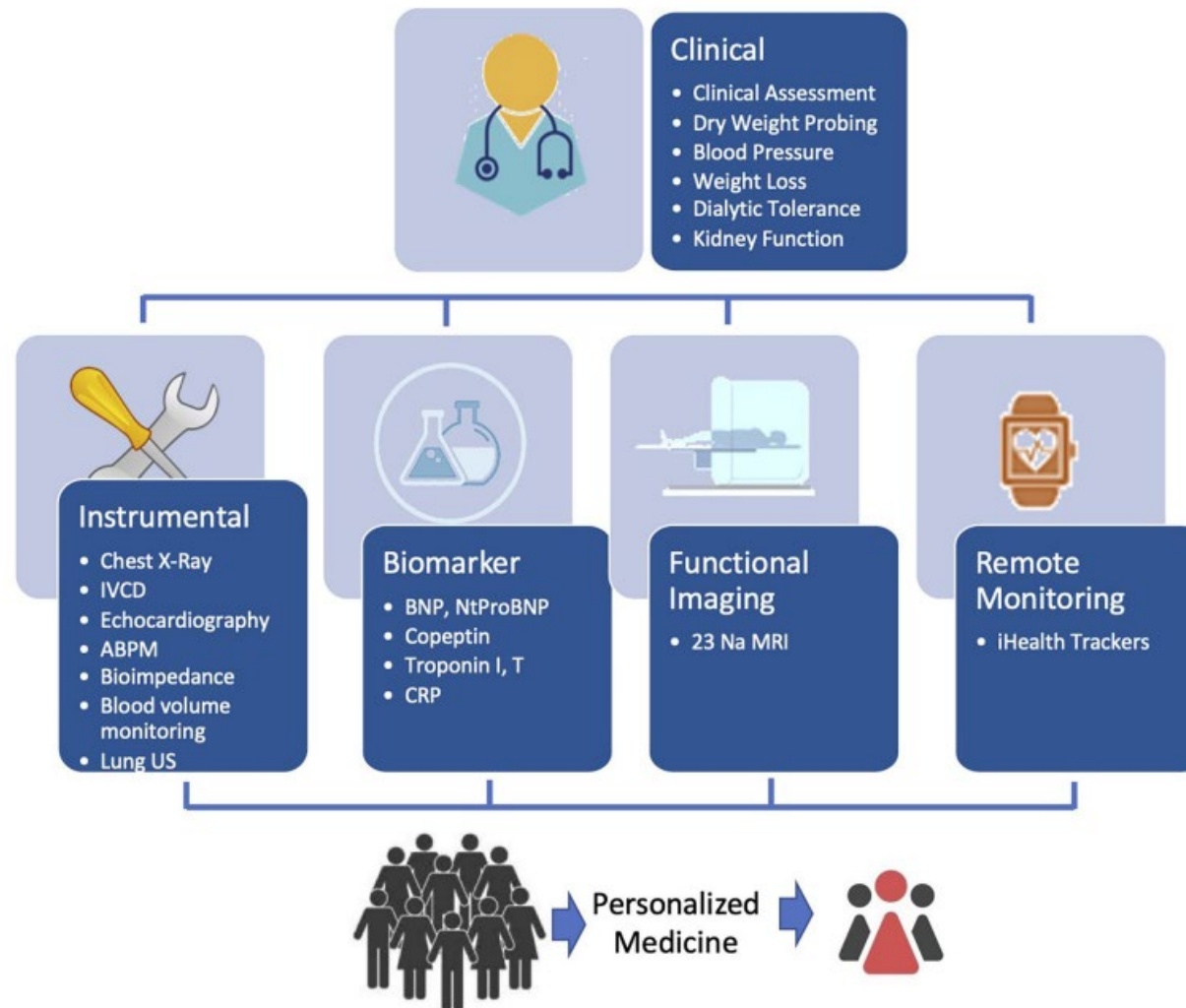


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## Is It Time for Precision Dialysis?

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**FIGURE 1** | Schematic diagram for optimizing and integrating tools for personalized guidance of fluid management in HD patients.



## Zero Diffusive Sodium Balance in Hemodialysis Provided by an Algorithm-Based Electrolyte Balancing Controller: A Proof of Principle Clinical Study

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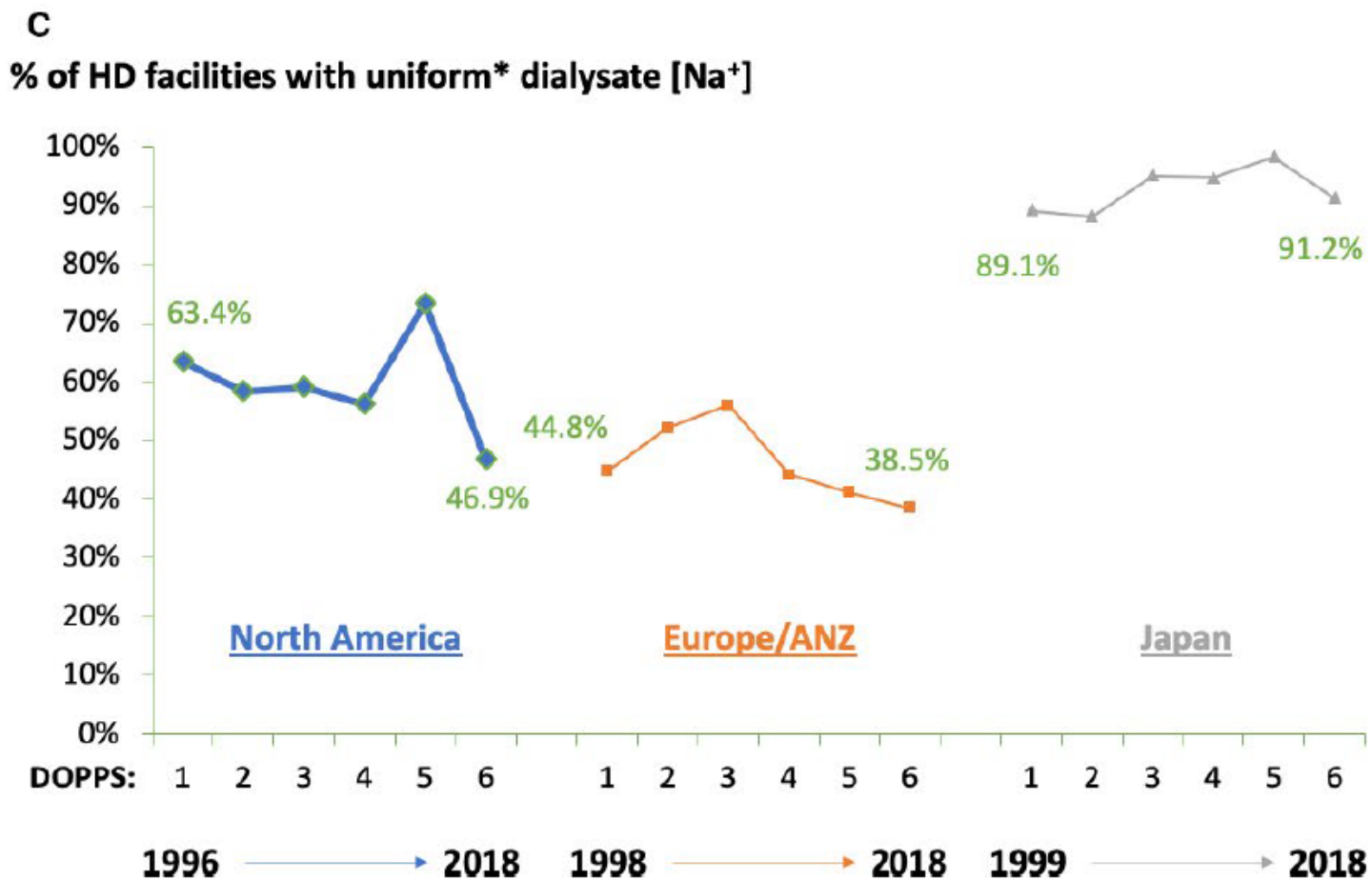
Restoring and controlling fluid volume homeostasis is still a challenge in contemporary end-stage kidney disease patients treated by intermittent hemodialysis (HD) or hemodiafiltration (HDF). This primary target is achieved by ultrafiltration (**dry weight** probing) and control of **intradialytic sodium transfer** (dialysate-plasma Na gradient). **The latter task is mostly ignored in clinical practice**

**by applying a dialysate sodium prescription uniform for all patients of the dialysis center but unaligned to individual plasma sodium levels.**

# Temporal changes in dialysate [Na<sup>+</sup>] prescription from 1996 to 2018 and their clinical significance as judged from a meta-regression of clinical trials

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TR	6906		4,2%	19,5%	8,7%	65,2%	0,3%	2,0%	0,0%	0,1%	
UK	3680		13,5%	9,6%	4,5%	64,7%	0,2%	7,1%	0,1%	0,0%	
Grand Total	52955	0,5%	6,9%	11,0%	7,5%	53,0%	3,8%	14,7%	0,6%	1,6%	0,4%

High Na dialysate concentration

Low Na dialysate concentration

### Use of Online Conductivity Monitoring to Study Sodium Mass Balance in Chronic Haemodialysis Patients: Prospects for Treatment Individualisation

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The terminology of ‘high’ and ‘low’ dialysate sodium concentrations can be unclear.

Only the **ionized proportion of sodium is available for diffusion**, hence its movement is determined by the gradient between the concentrations of non-complexed, electrochemically active ions from plasma to dialysate as well as temperature and acidity.

The **Gibbs-Donnan effect** refers to a phenomenon caused by anionic plasma proteins too large to traverse the dialysis membrane, creating an electric field that attracts cations and reducing the amount of plasma diffusible sodium

Na Plasm. Diff. =  $\text{Na}^+ * \text{Fattore Donnan}$

Es.  $140 * 0.96 = 134.4 \text{ mmol/l}$

Se Na Dialisato = 140 mmol/l: guadagno diffusivo di Na durante la HD; UF con concentrazione di Na inferiore a quella del plasma

This results in a **hypotonic ultrafiltrate** and allows the movement of sodium and water to become uncoupled during HD

This makes it possible for patients **to load sodium during dialysis, despite dialysate sodium concentration being lower than the predialysis plasma sodium concentration** (commonly termed ‘low’ dialysate sodium concentration)

Though the effects of this may be negligible over a single HD session, the potential of this reservoir of sodium ions to buffer sodium transport over a **longer period** and influence BP and IDWG has not been fully elucidated.

It must be highlighted that **sodium and fluid accumulation is a longstanding process** aggravating along chronic kidney disease progression with a culminant point at the end stage of kidney disease.

In addition, specific conditions (i.e., aging) or diseases (i.e., hypertension, diabetes) are strong enhancers of this risk.

A more careful attention should be paid to this cause to address their consequences and better manage patients in order to mitigate their risks





# Sodium First Approach, to Reset Our Mind for Improving Management of Sodium, Water, Volume and Pressure in Hemodialysis Patients, and to Reduce Cardiovascular Burden and Improve Outcomes

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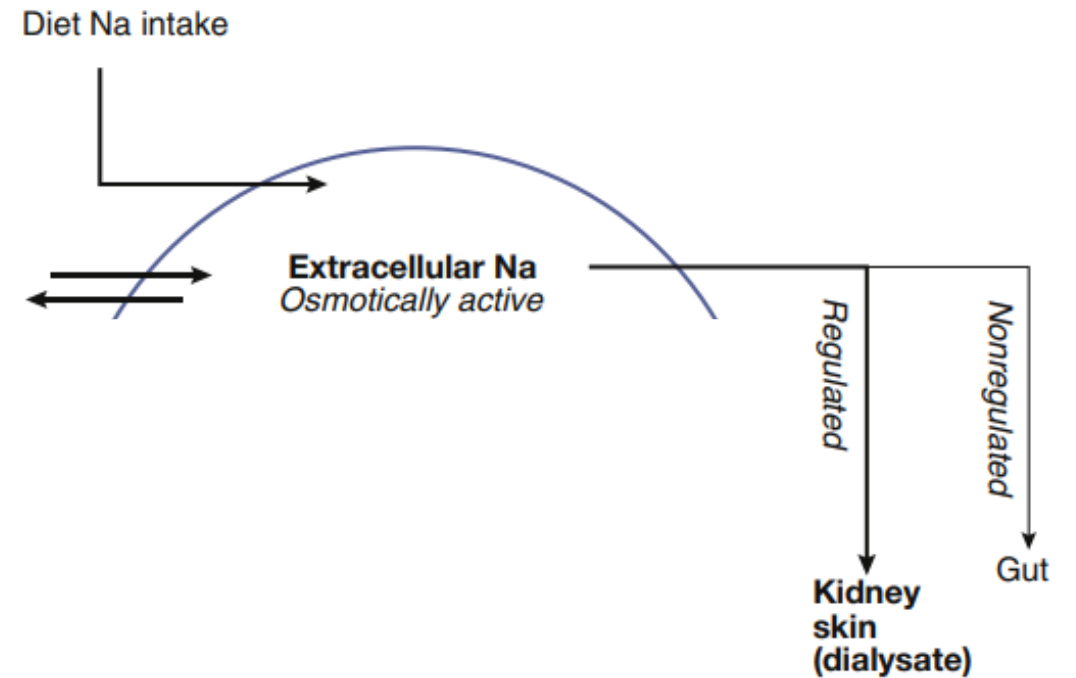
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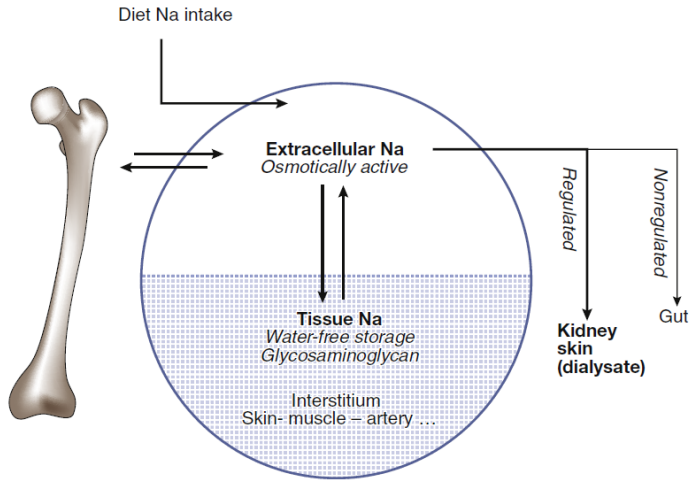


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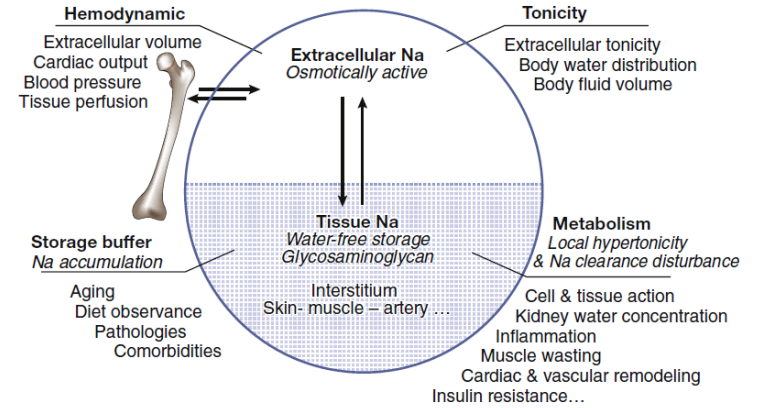


Figure 2 | Role of sodium (Na) according to the new understanding of physiology.

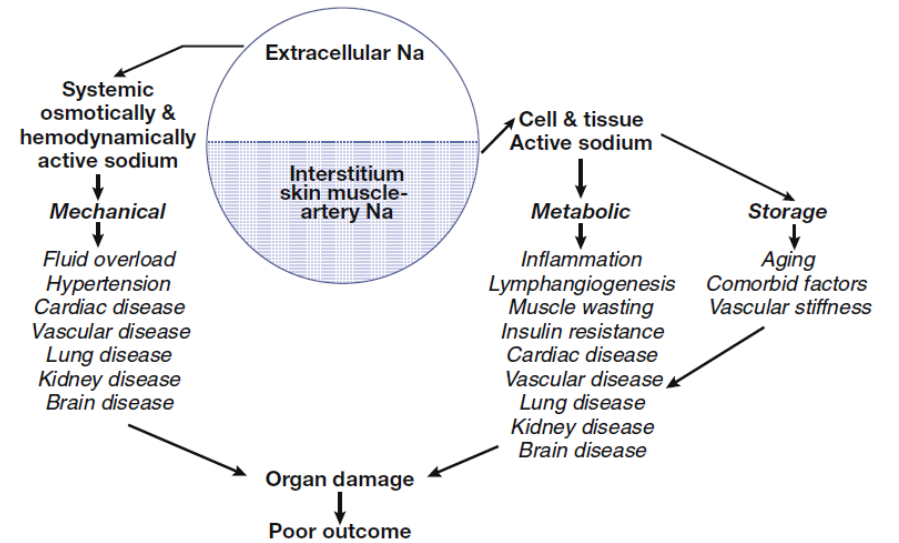


Figure 3 | Pathophysiologic role of sodium (Na) accumulation and cross-talk.

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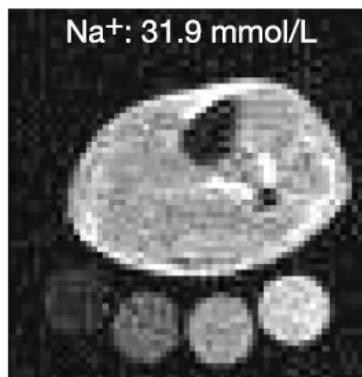
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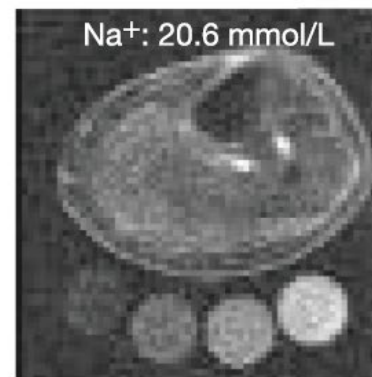
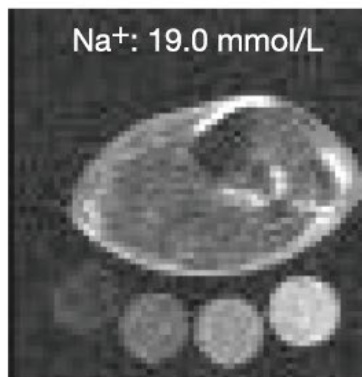
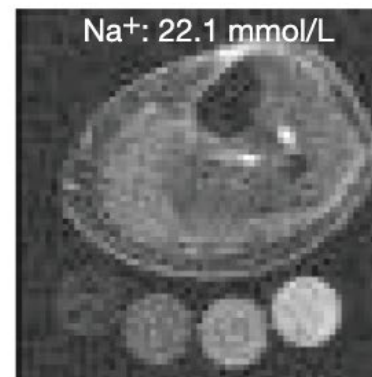
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high Na<sup>+</sup> removal  
UF rate 2.7 l

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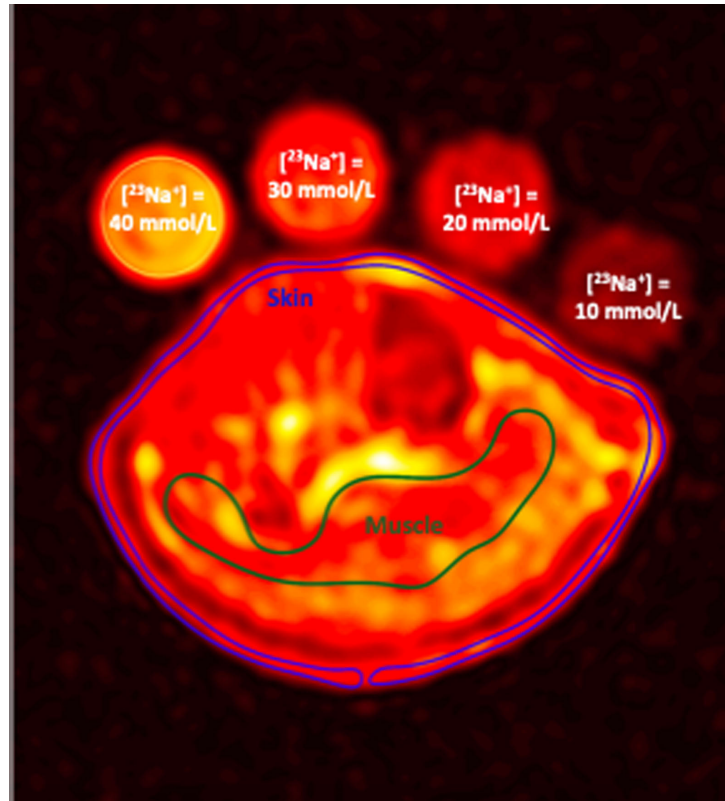


**b** Man, 77 years,  
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UF rate 3.5 l

Pre-HD



**Figure 5 | Representative lower-limb <sup>23</sup>Na magnetic resonance imaging (Na-MRI) features from 2 end-stage renal disease patients before and after hemodialysis (HD).** (a) Patient with high sodium ion (Na<sup>+</sup>) removal after HD; ultrafiltration (UF) rate: 2.7 l. (b) Patient with low Na<sup>+</sup> removal; UF rate: 3.5 l. Standards as represented by lower circles contain 10, 20, 30, and 40 mmol/l Na<sup>+</sup>. Reprinted from Dahlmann A, Dörfelt K, Eicher F, et al. Magnetic resonance-determined sodium removal from tissue stores in hemodialysis patients. *Kidney Int.* 2015;87:434–441,<sup>43</sup> with permission from Elsevier. Copyright © 2015 International Society of Nephrology.



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## Effect of Low-Sodium versus Conventional Sodium Dialysate on Left Ventricular Mass in Home and Self-Care Satellite Facility Hemodialysis Patients: A Randomized Clinical Trial

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# Effect of low versus conventional sodium dialysate on left ventricular mass in home and self-care satellite facility hemodialysis patients – a randomized clinical trial

## METHODS



Patients undergoing home/self-care satellite facility HD (n=99) in New Zealand

Randomization

Dialysate [Na<sup>+</sup>]  
135 mM for 12 months (n=49)

Dialysate [Na<sup>+</sup>]  
140 mM for 12 months (n=50)

## OUTCOMES AT 12 MONTHS

Outcome, adjusted for baseline values	Low dialysate [Na <sup>+</sup> ]	Conventional dialysate [Na <sup>+</sup> ]
LV mass index by CMR (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	-3.94 (-10.52, 2.63)	Ref
Interdialytic weight gain (kg)	-0.57 (-0.86, -0.27)	Ref
B-type natriuretic peptide	0.49 (0.27, 0.90) times lower	Ref
Intradialytic hypotension	3.6 (0.5, 28.8) times more common	Ref

No effect on QoL, thirst, xerostomia, or dietary Na<sup>+</sup> intake. 5 participants in intervention arm could not complete trial due to intradialytic hypotension.

**CONCLUSION** Over 12 months follow-up, dialysate [Na<sup>+</sup>] of 135 mM did not reduce LV mass relative to dialysate [Na<sup>+</sup>] of 140 mM, despite improving fluid status.



# Do practices in managing fluid volume and intradialytic hypotension affect patient outcomes?

## Methods and Cohort

**DOPPS** Phase 4 (2009-2012)



N = 10250 273 facilities 12 countries



10 facility practices investigated

## Findings

	All-cause mortality	CV mortality	CV events	Hospitalization
Dry weight assessment protocol	↓ HR 0.78 99% CI 0.64-0.94	↓ HR 0.72 99% CI 0.55-0.95		
Orthostatic BP measurement			↓ HR 0.85 99% CI 0.73-0.98	↓ HR 0.86 99% CI 0.77-0.97
Use of lower dialysate temperature		↓ HR 0.76 99% CI 0.58-0.98		
On-line volume indicator				↑ HR 1.19 99% CI 1.02-1.38
Sodium modelling/profiling	↑ HR 1.36 99% CI 1.14-1.63	↑ HR 1.34 99% CI 1.04-1.73	↑ HR 1.21 99% CI 1.03-1.43	

**Conclusions** Hemodialysis facility practices relating to the management of fluid volume and intradialytic hypotension are associated with patient outcomes.

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# RCT

## A randomized controlled trial of two dialysate sodium concentrations in hospitalized hemodialysis patients

### Background



The optimal dialysate sodium concentration and implications of intra-dialytic hypotension (IDH) in maintenance hemodialysis (HD) remains unclear



This study compares higher vs. lower dialysate sodium in hospitalized patients on maintenance HD

### Methods



Single center



Adult HD patients  
n = 139



1:1

Baseline characteristics:  
age 60 ± 14 years,  
57% male, 33% Black



Lower dialysate sodium, 138 mmol/L  
n = 69



Higher dialysate sodium, 142 mmol/L  
n = 70

#### Outcomes:

- Decline in systolic blood pressure (SBP)
- Proportions of total sessions complicated by IDH (SBP decline ≥ 20 mmHg from pre-HD SBP)

### Results



Mean pre-HD SBP = 138 ± 21 mmHg  
Mean intra-dialytic SBP = 113 ± 21 mmHg

Dialysate sodium



Decline in SBP (mmHg)	23 ± 16	26 ± 16	p = 0.57
IDH complication	59%	54%	
Adverse events	66%	68%	

Odds of developing IDH in the higher (vs. lower) dialysate sodium groups:

**0.72\***

\*(95% CI 0.36–1.44, p=0.35)

### Conclusion

There was no significant difference in the absolute SBP decline in HD patients between lower or higher dialysate sodium concentration. Post-hoc adjusted analyses suggested a lower risk of IDH with higher DNa.

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This has culminated in a situation where the goal of an **individualised isonatric HD prescription** has been hampered by the **lack of effective and simple tools** to study the consequences of dialysate sodium concentration to sodium mass balance in routine clinical practice

# E' necessario misurare il bilancio del Na durante la HD

## Come fare?

1. Quantificazione diretta
2. «Inventory» balance
3. Modello cinetico
4. Bilancio della conducibilità ionica

## On-line monitoring of electrolytes in hemodialysis: on the road towards individualizing treatment

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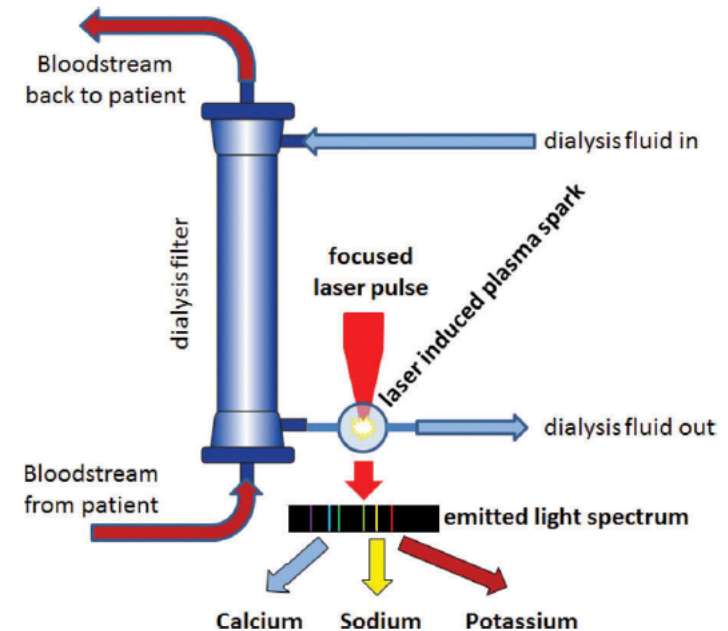


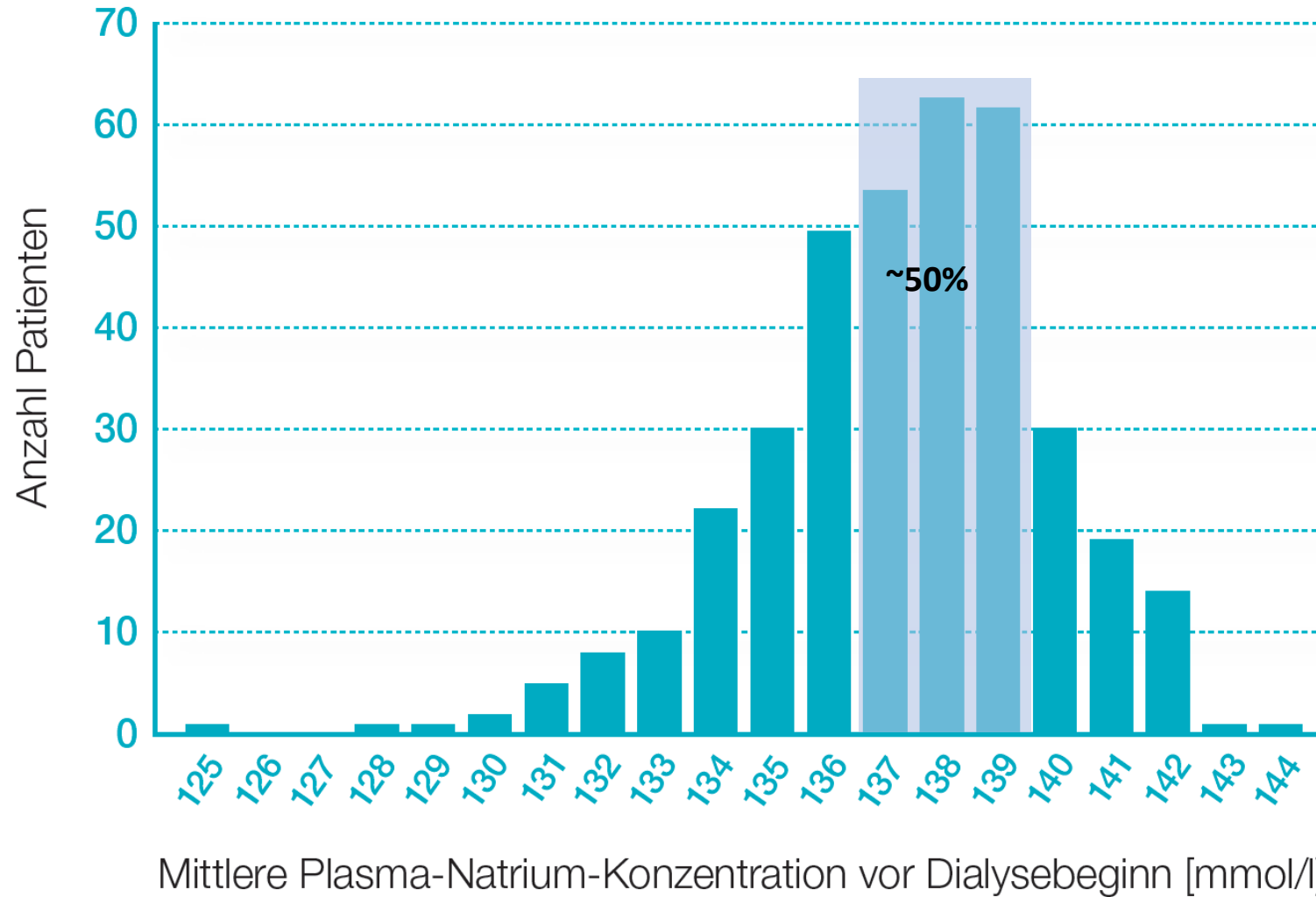
Figure 3. Principle of laser induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS): a tiny volume inside the dialysate stream is temporarily atomized by a focused high-energy pulsed laser. Light emitted from this high-temperature spark is collected and dispersed, where the atoms present in the specimen can be identified by specific peaks in the atomic emission spectrum. [67,68].

# Sodium Management – background



- **ASSUNZIONE DI SODIO NEL PERIODO INTERDIALITICO**  
*ALIMENTAZIONE – PERDITA FUNZIONE RENALE*
- DURANTE IL TRATTAMENTO SI VERIFICANO DUE MODALITÀ DI TRASFERIMENTO DEL SODIO:
  - I. **RIMOZIONE CONVETTIVA DEL SODIO (PROGRAMMA UF)**
  - II. **RIMOZIONE DIFFUSIVA DEL SODIO**  
*POSITIVO/NEUTRO/NEGATIVO (GRADIENTE Na PLASMA/Na Dialisato)*
- COME CONSEGUENZA DEL GRADIENTE ESISTENTE, IL PAZIENTE POTREBBE PERDERE O RICEVERE UNA QUANTITÀ DI SODIO NON ADEGUATA

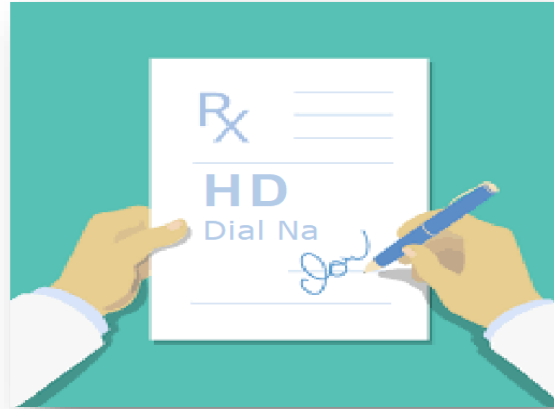
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# Sodium Management – background: Pratica clinica

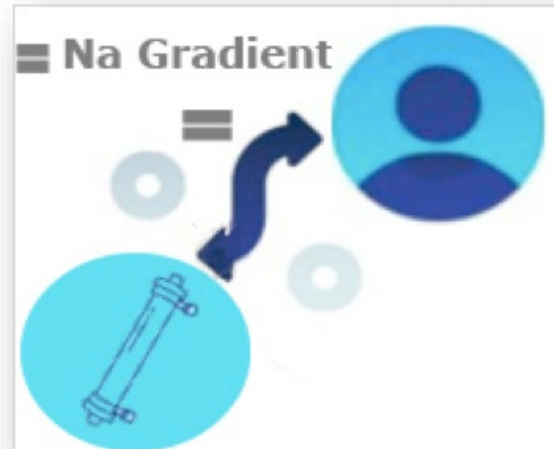


Esempio:

Na pre: 138 mmol/l



Na dialisato: 140 mmol/l



Na dialisato: 138 mmol/l



Na dialisato: 136 mmol/l

# ***Sodium Management* – background: Il sodio in dialisi**

- Un ridotto carico diffusivo di sodio può portare a:<sup>1,2,3</sup>
  - Una riduzione della sete
  - Una riduzione dell'incremento ponderale interdialitico
  - Un cambiamento degli outcome a breve termine grazie al ridotto sovraccarico idrico e ad una ridotta pressione sanguigna
- Prevenire una rimozione eccessiva del sodio attraverso la diffusione può potenzialmente ridurre sintomi intradialitici

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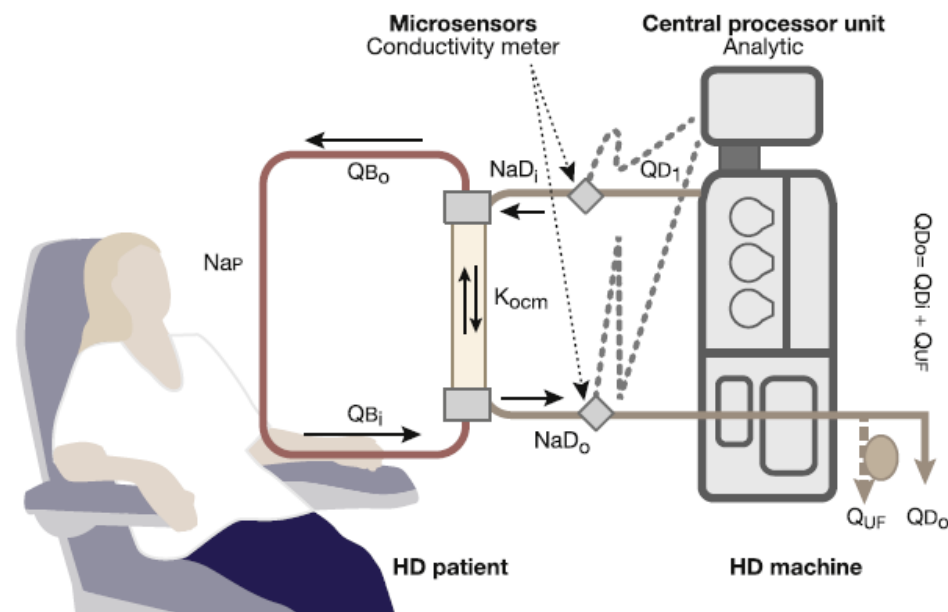
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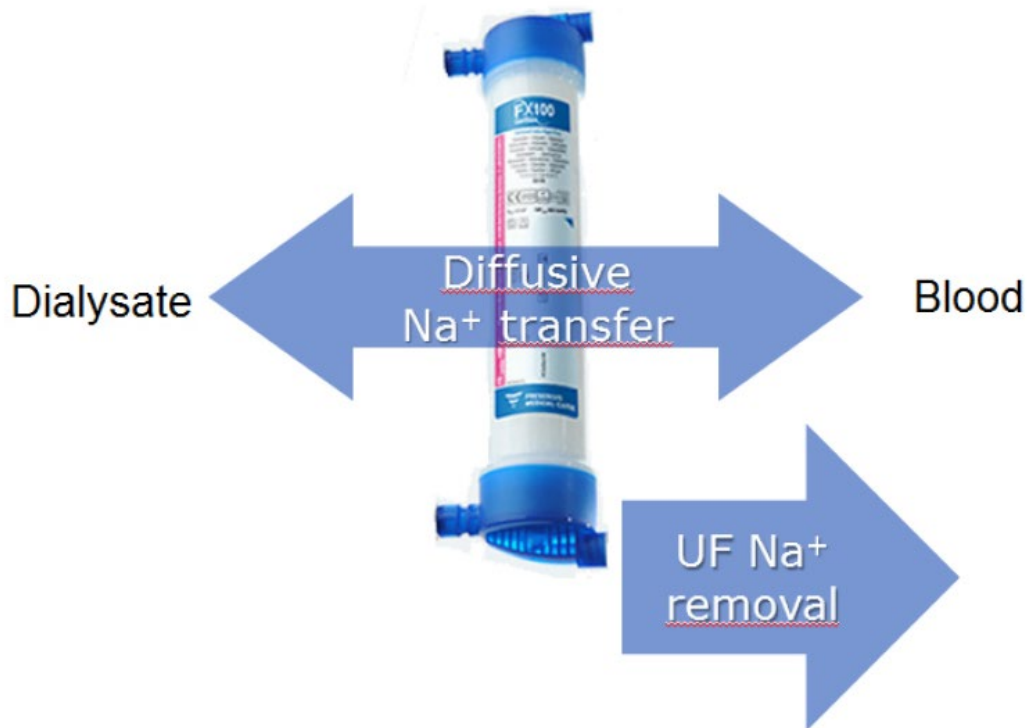
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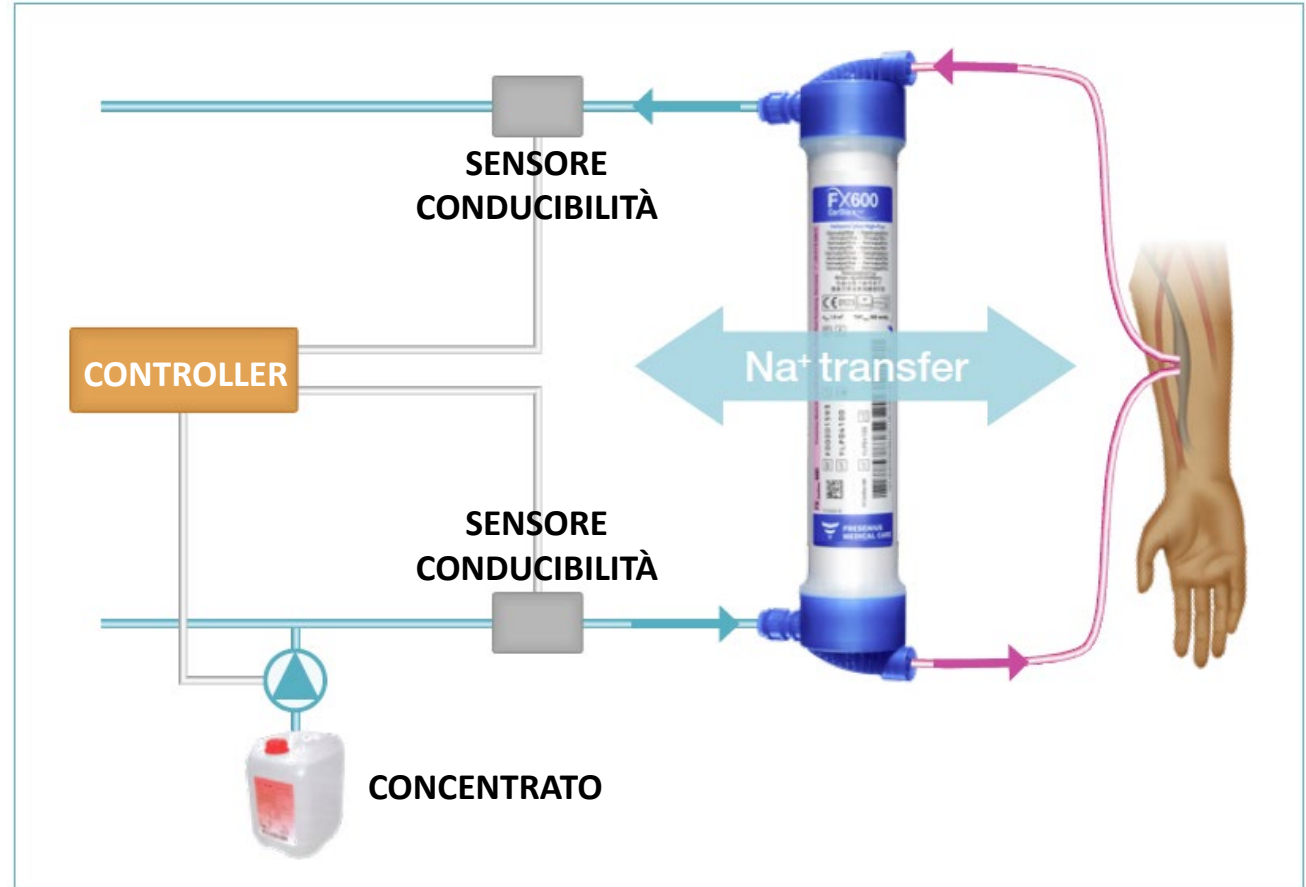
**Figure 6 | Schematic representation of the electrolyte balancing control (EBC) module embedded in the hemodialysis (HD) monitoring device.** The EBC integrates sodium and water handling capacity based on microsensing ionic fluxes (inflow, outflow) and integrating sodium mass balance equivalent (overall: diffusive + convective [UF]) based on central processor unit (CPU) analytics. UF, ultrafiltration.

# Sodium Management: Schema operativo

## BIOFEEDBACK PER IL CONTROLLO DEL SODIO PLASMATICO



$$\Delta J = Q_d (c_{di} - c_{do}) - Q_f c_{do}$$

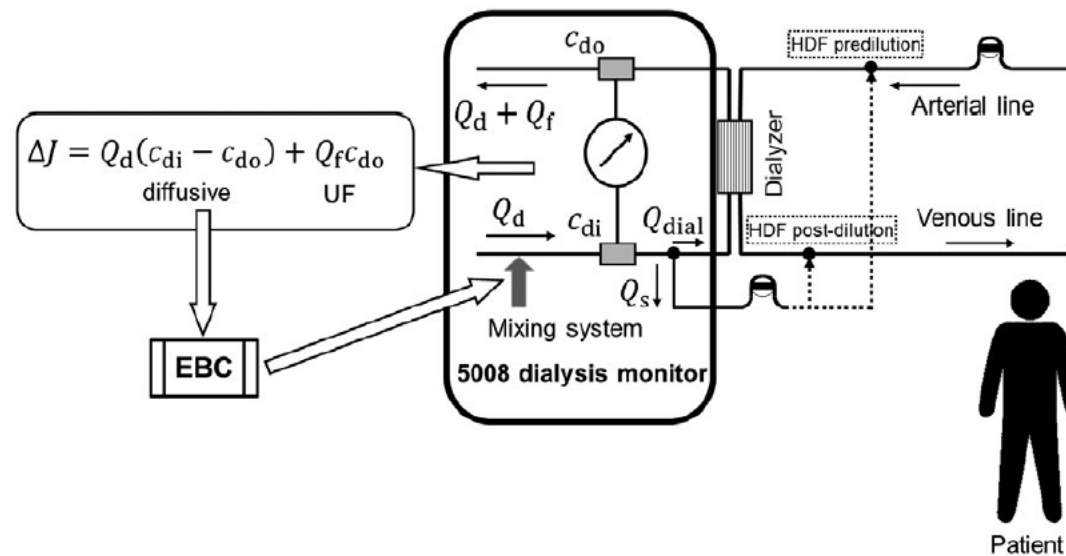


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**FIG. 1.** Schematic view of the electrolyte balancing controller (EBC). Inlet and outlet dialysate conductivities  $c_{di}$  and  $c_{do}$  are measured by conductivity cells and used together with the total dialysate flow  $Q_d$  and ultrafiltration rate  $Q_f$  as input for the EBC. The controller adjusts the dialysate inlet sodium concentration in order to achieve zero diffusive sodium balance.

# Sodium Management: I potenziali benefici



RIDOTTO CARICO DI SODIO DURANTE IL TRATTAMENTO  
**BIOFEEDBACK SCAMBIO DIFFUSIVO**



INFORMAZIONI SULL'ASSUNZIONE DI SALE DEL PAZIENTE  
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MONITORAGGIO DEL SODIO PLASMATICO PRE-DIALISI  
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# Sodium Management: Stima del sodio plasmatico

## CONDUCTIVITY BASED ONLINE ESTIMATION OF PREDIALYTIC PLASMA SODIUM: CLINICAL ASSESSMENT

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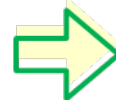
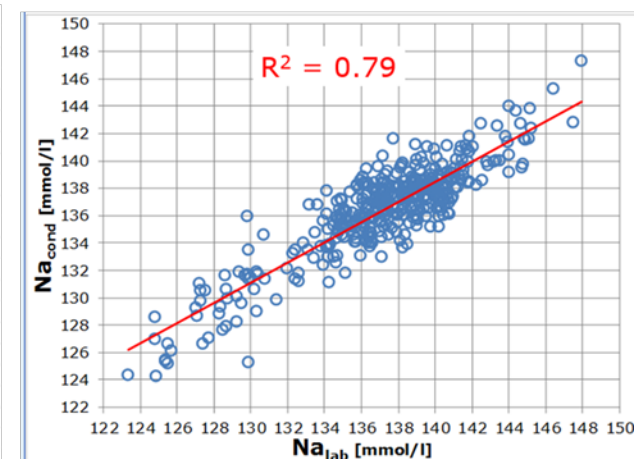
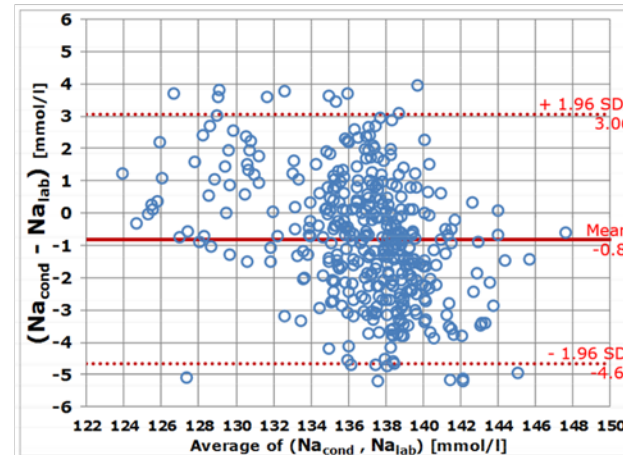
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- Comparison **predialytic plasma Na** from dialysis machine vs. BGA
- 384 treatments



Mean deviation:  $0.8 \pm 2.0$  mmol/l

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## Automated individualization of dialysate sodium concentration reduces intradialytic plasma sodium changes in hemodialysis

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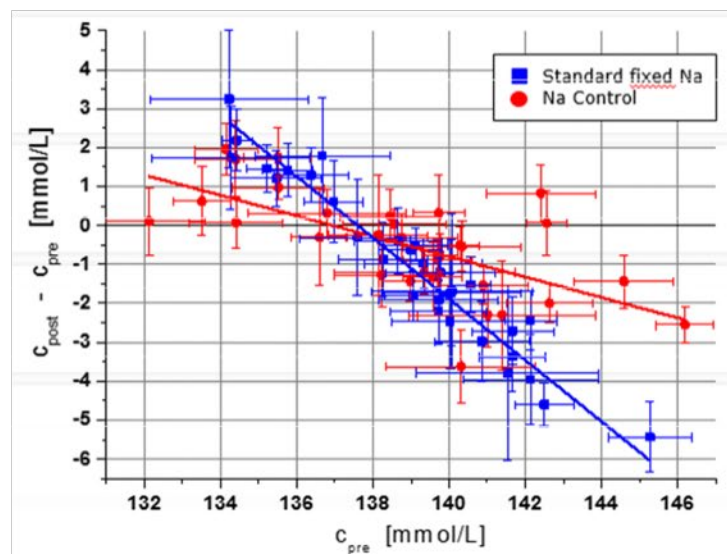
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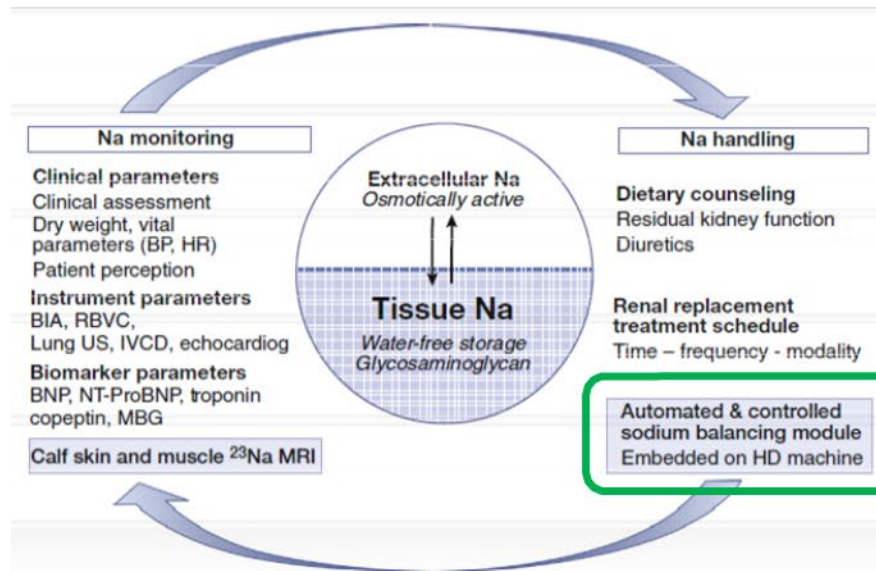


Figure 4 | Precise management of sodium (Na) in hemodialysis (HD) patients.

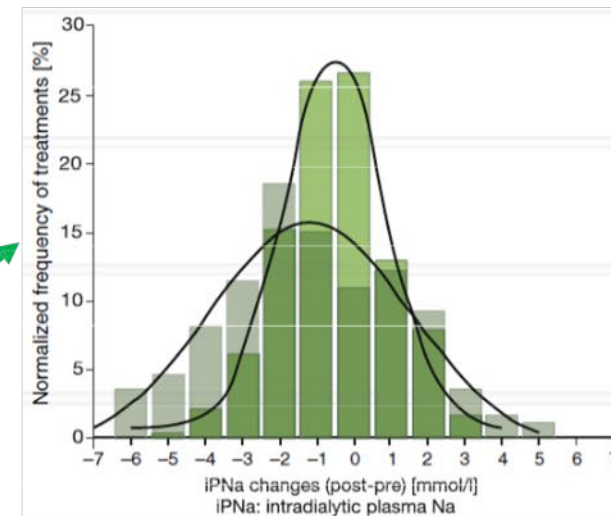


Figure 7 | Frequency distribution of intradialytic plasma sodium (iPNa) changes when dialyzing 30 patients either with a standard fixed dialysate sodium (Na) of 138 mmol/l (bars with horizontal lines) or with automated sodium control and a target of 0 diffusive transfer (bars with vertical lines). Each treatment phase consists of 100 hemodialysis (HD) sessions. The SD of the distribution was reduced by approximately 36% when switching from standard to sodium-controlled treatments.

## ***Sodium Management: Vantaggi***

1. Le nuove apparecchiature di HD permettono di quantificare la rimozione/guadagno di Na diffusivo e convettivo durante tutte le HD/HDF
2. In casi selezionati (stabilità del Na pre-HD, non necessità di «uso farmacologico» della concentrazione di Na nel dialisato) si può impostare una diffusione di Na pari a zero (il paziente dovrebbe avere un natriemia identica all'inizio e fine trattamento)
3. Si può utilizzare per impostare un guadagno/perdita diffusiva di Na «controllata» durante il singolo trattamento

## ***Sodium Management: Svantaggi***

1. Se in tutti i pazienti viene impostata una rimozione/guadagno diffusivo pari a zero si potrebbero avere grossi problemi di tolleranza dialitica (ipotensione) nei pazienti che necessitano di un guadagno diffusivo di Na (pazienti con Na plasmatico pre-dialitico tendenzialmente basso) o di eccessivo guadagno diffusivo di Na con conseguente aumento di sete, incremento ponderale, ipertensione, etc (nei pazienti con Na plasmatico pre-dialitico tendenzialmente alto)
2. Il bilancio ionico misurato con la conducibilità non misura variazioni di tonicità plasmatica dovuta ad altre molecole differenti dagli elettroliti carichi elettricamente come il glucosio con possibilità di avere grossi problemi nei pazienti diabetici con non ottimale controllo della glicemia pre-dialitica

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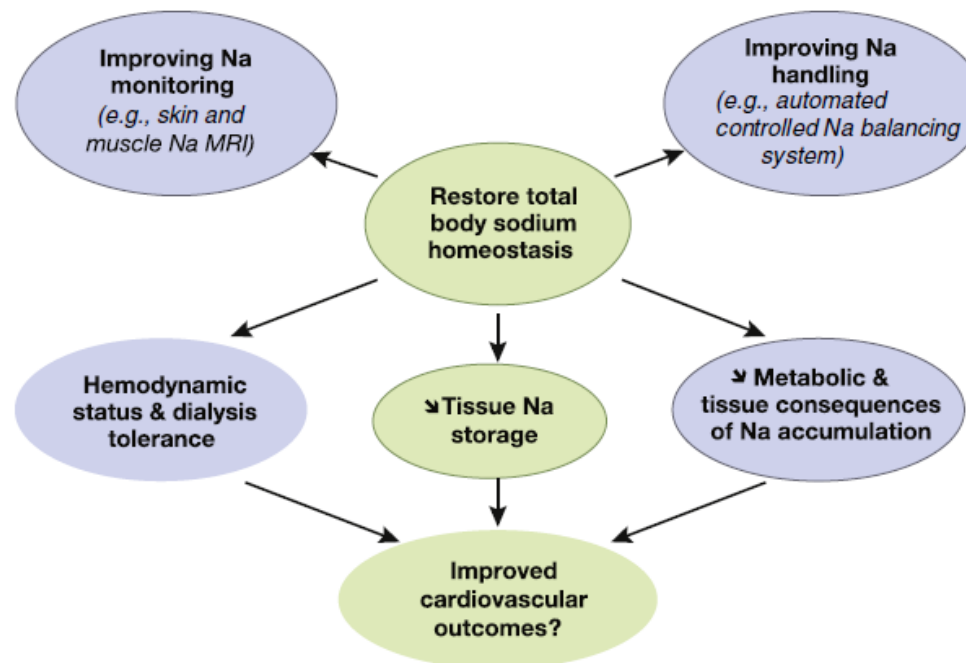
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**Figure 8 | Potential benefits of a new technical solution, direct sodium (Na), and water control in hemodialysis patients for improving hemodialysis patient outcomes. MRI, magnetic resonance imaging.**

# Temperatura Corporea «Core»

- La temperatura alla quale un organismo vivente opera
- Propria delle strutture corporee «profonde», cioè dei visceri
- Misurata in pratica clinica attraverso sonde rettali, esofagee, vescicali, cateteri cardiaci (catetere di Swan-Ganz del cuore destro)

# Qual è una temperatura «core» normale?

**Essere umano sano**

**Tra 36.5°C e 37.5°C**  
**Media: 37.0°C**

**Essere umano con uremia**

**Tra 34.9°C e 37.4°C**  
**Media: 36.5°C<sup>1</sup>**

\*con variazioni circadiane, ormonali, legate all'età, al sesso, ad assunzione di cibo, sonno...

# Cosa succede durante una seduta di emodialisi?

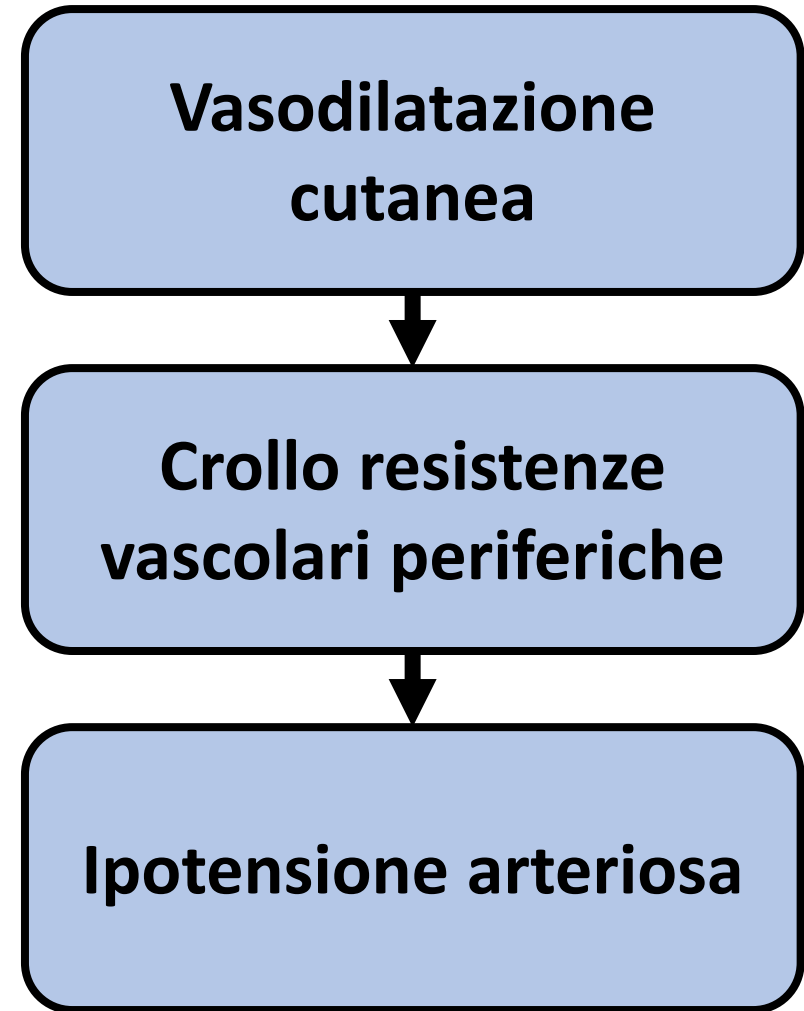
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vasocostrizione arteriolare cutanea,  
vasocostrizione venosa

**Pressione arteriosa  $\propto$   
gittata cardiaca \* resistenze vascolari periferiche**





# Ma quindi se imposto una $T^{\circ}$ dialisato = $T^{\circ}$ core?

Appporto di calore dal  
circuito di dialisi:  
 $T^{\circ}$  dialisato



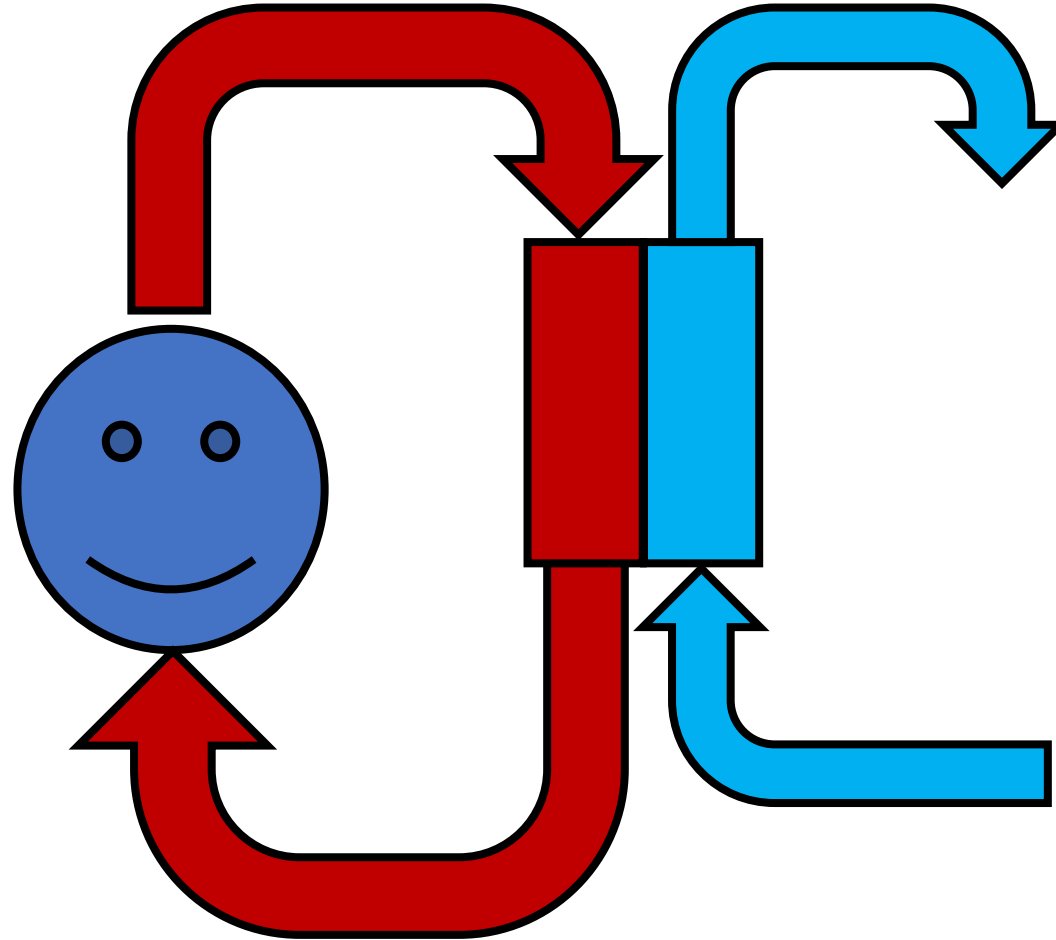
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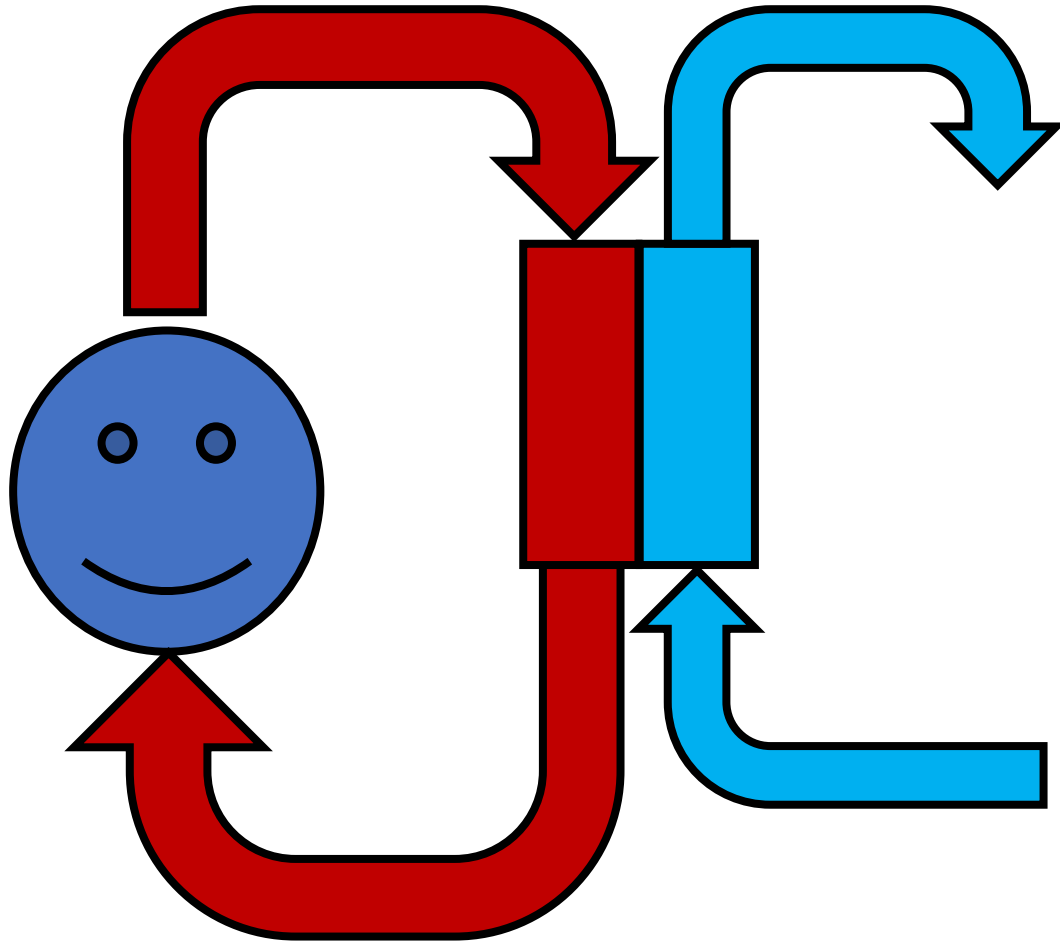
# Dialisi Isotermica:

$T^{\circ}$  core fine dialisi =  $T^{\circ}$  core inizio dialisi



# Dialisi Ipotermica:

$T^{\circ} \text{ core fine dialisi} < T^{\circ} \text{ core inizio dialisi}$



$T^{\circ} \text{ core (inizio)} = x^{\circ} \text{C}$

$T^{\circ} \text{ core (fine)} = x - y^{\circ} \text{C}$

# Ma la dialisi «fredda»?

$$T^{\circ} \text{ core (inizio)} = x \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$T^{\circ} \text{ dialisato} = x - 0.5 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

BLOOD TEMPERATURE AND VASCULAR STABILITY  
DURING HEMODIALYSIS AND HEMOFILTRATION

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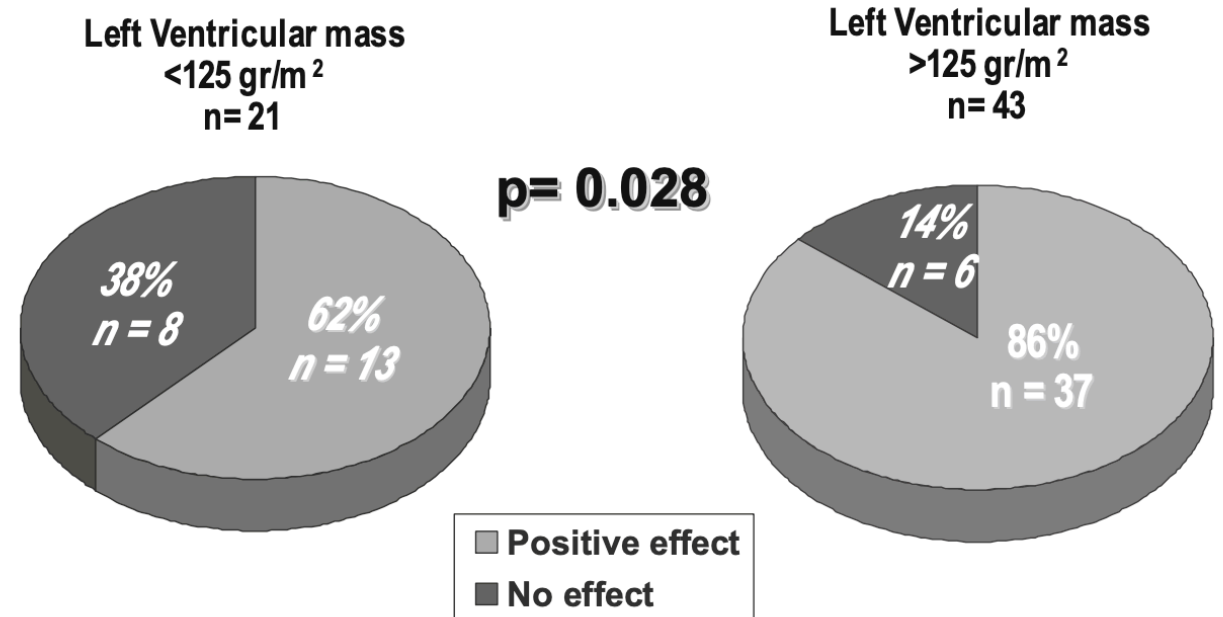
# Dialysis Therapies

## The Effects of Control of Thermal Balance on Vascular Stability in Hemodialysis Patients: Results of the European Randomized Clinical Trial

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**Table 3. Changes in Hemodynamic Parameters During the Two Treatment Types**

	Thermoneutral HD	Isothermic HD	<i>P</i>
ΔSystolic blood pressure, 210-0 min (mm Hg)	-20.5 ± 15.7	-14.2 ± 16.5	<0.05
ΔDiastolic blood pressure, 210-0 min (mm Hg)	-8.8 ± 8.4	-5.8 ± 8.1	<0.05
ΔHeart rate, 210-0 min (beats/min)	6.3 ± 8.1	2.9 ± 7.1	<0.05



**Fig. 20.6** Comparison of the effect the “cold” dialysis on the incidence of dialysis hypotension in patients without and with left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH). The positive effect was significantly higher in patients with LVH compared to patients without.

## Randomized Controlled Trial of Individualized Dialysate Cooling for Cardiac Protection in Hemodialysis Patients

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### Abstract

**Background and objectives** Cardiovascular disease is the most common cause of death in patients on hemodialysis (HD). HD-associated cardiomyopathy is appreciated to be driven by exposure to recurrent and cumulative ischemic insults resulting from hemodynamic instability of conventionally performed intermittent HD treatment itself. Cooled dialysate reduces HD-induced recurrent ischemic injury, but whether this confers long-term protection of the heart in terms of cardiac structure and function is not known.

**Design, setting, participants, & measurements** Between September 2009 and January 2013, 73 incident HD patients were randomly assigned to a dialysate temperature of 37°C (control) or individualized cooling at 0.5°C below body temperature (intervention) for 12 months. Cardiac structure, function, and aortic distensibility were assessed by cardiac magnetic resonance imaging. Mean between-group difference in delivered dialysate temperature was 1.2°C ± 0.3°C. Treatment effects were determined by the interaction of treatment group with time in linear mixed models.

**Results** There was no between-group difference in the primary outcome of left ventricular ejection fraction (1.5%; 95% confidence interval, -4.3% to 7.3%). However, left ventricular function assessed by peak systolic strain was preserved by the intervention (-3.3%; 95% confidence interval, -6.5% to -0.2%) as was diastolic function (measured as peak diastolic strain rate, 0.18 s<sup>-1</sup>; 95% confidence interval, 0.02 to 0.34 s<sup>-1</sup>). Reduction of left ventricular dilation was demonstrated by significant reduction in left ventricular end-diastolic volume (-23.8 ml; 95% confidence interval, -44.7 to -2.9 ml). The intervention was associated with reduced left ventricular mass (-15.6 g; 95% confidence interval, -29.4 to -1.9 g). Aortic distensibility was preserved in the intervention group (1.8 mmHg<sup>-1</sup> × 10<sup>-3</sup>; 95% confidence interval, 0.1 to 3.6 mmHg<sup>-1</sup> × 10<sup>-3</sup>). There were no intervention-related withdrawals or adverse events.

**Conclusions** In patients new to HD, individualized cooled dialysate did not alter the primary outcome but was well tolerated and slowed the progression of HD-associated cardiomyopathy. Because cooler dialysate is universally applicable at no cost, the intervention warrants wider adoption or confirmation of these findings in a larger trial.

# Randomized Clinical Trial of Dialysate Cooling and Effects on Brain White Matter

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## ABSTRACT

Hemodialysis is associated with significant circulatory stress that could produce recurrent and cumulative ischemic insults to multiple organs, such as the brain. We aimed to characterize hemodialysis-induced brain injury by longitudinally studying the effects of hemodialysis on brain white matter microstructure and further examine if the use of cooled dialysate could provide protection against hemodialysis-associated brain injury. In total, 73 patients on incident hemodialysis starting within 6 months were randomized to dialyze with a dialysate temperature of either 37°C or 0.5°C below the core body temperature and followed up for 1 year. Brain white matter microstructure was studied by diffusion tensor magnetic resonance imaging at baseline and follow-up (38 patients available for paired analysis). Intradialytic hemodynamic stress was quantified using the extrema points analysis model. Patients on hemodialysis exhibited a pattern of ischemic brain injury (increased fractional anisotropy and reduced radial diffusivity). Cooled dialysate improved hemodynamic tolerability, and changes in brain white matter were associated with hemodynamic instability (higher mean arterial pressure extrema points frequencies were associated with higher fractional anisotropy [peak  $r=0.443$ ,  $P<0.03$ ] and lower radial diffusivity [peak  $r=-0.439$ ,  $P<0.02$ ]). Patients who dialyzed at 0.5°C below core body temperature exhibited complete protection against white matter changes at 1 year. Our data suggest that hemodialysis results in significant brain injury and that improvement in hemodynamic tolerability achieved by using cooled dialysate is effective at abrogating these effects. This intervention can be delivered without additional cost and is universally applicable.



# **Dialysis-Induced Regional Left Ventricular Dysfunction Is Ameliorated by Cooling the Dialysate**

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# Absolute blood volume variations during hemodialysis: Does dialysate temperature play a role?

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## **Cool dialysate reduces asymptomatic intradialytic hypotension and increases baroreflex variability**

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## Effect of Lowering the Dialysate Temperature in Chronic Hemodialysis: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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### Abstract

**Background and objectives** Lowering the dialysate temperature may improve outcomes for patients undergoing chronic hemodialysis. We reviewed the reported benefits and harms of lower temperature dialysis.

**Design, setting, participants, & measurements** We searched the Cochrane Central Register, OVID MEDLINE, EMBASE, and Pubmed until April 15, 2015. We reviewed the reference lists of relevant reviews, registered trials, and relevant conference proceedings. We included all randomized, controlled trials that evaluated the effect of reduced temperature dialysis versus standard temperature dialysis in adult patients receiving chronic hemodialysis. We followed the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation approach to assess confidence in the estimates of effect (*i.e.*, the quality of evidence). We conducted meta-analyses using random effects models.

**Results** Twenty-six trials were included, consisting of a total of 484 patients. Compared with standard temperature dialysis, reduced temperature dialysis significantly reduced the rate of intradialytic hypotension by 70% (95% confidence interval, 49% to 89%) and significantly increased intradialytic mean arterial pressure by 12 mmHg (95% confidence interval, 8 to 16 mmHg). Symptoms of discomfort occurred 2.95 (95% confidence interval, 0.88 to 9.82) times more often with reduced temperature compared with standard temperature dialysis. The effect on dialysis adequacy was not significantly different, with a Kt/V mean difference of  $-0.05$  (95% confidence interval,  $-0.09$  to  $0.01$ ). Small sample sizes, loss to follow-up, and a lack of appropriate blinding in some trials reduced confidence in the estimates of effect. None of the trials reported long-term outcomes.

**Conclusions** In patients receiving chronic hemodialysis, reduced temperature dialysis may reduce the rate of intradialytic hypotension and increase intradialytic mean arterial pressure. High-quality, large, multicenter, randomized trials are needed to determine whether reduced temperature dialysis affects patient mortality and major adverse cardiovascular events.

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# Personalised cooler dialysate for patients receiving maintenance haemodialysis (MyTEMP): a pragmatic, cluster-randomised trial



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## Summary

**Background** Haemodialysis centres have conventionally provided maintenance haemodialysis using a standard dialysate temperature (eg, 36·5°C) for all patients. Many centres now use cooler dialysate (eg, 36·0°C or lower) for potential cardiovascular benefits. We aimed to assess whether personalised cooler dialysate, implemented as centre-wide policy, reduced the risk of cardiovascular-related death or hospital admission compared with standard temperature dialysate.

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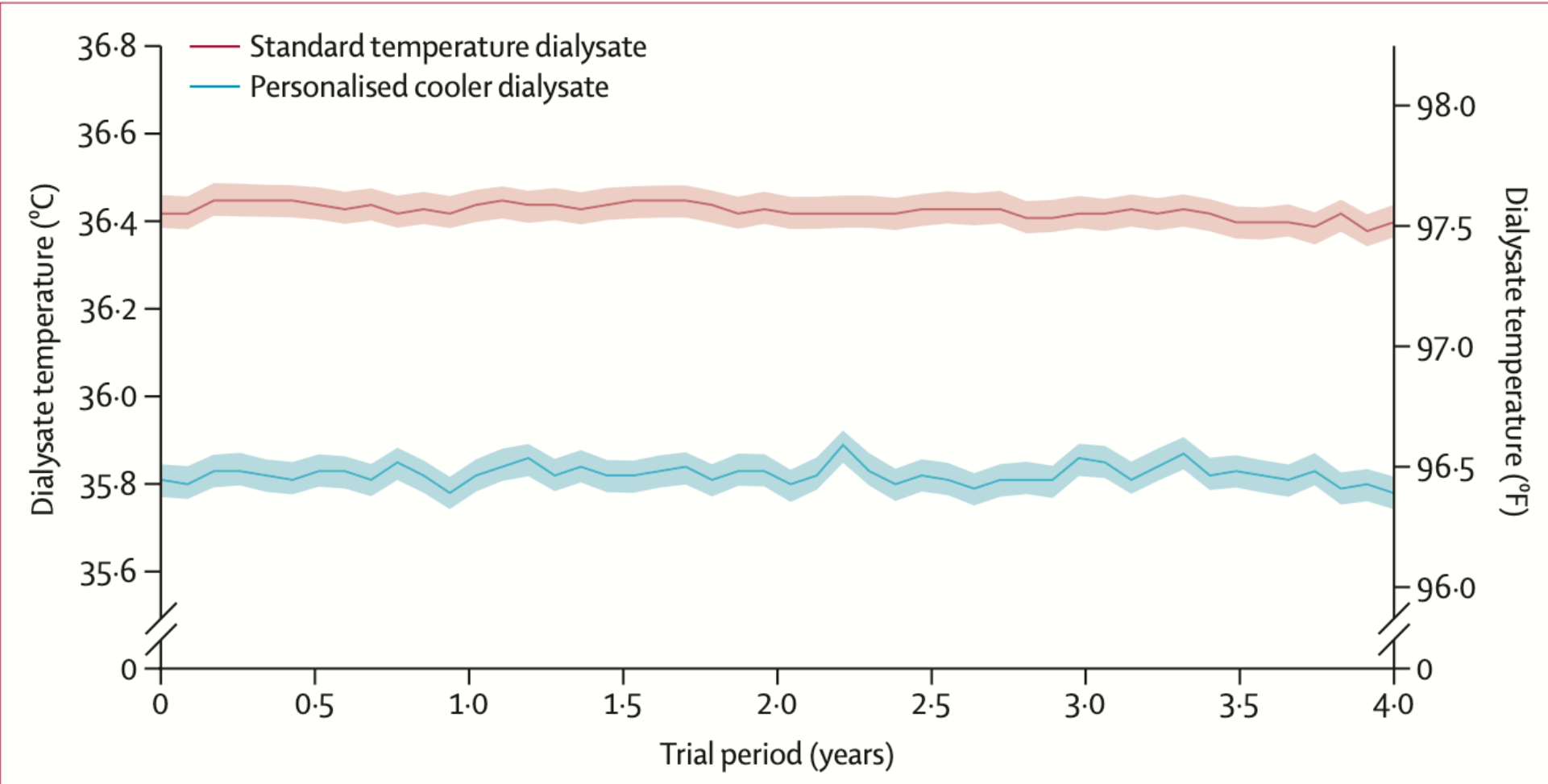
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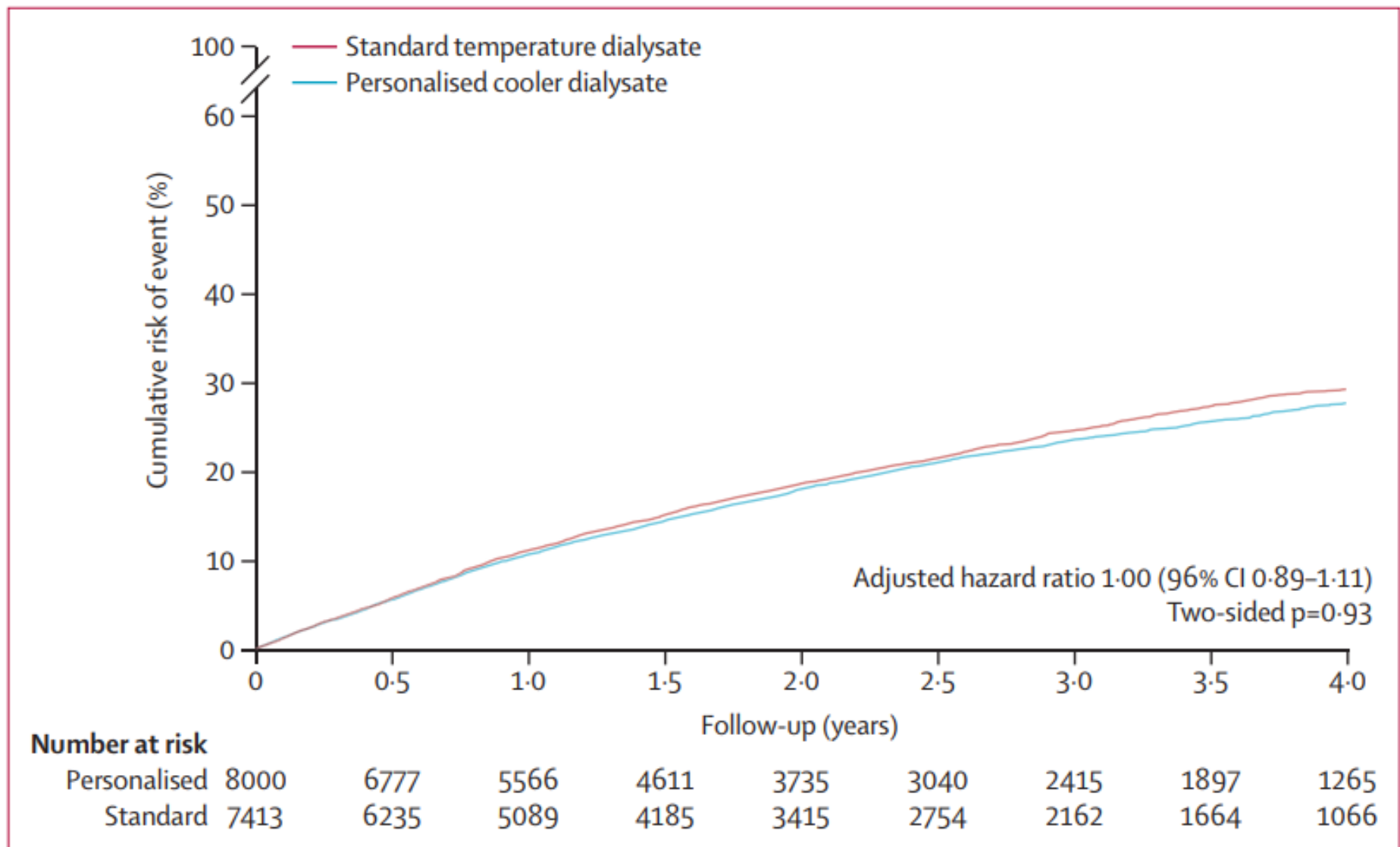
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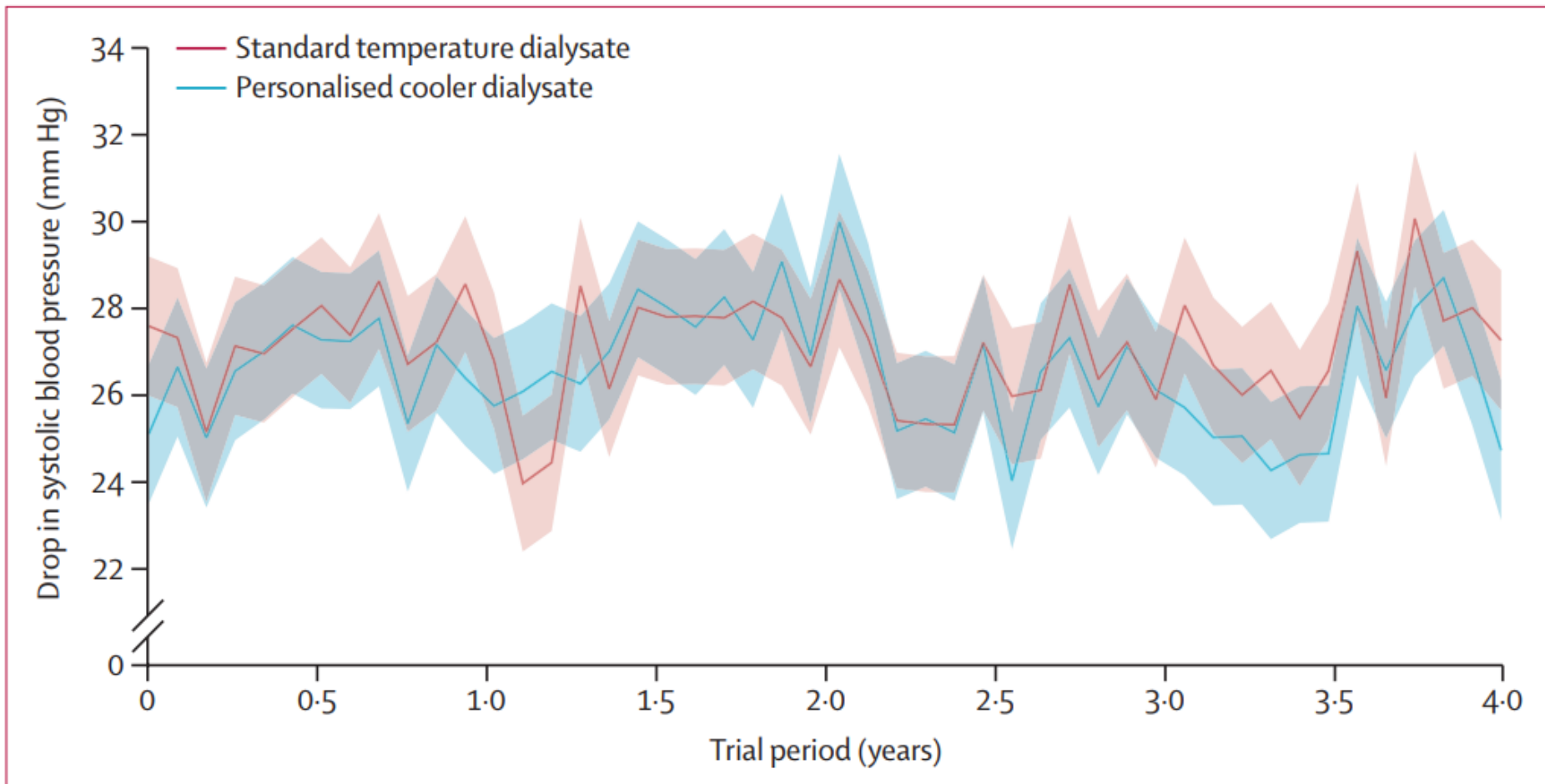
- Studio randomizzato su 84 centri dialisi nella provincia dell'Ontario, Canada
- Tutti i pazienti afferenti ad un singolo centro venivano randomizzati a uno di due trattamenti:
  - Dialisato 0.5-0.9°C al di sotto della temperatura corporea rilevata, con minimo di 35.5°C
  - Dialisato a 36.5°C per tutti i trattamenti
- In circa 4 anni di studio, sono stati trattati 15.413 pazienti per un totale di circa 4.3 milioni di trattamenti emodialitici





**Figure 3: Cumulative incidence estimates of the primary outcome**

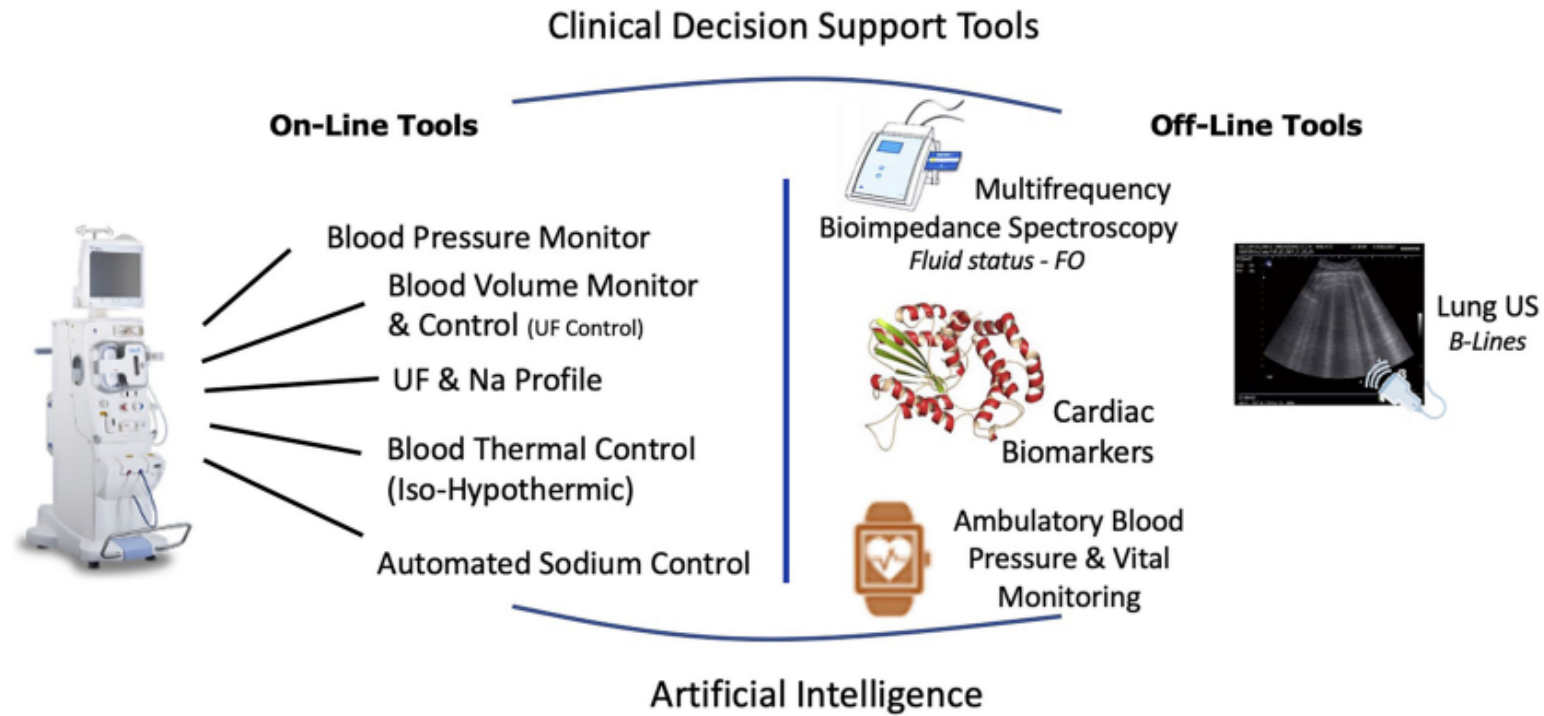
The primary outcome was a composite of cardiovascular mortality or hospital admission with myocardial infarction, ischaemic stroke, or congestive heart failure. Non-cardiovascular mortality was considered a competing risk when calculating the cumulative incidence function.



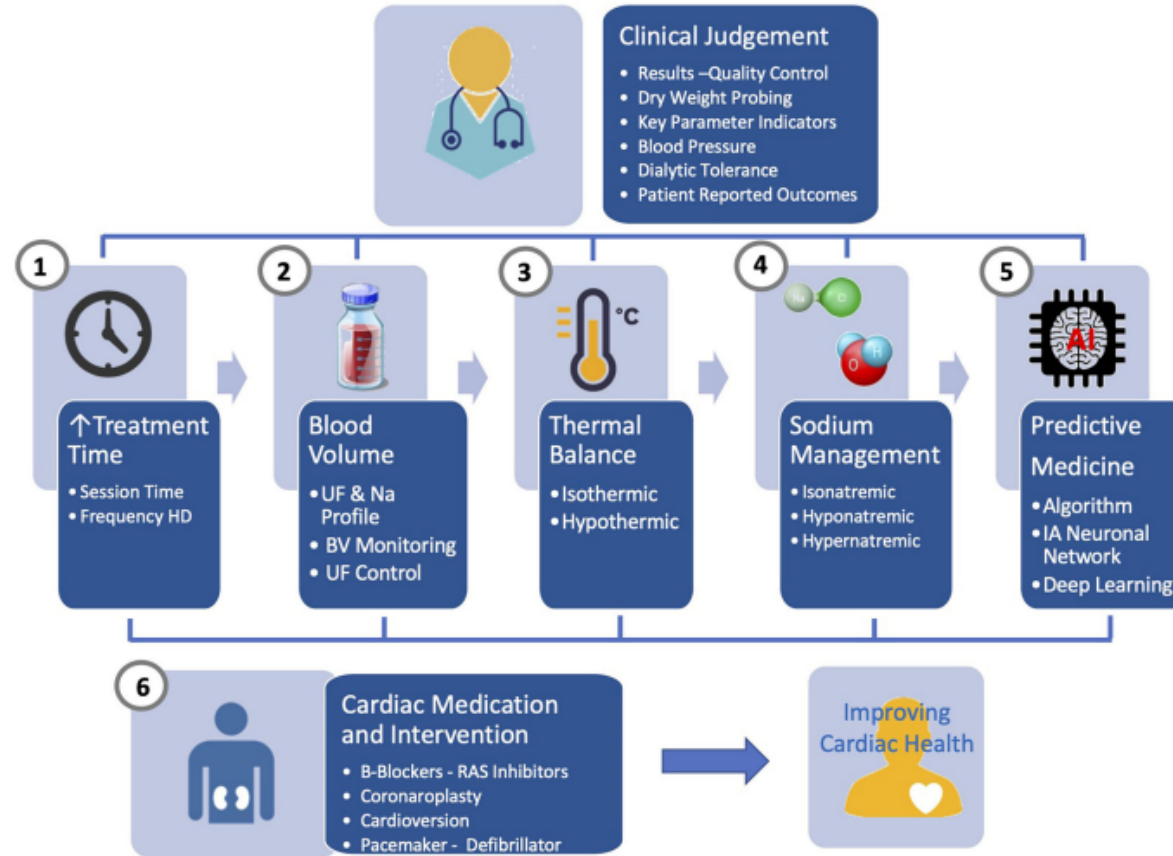
**Figure 4: Drop in intradialytic systolic blood pressure**

Average values of the drop in intradialytic systolic blood pressure each month in the two groups; the shaded areas are 95% pointwise CIs. The drop in intradialytic systolic blood pressure was defined as the systolic blood pressure measured before the start of a haemodialysis treatment minus the nadir systolic blood pressure measured during the treatment. During the trial, the mean drop in intradialytic systolic blood pressure was 26.6 mm Hg in the personalised cooler dialysate group and 27.1 mm Hg in the standard temperature dialysate group (mean difference -0.5 mm Hg, 99% CI -1.4 to 0.4;  $p=0.14$ ).





**FIGURE 2** | Integrated approach to reduce intradialytic hypotension and to reduce dialysis induced systemic stress relying on current available integrated tools on HD machines and potentially supported by specific cardiac intervention.



**FIGURE 3** | Advanced management of sodium, fluid and blood pressure in hemodialysis patients integrating currently available online and offline tools under the clinical supervision and supported by artificial intelligence.