

MPOG Pediatric Committee Meeting June 23, 2025

Agenda

Announcements and Updates

Dr. Vikas O'Reilly-Shah, Chair, MPOG Pediatrics Committee

Measure Review: SUS-05-Peds

Dr. Brady Still, University of Chicago Dr. Eva Lu-Boettcher, University of Wisconsin

Measure Reviews: Patient Blood Management TRAN-03 and TRAN-04

Dr. Jeanna Havidich, Vanderbilt Dr. Aman Kalsi, Vanderbilt

Upcoming Meetings

Pediatric Committee Meeting Monday at 4pm Eastern

• Monday, December 1st @ 4pm ET

MPOG Retreat at ASA San Antonio, TX

• Friday, October 10th



Upcoming MPOG Pediatric Research Proposal

PCRC 302 - July 14, 2025 @ 10am Eastern

Practice patterns of inotropic medication use in pediatric cardiac surgery

Primary Authors: Jakob Wollborn and Julian Hubrich

Lead Institution: Brigham and Women's

Anyone from an active MPOG site is invited to attend.

Email mpog-research@med.umich.edu if interested in attending





Updates from MPOG Quality Committee

All *non-pediatric specific* sustainability measures were reviewed and voted on in May 2025



- Minimize Average Fresh Gas Flow: SUS-01 (\leq 3L), SUS-04 (\leq 2L)
 - Add exclusion for ASA 5&6
 - New Measure Approved: SUS-08 (≤ 1L, Maintenance)
 - New Measure Approved: SUS-09 (≤ 6L, Induction)
- Global Warming Footprint: SUS-02 (maintenance), SUS-03 (induction)
 - Modify to use GWP20 vs. GWP 100 values for inhaled agents
 - New Measure Approved: SUS-10 (Carbon Footprint, Cuveele method)



NEW! Pediatric Comorbidity Phenotypes

Pediatric Comorbidity: Cardiovascular Disorders Pediatric Comorbidity: Congenital Genetic Disorders Pediatric Comorbidity: GI Disorders Pediatric Comorbidity: Hematologic / Immunologic Disorders Pediatric Comorbidity: Malignancy Disorders Pediatric Comorbidity: Metabolic Disorders Pediatric Comorbidity: Miscellaneous Disorders Pediatric Comorbidity: Neonatal Disorders Pediatric Comorbidity: Neurologic / Neuromuscular Disorders Pediatric Comorbidity: Renal Disorders Pediatric Comorbidity: Respiratory Pediatric Comorbidity: Transplant Disorders



Original Investigation | Pediatrics

Pediatric Complex Chronic Condition System Version 3

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Pediatric Comorbidity: Hematologic / Immunologic D... Pediatric Comorbidity: Hematologic / Immunologic Disorders

Filtered by	Select all Options
	Acquired Immunodeficiency
	Aplastic Anemias
	Coagulation/Hemorrhagic
	Diffuse Diseases of Connective Tissue
	Hemophagocytic Syndromes
	Hereditary Anemias
	Hereditary Immunodeficiency
	🗹 Leukopenia
	Missing
	None
	Other Hematologic/Immunologic
	Polyarteritis Nodosa & Related Condition
	Sarcoidosis
	Transplantation

MPOG Pediatrics Committee Leadership

- Dr. Morgan Brown will assume the Chair role starting January 2026
- Seeking interested faculty from an active MPOG site to serve as MPOG Peds Committee Vice Chair for a 2 year term.



Chair

Vice Chair







March Meeting Recap

- Peds Committee voted to Modify NMB-03
- Specific Modifications Proposed
 - Update success criteria to mg/kg/hr threshold: Cumulative NMB dose during...
 - Anesthesia Duration?
 - Procedure Room Duration?
 - Measure Duration: Anesthesia Start → Extubation?
 - First NMB Dose → Extubation?
 - Exclusions
 - Case Duration > 180 minutes
 - Emergency Cases
 - Patients with full stomach considerations
 - Pyloromyotomy cases
 - Short Gut (ICD10 K90.82)



Case Example: 14mo, 9.9kg, Anes Duration = 5hrs 48min

Should this case pass? or be flagged for review?

- Induction Dose = 4.04 mg/kg
- Normalized Dose = 0.8 mg/kg/hr



Poll Questions for NMB-03-Peds

- 1. Measure Definition
 - a. Continue to measure *initial* NMB dose but **Exclude cases > 180 minutes**
 - b. Continue to include longer cases but flag cases with a **normalized dose > 0.5 mg/kg/hr**

Rationale: if a case is expected to last longer, you may intentionally use a higher initial dose, given that higher dosing might be justified. No clear cutoff for safe dosing over time, however one study found doses > 0.5 mg/kg/hr were associated with higher rates of residual blockade

- 2. Additional Exclusions
 - a. Emergency Cases
 - b. Patients with GI Comorbidities

Rationale: Full stomach considerations for patients with pyloromyotomy and short gut





Measure Review: SUS-05-Peds

Dr. Brady Still (UChicago Medicine) Dr. Eva Lu-Boettcher (University of Wisconsin) SUS-05-Peds: Nitrous oxide avoided, induction

Measure Type: Process

Threshold: 90%

Description: Percentage of pediatric patients < 18 years old where nitrous oxide was avoided during induction of general anesthesia.

Exclusion Criteria

- Age \geq 18 years
- Patients who did not receive general anesthesia (determined by Anesthesia Technique: General value codes > 0)



Nitrous Avoided Compliance by Institution MPOG Hospitals, past 12 months



Hospitals



Nitrous Avoided Compliance by Age Group MPOG Pediatric Hospitals, past 12 months

SUS-05 – Denominator



Sustainability Workgroup Met on April 28th

SUS-05-Peds

• The group is considering excluding standard IV inductions given to minimize score inflation (nitrous oxide is less likely to be used during induction for IV inductions)

SUS-05 Resu	t	Induction Type	l Secondaria		
	~	Intramuscular	IV Induction	Mask Induction	Rapid Sequence Induction
Failed		6.25%	8.99%	39.67%	9.68%
Passed		93.75%	91.01%	60.33%	90.32%



Example cases that resulted as IV Induction and Flagged for SUS-05

Age	Induction_Type	Induction_Start	Induction_End
13	Rapid Sequence	3/25/2025 7:58	3/25/2025 8:15

	Induction Procedure	Intravenous
	Airway - Freetext Comments	RSI given patient emesis just prior to induction
— Ma	ir 25, 2025 (day of surgery)	
07:54	Patient in Room	Patient in OR \$\$
07:59	ROCURONIUM	60 mg
07:59	PROPOFOL	200000 mcg
07:59	Induction Start	Induction
08:00	Nitrous Insp %	59.2
08:01	Flows Nitrous Oxide (L/min)	5.6
08:01	Nitrous Insp %	64.8
08:02	Flows Nitrous Oxide (L/min)	5.6
08:02	Nitrous Insp %	68.7
08:03	Flows Nitrous Oxide (L/min)	5.6
08:03	Nitrous Insp %	68.8
08:04	Flows Nitrous Oxide (L/min)	5.6
08:04	Nitrous Insp %	69
08:05	Nitrous Insp %	69.1
08:05	Flows Nitrous Oxide (L/min)	5.6
08:06	Flows Nitrous Oxide (L/min)	5.6
08:06	Nitrous Insp %	68.9

Age	Induction_Type	Induction_Start	Induction_End	
	6 IV Induction	3/22/25 19:50	3/22/25 19:59	
	Assessment and Plan -	Comments		IV induction
- Ma	r 22, 2025 (day of surg	ery)		
19:45	Patient in Room			Patient In - OR
19:46	MIDAZOLAM			1 mg
19:50	Induction Start			G/A Induction
19:51	Nitrous Insp %			36
19:52	Nitrous Insp %			67
19:53	Nitrous Insp %			65
19:54	Nitrous Insp %			14
19:55	Nitrous Insp %			6
19:56	PROPOFOL			50 mg
19:56	Nitrous Insp %			2
19:57	Nitrous Insp %			1
20:05	Anesthesia Ready			Anesth Ready

Risk of hypoxemia



FIGURE 3 The odd ratios (and 95% CI) for the risk of hypoxemia for each combination of gases (as per the table). Filled triangles indicate the confidence interval for the odds ratio did not pass through 1, a down arrow is $FiN_2 < 20$ and an up arrow is 20+. Inspired oxygen decreases from left to right in the four categories and FiN_2O changes within each oxygen band according to the guide at the bottom



Cumin D, Baker PA, Anderson BJ. Incidence of post-induction hypoxemia in children and the effect of induction gas composition. Paediatr Anaesth. 2021 Jul;31(7):763-769. doi: 10.1111/pan.14161. Epub 2021 Mar 17. PMID: 33615619.

Summary of Proposed Modifications: SUS-05

Rationale



Recommendation: addition of the sentence, "In addition to its greenhouse warming potential, N2O reduces the FiO2 used during preoxygenation, decreasing safe ' apneic time."

Definition

Current: Percentage of pediatric patients < 18 years old where nitrous oxide was avoided during induction of general anesthesia.

Recommendation:where nitrous oxide was avoided during **inhalational** induction of general anesthesia.

Inclusion Criteria

Current: Pediatric patients undergoing general anesthesia

Recommendation: Pediatric patients undergoing general anesthesia with inhalational induction





MPOG Measure Review TRAN-03-Peds TRAN-04-Peds

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Agenda

- Review Measures
- Discuss the Importance of Pediatric Patient Blood Management
- Review Current Dashboard
- Evaluate Current Metrics
- Discussion Points
- Recommendations



Patient Blood Management

PBM is defined as a Patient-centered, systematic, evidence-based approach to improve patient outcomes by managing and preserving a patient's own blood while promoting patient safety and empowerment

Shander, A. , Hardy, J. , Ozawa, S. , Farmer, S. , Hofmann, A. , Frank, S. , Kor, D. , Faraoni, D. & Freedman, J. (2022). A Global Definition of Patient Blood Management. Anesthesia & Analgesia, 135 (3), 476-488.

Pillars of PBM

Pillar I: Optimize RBC mass and avoid iatrogenic anemia

Pillar II: Minimize blood loss and coagulopathy

Pillar III: Optimize tissue oxygenation and tolerance of anemia and coagulopathy



Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies (AABB) Guidelines for Children

Recommendation 3

For critically ill children and those at risk of critical illness who are hemodynamically stable and without a hemoglobinopathy, cyanotic cardiac condition, or severe hypoxemia, the panel recommends a restrictive transfusion strategy (transfuse Hb < 7 g/dl)

Recommendation 4

For hemodynamically stable children with congenital heart disease, the panel suggests a transfusion threshold that is based on the cardiac abnormality and stage of surgical repair

Biventricular Repair	Hemoglobin 7g/dl
Single Ventricle Palliation	Hemoglobin 9 g/dl
Uncorrected Congenital Heart Disease	Hemoglobin 7 to 9 g/dl



Table 4. Summary of Findings in Trials Comparing Liberal vs Restrictive Transfusion Strategies on Mortality, Morbidity, and Blood Transfusion in Children

Outcome No of participants	Relative offert	Anticipated absolute effects (95% CI), %				
(No. of RCTs)	(95% CI)	Restrictive	Liberal	Difference (95% CI)	Certainty	Plain language summary
Participants exposed to blood transfusion, 799 (2)	RR, 0.51 (0.41-0.65)	48.0	94.2	46.2 Fewer (55.6 to 33 fewer)	High	Restrictive transfusion threshold has a large effect on reduction of transfusion
30-d Mortality (follow-up range, 28-30 d), 972 (5)	RR, 0.44 (0.04-4.45)	1.7	3.9	2.2 Fewer (3.8 fewer to 13.5 more)	Moderate ^{a,b}	Transfusion threshold likely has little effect on mortality
Pneumonia, 744 (2)	RR, 1.14 (0.58-2.23)	4.6	4.0	0.6 More (1.7 fewer to 5 more)	Moderate ^a	Transfusion threshold likely has little or no effect on pneumonia
Thrombosis (follow-up, 28 d), 799 (2)	OR, 1.78 (0.61-5.22)	2.3	1.3	1.0 More (0.5 fewer to 5.4 more)	Low ^c	Transfusion threshold may have little or no effect on thrombosis
30-d Mortality subgroup analysis by clinical specialties (cardiac surgery), 454 (4)	RR, 0.62 (0.12-3.13)	1.1	1.8	0.7 Fewer (1.6 to 3.8 more)	Low ^{a,b,d}	Transfusion threshold may have little effect on mortality



AABB Recommendations based on Age and Stability: Neonates

Table 1: Recommended transfusion thresholds for neonates with clinical instability⁶

Preterm Neonates <35 weeks	Hemoglobin	
0-7 days	<11 g/dL	
8-14 days	<10 g/dL	
>= 15 days	<8 g/dL	
Neonates >= 35 Weeks	Hemoglobin	
0-7 days	<11 g/dL	
>= 8 days	<7 g/dL	

Table 2: Recommended transfusion thresholds for stable neonates78

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PATIENT BLOOD MANAGEMENT IN PEDIATRICS

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Challenges with PBM Metrics in Pediatrics

- Limited Evidence (expert/panel opinion)
- Publication Bias (ICU vs OR) and few institutions publish their results
- Currently not routinely implemented as a Standard of Care (slow adoption)
- Heterogeneous population
 - Premature neonates adults
- Specific considerations based on age, weight, physiology, comorbidities, postoperative course

- "Tank Up" practice phenomenon
- Relative lack of evidence of complications in healthy patients with Hgb level > 10 g/dl
- Knowledge deficit among providers
- Lack of PBM recommendations in pediatric hospitals
- Lag time in results may impact clinical decisions



MPOG TRAN-03-PEDS

<u>TRAN-03-Peds</u>: Percentage of pediatric patients ≥ 6 months to 18 years old who receive a blood transfusion and had a valid hemoglobin or hematocrit value documented prior to transfusion.

Exclusions

- Age < 6 months and \geq 18 years
- ASA 6 including Organ Procurement (CPT: 01990)
- Cardiac case with CPB (determined by Procedure Type: Cardiac (pediatric) value code 1)
- Massive Transfusion or blood loss: Defined as volume of 40mL/kg
- No intraoperative transfusion
- Obstetric cases (determined by Obstetric Anesthesia Type value codes > 0)

Most Institutions succeed

- Case will PASS if
 - Hgb and Hct documented before each transfusion volume of ≥ 15 ml/kg
 - Most recent Hgb/Hct ≤ 5/16 and a volume of < 30ml/kg transfused
 - If most recent Hgb/Hct < 8/24 within 36 hours of first transfusion

Recommendations

- Defining Massive Transfusion as ≥ 40 ml/kg
- Consider including ANY transfusion (can be ≤ 15 ml/kg)
- Clarify definition of unit
- Compliant with Best Practice
- Keep Metric



TRAN-03



Result Could	esuit Coum	13
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Result	Case Count
Passed	94
Flagged	13
Excluded	18,224
Total	18,331



Most Organizations achieve or nearly achieve the benchmark Accessed June 14, 2025



Hgb/Hct Lab Checked prior to PRBC Transfusion

MPOG Pediatric Hospitals, Past 12 months

TRAN-03 - Denominator





TRAN-03: Transfusion Vigilance

1 vote / site

Continue as is/ modify/ retire

Need > 50% to retire measure

Coordinating center will review all votes after meeting to ensure no duplication



TRAN-04-Peds: Elevated Hgb/Hct Post-Transfusion

Measure Type: Outcome

Threshold: 10%

Description: Percentage of pediatric patients \geq 6 months to 18 years old with a post transfusion hemoglobin or hematocrit value greater than or equal to 10 g/dL or 30% within 18 hours of Anesthesia End.

Exclusion Criteria

- ASA 6
- Patients who did not receive at least 15 mL/kg intraop
- Cardiac Bypass cases
- Cases with Massive Transfusion (≥ 40 mL/kg)



A significant number of institutions Flagged (threshold < 10%)

Post-Transfusion Hgb/Hct > 10g/dL or 30%

MPOG Pediatric Hospitals, Past 12 months

TRAN-04 – Denominator



Comparison of Ages: Infant vs. Adolescent (Accessed June 2025)



Suggests a higher 'pass' rate among older children



MPOG Pediatric Hospitals

Past 12 months



Age Group	TRAN-03	TRAN-04	Denominator
Infant (6-12m)	77%	28%	112
Toddler (13-23m)	83%	39%	69
Child (2-5y)	82%	32%	172
Child (6-11y)	93%	21%	212
Adolescent (12-18y)	95%	13%	373





Postop Hemoglobin by Age Group and TRAN-04 Result



Recommendations

- Committee to Review TRAN-04
- Consider exclusion criteria: Hemoglobinopathies
- Consider Age Categories
- Determine the cause of the large number of 'flagged' cases
- Reconsider if the threshold of hemoglobin of 10 g/dl is appropriate
- Consider the development of metric for neonates





Summary of Proposed Modifications: TRAN-04

PRBC transfusion definition ≥ 15 ml/kg

Recommendation: ≥ 10 ml/kg OR any transfusion volume

Inclusion Criteria \geq 6 months < 18y

Recommendation: limit age group to \geq 6 months < 12y OR patients < 50kg

Exclusion Criteria

Recommendation:

- Patients with certain cardiac or hematologic comorbidities
- Transplant cases, all cardiac cases, cranial vaults

Success Criteria - Postop Hgb < 10 mg/dl or Hct < 30%

Recommendation

- (no hematologic comorbidities): Postop Hgb < 12 mg/dl or Hct < 40%
- (hematologic comorbidities): Postop Hgb < 14 mg/dl or Hct < 45%



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Participants from outside of MPOG are welcome to join our pediatric subcommittee!

Next Meeting:

Monday December 1, 2025 4 - 5pm Eastern





Appendix

Measure Benchmark Performance MPOG Pediatric Hospitals, Patients < 18y April 2024 - May 2025

TRAN-03-Peds

Transfusion Vigilance: Percentage of pediatric patients ≥ 6 months to 18 years old who received a blood transfusion and had a valid hemoglobin or hematocrit value documented within 90 minutes before each transfusion.

Infants (6-12m)





Toddlers (13-23m)





Children (2-5y)





Children (6-11y)





Adolescents (12-18y)





TRAN-04-Peds

Overtransfusion: Percentage of pediatric patients ≥ 6 months to 18 years old with a post transfusion hemoglobin or hematocrit value greater than or equal to 10 g/dL or 30%.

Infants (6-12m)





Toddlers (13-23m)





Children (2-5y)





Children (6-11y)





Adolescents (12-18y)







Non-Cardiac

TRAN-04 – Denominator





Cardiac without CPB

TRAN-04 – Denominator





TRAN-03 vs. TRAN-04

Overtransfusion based on pre-transfusion lab check compliance

Transfusion Vigilance, Infants (6-12m)

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Transfusion Vigilance, Toddlers (13-23m)

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Transfusion Vigilance, Children (2-5y)

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Transfusion Vigilance, Children (6-11y)

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Transfusion Vigilance, Adolescents (12-18y)

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SUS-05-Peds

Avoiding Nitrous, Induction

Neonates

Infants

Toddlers

Children (2-5y)

Children (6-11y)

Adolescents (12-18y)

