

Summary

The authors point out the main problems involved in transfusion therapy in heart surgery and lay stress on the necessity of a special team responsible for reanimation during and after the operation. This team should closely cooperate with either the surgeon or the anaesthetist.

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Thrombin Used as Haemostaticum in Prostate Operations

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Abstract

Thrombin is made according to *Cohn's* technique. This product is used to some extent in neurosurgery, but recently its use has been adopted in urology in prostate operations.

During *Freyer's* prostatectomy severe bleeding in the prostate area often occurs, which is difficult to cope with. This is a very serious complication in the patients, who are often elderly, and blood transfusions become necessary in the post-operative period.

Efforts have been made in Professor *Knutzon's* department at the Municipal Hospital (Kommunehospitalet) to counteract these bleedings with thrombin, using two tampons soaked with 400 units thrombin dissolved in 10 ml water. The results are very promising, though the figures are as yet too small for any final conclusions to be drawn. However, in our opinion there is no doubt that the use of thrombin is practicable and avoids many transfusions.