

Fluid Loss from Body Segments During Hemodialysis: Differences between Normohydration and Overhydration

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Purpose : It is unclear whether fluid is lost from each fluid compartment in a similar manner during hemodialysis in normohydrated and overhydrated patients.

Methods : The authors measured changes in regional body fluid compartments by using segmental multi-frequency bioelectrical impedance analysis before and after hemodialysis (HD) in 26 end-stage renal disease patients. Extracellular fluid (ECF)/total body water (TBW) ratios were measured in 5 body segments, i.e., right arm (RA), left arm (LA), trunk, right leg (RL), and left leg (LL), respectively. ECF/TBW ratio in whole body (ECF/TBWW) was derived from the sum of regional body fluid compartments. Patients were divided into normohydrated (NH) and overhydrated (OH) groups according to post-HD ECF/TBWW.

Results : Twelve patients were allocated to the OH group and 14 to the NH group. No differences were found between these two groups with respect to % decreases in body weight (BW), TBW, or intracellular fluid (ICF) levels. However, % decreases in ECF tended to be higher in the NH group. Correlation coefficients between UF amounts and % decreases of TBW, ICF and ECF were higher in the NH group than in the OH group. UF amounts were found to be correlated with % ECF/TBW decreases in all five fluid compartments in the NH group. However, UF amounts were only correlated with % decreases in ECF/TBWL_A and ECF/TBWL_{trunk} in the OH group. Positive correlations were found between UF amounts and % ECF/TBWL_{RL} decreases, regardless of age in the NH group only.

Conclusion : NH and OH patients show different patterns of fluid loss from regional body fluid compartments, which may be found useful for determining patient hydration status.