Studies completed at the University of Minnesota utilizing the Kolff Twin-Coil Dialyzer and a 385 Liter dialyze recirculating reservoir yield some interesting information. Dialyze bath composition for the larger tank was adjusted from the standard 100 Liter tank as follows:

- lactic acid—108 cc.s
- dextrose—1925 grams
- sodium chloride—2195 grams
- sodium bicarbonate—1155 grams
- magnesium chloride—38.5 grams
- potassium chloride—116 grams
- calcium chloride—77 grams

(city water contains 1.5 to 3.0 gm.)

Variations made according to patients' individual needs included greater concentrations of dextrose, lowered sodium, and lowered potassium. The following table reflects the results of this study:

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<th>Dialyze Bath Flow Rate</th>
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<td>3 L/min.</td>
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Blood flow rate: 180 - 220 ml/min.

Considerable improvement in perfusion and postperfusion mortality and morbidity have resulted from the use of diluents to replace blood primes in large volume pump-oxygenating systems. The various diluents presently available are not in themselves inherently without dangers. Perfusion and postperfusion management must take cognizance of the specific deficits of each of the diluents and appropriate protective measures to be taken. These include overinfusion and buffering.

Moreover, the mere presence of a large volume of urine during and immediately after perfusion does not signify excellent renal function. In fact, renal function during perfusion, even with optimal hemodilution, is invariably depressed. However, primary renal failure following hemodilution perfusion is rare. Most difficulties with renal function are the result of inadequate cardiac output immediately after cardio-pulmonary bypass.
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