Assessed for eligibility  
\( n=343 \)

Excluded  
\( n=281 \)
- Participating in other trial  \( n=105 \)
- Refused to participate  \( n=17 \)
- Language problem  \( n=7 \)
- No show for admittance  \( n=10 \)
- ASA IV  \( n=22 \)
- NYHA/CCS \( \geq 3 \)  \( n=50 \)
- Diabetes mellitus  \( n=57 \)
- Impaired renal function  \( n=2 \)
- Failed epidural attempt  \( n=8 \)
- Logistical problem with material  \( n=2 \)
- Falsely seen as eligible  \( n=1 \)

Randomised  
\( n=62 \)

Standard IV fluid infusion regime  
(2.5 l per 24 hrs)  
\( n=32 \)

- Unmasked  \( n=7 \)
  - MAP < 50 mmHg  \( n=2 \)
  - Severe blood loss  \( n=3 \)
  - Infusion pump problems  \( n=2 \)

- Per protocol analysis  \( n=25 \)
- Intention to treat analysis  \( n=32 \)

Restricted IV fluid infusion regime  
(1.5 l per 24 hrs)  
\( n=30 \)

- Unmasked  \( n=12 \)
  - MAP < 50 mmHg  \( n=4 \)
  - Oliguria  \( n=2 \)
  - Re-operation  \( n=2 \)
  - Severe blood loss  \( n=1 \)
  - Infusion pump problems  \( n=2 \)
  - Cardiovascular  \( n=1 \)

- Per protocol analysis  \( n=18 \)
- Intention to treat analysis  \( n=30 \)