The CONSORT E-Flowchart

Assessed for eligibility (n=170)

Excluded (n=20)
Refused to participate (n=6)
Other reasons:
emergency surgery (n=5)
re-do operations (n=3)
exclusion criteria (n=6)

Randomization (n=150)
75 in each group

Group A (n=75)

Group B (n=75)

Analysis
“Intention to Treat”

5 Protocol violations:
1) 1 pt received 15 units RBCs
2) 2 pts were transfused without transfusion criteria
3) 2 pts had fluid balance >1.5 L

8 Protocol violations
All 8 pts had fluid balance > 1.5L
Of those:
1) 1 pt was transfused based on hematocrit indication but had fluid balance >1.5 L
2) 4 pts were transfused without hematocrit indication
3) 3 pts had fluid balance >1.5 L

Group A (n=70)

Analysis
“Per Protocol”

Group B (n=67)