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Standard Techniques for the Measurement of Red Cell and Plasma Volume

The expert panel on the Diagnostic Applications of Radioisotopes in Haematology which was established by the International Committee for Standardization in Haematology has prepared a document which deals with the technical and analytical aspects of red cell and plasma volume measurements. After an introduction which deals with general principles and draws attention to the areas of particular difficulty in these methods, the document contains the following sections: (1) Techniques for the estimation of red cell volume. (2) Techniques for the estimation of plasma volume. (3) The measurement of packed cell volume. (4) The assessment of automated blood volume equipment. (5) Sequential blood volume estimations. (6) Estimation of total blood volume as the sum of red cell plasma volumes. (7) Presentation and analysis of results. (8) The radiation dose which the patient receives during these investigations.

The purpose of the document is to enable measurements obtained in different centres to be reliably compared with each other. The document has been published in *Brit. J. Haemat.* 25: 797, 1973, and will also be published in a number of national journals.

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