

**Assessed for eligibility  
n=343**

<b>Excluded n=281</b>	
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**

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

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

**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=25**

**Intention to treat  
analysis  
n=32**

**Intention to treat  
analysis  
n=30**

**Per protocol  
analysis  
n=18**