

PRE-ENDOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING: RESULTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL SURVEY INCLUDING 533 CLINICIANS

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An international survey of 533 clinicians from 50 countries reveals considerable variability and low adherence to international guidelines in the pre-endoscopic management of upper gastrointestinal bleeding.

KEY POINTS

- Only 47.1% of respondents reported their hospitals implement a triage system for UGIB patients, and 39.6% do not use any risk stratification scores at presentation
- Fluid resuscitation practices varied, with 40.9% preferring 0.9% saline and 39.5% preferring balanced crystalloid fluids
- Proton pump inhibitors are administered prior to endoscopy in all cases by 70.4% of respondents, while 34.3% do not routinely use prokinetics
- Vasoconstricting agents are used by 61% of respondents in cases of suspected variceal bleeding
- The survey included clinicians from university-based hospitals (54.6%) with most (67.7%) managing over 100 UGIB patients annually

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