7TH BMSS ARYEH SHANDER LECTURE: BLOODLESS CARDIAC TRANSPLANT - THE STUFF OF LEGENDS!

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Heart transplantation remains the gold standard for patients with advanced heart failure who have failed all medical therapy. The survival rates are excellent and match those of patients having bypass surgery. Greater than 50% of patients receiving a heart transplant receive blood products, and patients decline blood products are often not offered this important therapy. Using innovative techniques and a broad based multi-disciplinary team approach, the program at University of Chicago has pioneered the pathway to be able to offer heart transplant to patients who decline blood products with excellent results. Utilizing the lessons learned from patients who decline blood products, blood conservation has extended to all patients receiving heart transplant.

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