

# Severe anemia linked to poorer heart surgery outcomes

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Marco Ranucci, M.D., of the Istituto di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico Policlinico San Donato in Milan, and colleagues conducted a [retrospective study](#) to examine postoperative outcomes for 401 adult patients with severe preoperative anemia (hematocrit

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