

## **BLOOD CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP DESCRIPTION**

### **STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: LEADERSHIP**

SCA will be a recognized resource for healthcare providers engaged in the care of patients undergoing cardiovascular and thoracic procedures.

### **MISSION**

To enhance the care of cardiovascular surgical patients by creating recommendations for best practices and to disseminate such recommendations, via education and communication. To distill and disseminate the multiple guidelines that exist in the area of blood management and conservation. To create a series of succinct guideline advisories to be published and presented to the cardiac surgical community via educational techniques.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose is to help perioperative physicians implement established guidelines in the area of blood conservation.

Specific duties include:

1. To summarize and distill existing guidelines and recommendations.
2. To create an easy to follow/understand document with key points for physicians to follow.
3. To identify metrics to measure improvements in blood conservation strategies.
4. To create an accessible “living document” summarizing the most current guidelines and recommendations.

### **PARENT COMMITTEE**

The working group reports to the Clinical Practice Improvement Sub-Committee.

### **MEETING**

The working group meets at least once per year.

### **COMPOSITION**

The working group is composed of the Chair, Parent Committee (QSL) Chair, Parent Sub-Committee (CPI) Chair, an EACTA liaison, and up to twenty other members. A Board Liaison may be appointed at the discretion of the President.

### **TERM**

Working group members serve for a term of two years for any number of terms, but not more than three terms consecutively.