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Jean-François Hardy obtained his medical degree from the University of Montreal (Quebec, Canada) before specialising in anaesthesiology, earning certification with the Royal College of Physicians of Canada, the American Board of Anesthesiology, and the Corporation Professionnelle des Médecins du Québec. For more than 30 years, Dr. Hardy has taught in the Department of Anaesthesiology at the University of Montreal. He was appointed Departmental Chairman (1998–2006) and Full Professor in 1998. He was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Anesthesia* from 2000 to 2004. He presently works as a Staff Anaesthesiologist at the Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM) where he was Chief of the Department of Anaesthesiology from 2005 to 2009.

Dr. Hardy's research interests include gastro-oesophageal reflux and the risk of aspiration pneumonitis, quality in anaesthesiology, transfusions, and strategies to decrease bleeding and transfusion requirements. In 2005, Dr. Hardy was awarded the Héma-Québec – Bayer Chair in Transfusion Medicine of the Université de Montréal. One of the important missions of the Chair is to study alternatives to blood transfusions in the perioperative period. Due to his interest and expertise in the field of blood conservation during the perioperative period, Dr. Hardy has presented widely in Canada and abroad, notably in Europe. He has written 17 book chapters and published over 125 scientific articles.