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The core temperature triggering thermoregulatory vasoconstriction in the arms is $\approx\!1^\circ$ C less during combined epidural/general anesthesia than during general anesthesia alone; this decreased threshold, combined with direct impairment of leg vasoconstriction by epidural anesthesia, prevents normal development of the core-temperature plateau.

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