

**Table 9. Comparison of Hetastarch LEI, albumin, and Hetastarch NaCl**

	<b>Hetastarch LEI</b>	<b>5% albumin</b>	<b>Hetastarch NaCl</b>
<b>Balanced electrolytes</b>	Yes	No	No
<b>Free of viral/prion contamination risk</b>	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Readily available</b>	Yes	No*	Yes
<b>Low comparative cost to albumin</b>	Yes		Yes

\* Since it is based on blood products, sporadic shortages can occur.